

ODMAP Spotlight Series:

Lincoln County Public Health Department, North Carolina

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BACKGROUND

The Lincoln County Public Health Department receives an email advising that a certain county has a spike, which is three or more overdoses in 24-hours. The Lincoln County Public Health Department will then forward that email to their collaborating treatment provider, Integrated Care of Greater Hickory, to inform them there is a spike so they can notify their patients.

ODMAP INTEGRATION

Lincoln County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) sends the Lincoln County Public Health Department a weekly overdose report. The health department uses the report to enter overdose events into ODMAP. Additionally, the Lincoln County Public Health Department checks ODMAP every day to see if there are any “hot spots” appearing in their area, in case they may not have received a spike alert yet.

WHO IS INVOLVED

Their strategy includes Lincoln County EMS and Integrated Care of Greater Hickory. The Lincoln County Public Health Department learned about ODMAP and how to utilize the system after partnering with Integrated Care of Hickory, a recovery center. The Lincoln County Health Department is a part of a consortium with Integrated Care of Greater Hickory.

CO-RESPONDER MODEL

Lincoln County Health Department received a one-million-dollar grant from Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Program (COSSUP) to implement a Post Overdose Response Team (PORT). They are working closely with Lincoln County EMS to implement a “co-responder model.” The vision is that the PORT project will consist of a Community Paramedic and a North Carolina Certified Peer Support Specialist who would respond to an overdose within 24-48 hours after receiving an overdose report. The PORT will offer resources to the individual and/or the family. The ultimate goal is a “warm handoff” to treatment.

Visit <http://www.odmap.org/> to learn more about ODMAP or please email odmap@wb.hidta.org. For more information about Lincoln County Public Health Department and Lincoln’s ODMAP initiative, visit the Lincoln County Public Health Department website: <https://www.co.lincoln.or.us/>