

# Expanding Access to NALOXONE in Bernalillo County

Report back from the NARCAN Implementation Team  
BERNCO Opioid Accountability Summit #2  
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# Overarching Goal of the BERNCO NALOXONE Implementation Team:

Assure that all individuals at risk for  
unintended opioid overdose have the  
opportunity for naloxone rescue

# Summit #1 Recommendations and Update

1. Naloxone should be given to trained detainees on release from Metropolitan Detention Center

UPDATE: BERNCO Coordinating Council members are working with new leadership at the Metropolitan Detention Center on possible naloxone pilot

2. New Mexico Corrections Department Probation and Parole policies should allow for possession of naloxone by parolees

UPDATE: The New Mexico Drug Policy Alliance will pursue a revision to the NM Good Samaritan statute in the 2015 Legislative Session

# Summit #1 Recommendations and Update

## 3. Law enforcement should establish a naloxone carry and administer policy

UPDATE: The BERNCO Coordinating Council members continue with efforts to engage Albuquerque Police Department on establishment of naloxone carry and administer policy

## 4. Support pharmacy-based naloxone dispensing (under expanded prescriptive authority)

UPDATE: Pharmacists' expanded prescriptive authority and Medicaid coverage of naloxone were both established in early 2014

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5. Advocate that providers co-prescribe naloxone with opioid pain meds

UPDATE: The NM Medical Board and the Board of Nursing have endorsed and circulated guidance on co-prescribing naloxone with opioid pain medication

\* UNM Chronic Pain Clinic Co-prescription Pilot

# EMERGING BARRIERS TO PRESCRIPTION NALOXONE AND PHARMACY-BASED SERVICES

- Supply and Demand: Limited availability of naloxone in pharmacies.
- Price increase of naloxone: The price of medication doubled in October of 2014.
- Managed care organizations offer differing levels of reimbursement for naloxone and pharmacist counseling.

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6. Naloxone services should be available for outreach to treatment centers and individuals injecting heroin or taking other opioids

**UPDATE:** The DOH Hepatitis and Harm Reduction Program funds providers to distribute naloxone in Bernalillo County at ABQ Healthcare for the Homeless, Casa de Salud, UNM ASAP, and via public health street outreach efforts on East Central and 5-Points

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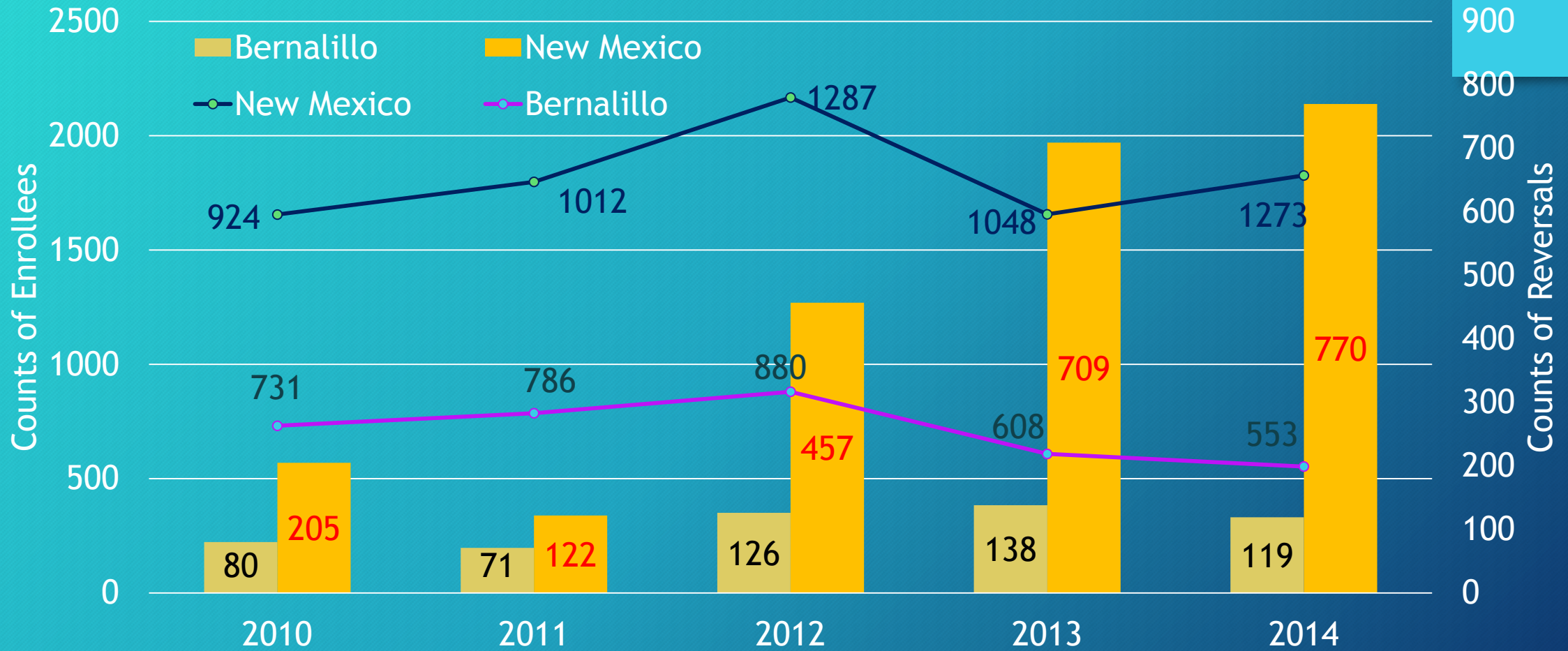
7. Naloxone services should be available at all public health offices on a walk-in basis

