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Macomb County Community Mental Health receives \$1.3 million to fight opioids

Macomb County Community Mental Health (MCCMH) has received funding of \$1.3 million for substance abuse prevention and treatment initiatives from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

“Macomb County is set to hit its sixth straight year of increasingly fatal drug overdoses,” said MCCMH Executive Director John Kinch. “This funding will allow us to focus on specific aspects of substance abuse and hopefully make a real impact.”

Funding will be coordinated by MCCMH’s Macomb Office of Substance Abuse (MCOSA) and be used for overdose education, Naloxone distribution, medication assisted treatment enhancements, motivational interviewing and utilizing peer recovery coaches in three area hospital emergency departments. Naloxone, often called Narcan, is an opioid antidote, which blocks the effects of an opioid overdose when administered via a spray in the nostrils.

Implementation began during the summer of 2017. The funding is allocated for the remainder of the 2018 calendar year through April 2019. Six local Substance Use Disorder (SUD) providers are involved in implementation of the new initiatives.

"The opioid problem continues to ravage our communities and claim our loved ones. The introduction of Fentanyl into the mix has made it even more deadly. We need to use everything available to make impact on the problem," said Randy O'Brien, director of MCOSA.

The Macomb Office of Substance Abuse (MCOSA) is a statutory agency within Macomb Community Mental Health responsible for the coordination of substance use disorder treatment, prevention and recovery services in Macomb County. Visit mcosa.net for more information.

Macomb County Community Mental Health is the public provider of mental health, substance use and developmental disability treatment services in Macomb County. MCCMH programs and services are supported and funded, in part, by the Michigan Department of Community Health and the Macomb County Board of Commissioners and are administered by the Macomb County Community Mental Health Board. Visit mccmh.net for more information or check them out on Facebook.