UPDATE: Naloxone is available at 3 public health offices in Bernalillo County:

- Midtown Public Health Office
- North Valley Public Health Office
- South Valley Health Office



# DOH-PHD-Harm Reduction Services - Number of Enrollees (Lines) and Reported Opioid-Overdose Reversals (Bars), Bernalillo Co. & New Mexico, 2010-2014\*



\*Data through October 2014

\*NMDOH-ERD: 2013: 82 enrollees in NM; 2014: 86 Enrollees in Bernalillo Co., 249 in NM, 6 Reversals in NM

# DOH Harm Reduction Services & Co-Prescription Pilot Program Naloxone Program Number of Enrollees and Doses Dispensed, Bernalillo Co. & New Mexico, 2013-2014\*

County of Residence	Enrollees					
	2013			2014		
	Harm Reduction	Co-Prescription Pilots	Total	Harm Reduction	Co-Prescription Pilots*	Total
Bernalillo	608 (1,355)	0	608 (1,355)	553 (1,593)	86 (172)	639 (1,765)
New Mexico	1,048 (3,620)	82 (172)	1130 (3,792)	1273 (4,753)	249 (536)	1,522 (5,289)

For both, Harm Reduction and Co-Prescription Pilots (Data through October 2014), the numbers represent New Mexico Residents Enrolled. Numbers in parenthesis represent doses dispensed.

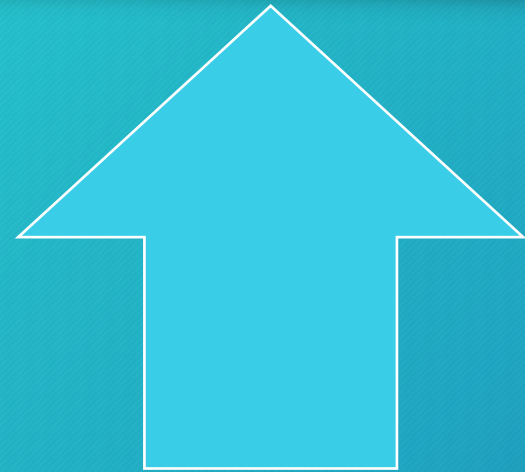
\*Co-Prescription Pilots: The total of enrollments include 85 enrollees of the UNM Chronic Pain Clinic (ascribed to Bernalillo County), 1 from San Miguel Co. Detention Center, and 25 from Santa Fe DC. For the former two sites no data on date of enrollment was available by the time this report was prepared .

**WHAT WAY FORWARD?**

Goal of BERNCO Opioid Accountability Summit:

“Reduce unintentional overdose deaths  
in Bernalillo County”

# MASSACHUSETTS STUDY



Naloxone



Overdose  
Death Rate

# How to INCREASE distribution of naloxone in Bernalillo County?

- ❖ Massachusetts model:
  - Provision of standing order from physician
  - Naloxone distribution by trainers (non-clinicians)
  - Naloxone is stored at community-based organizations
- ❖ The New Mexico Medical Board unanimously endorsed a naloxone standing order in September of 2014

# How to INCREASE naloxone distribution in Bernalillo County?

- Expand resources for overdose prevention and naloxone services through outreach to individuals who inject heroin and take other opioids
- Reduce administrative and rules barriers to the purchase, storage and transfer of naloxone into the hands of frontline responders (like the Massachusetts model)

# How to INCREASE naloxone distribution in Bernalillo County?

- Support pharmacy-based overdose prevention services
  - Work with the Human Services Department to increase Medicaid reimbursement rates for naloxone dispensing and counseling
  - Establish a team of advocates/experts to speak with pharmacists at non-dispensing pharmacies



# How to INCREASE naloxone distribution in Bernalillo County?

- Support naloxone co-prescription by medical providers:
  - Encourage healthcare licensing boards to re-circulate naloxone co-prescription guidance and raise awareness among their providers.
  - Conduct presentations and awareness-raising initiatives with NM Medical Society, Greater ABQ Medical Association, healthcare provider boards and other healthcare professional associations.
  - Request that large medical groups (such as Presbyterian HMO and ABA Health Partners) and hospitals (Presbyterian, UNM and Lovelace) issue informational email blasts on naloxone co-prescription to their providers and consumers

# How to INCREASE naloxone distribution in Bernalillo County?

- Build consumer demand for naloxone through public education and social marketing with billboards, radio/TV news spots, etc. (electronic bulletin boards at sporting events, for example)

# RAISE THE PROFILE



# QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION