

**Attendees:** Laurie Tinker, David Carlbom, Holly, Dunia, Gabbie Caudill, Jim Novelli, Anya Callahan.  
(Missing all local attendees)

### KEY POINTS

The **Naloxone box initiative** was a significant topic of discussion in the South County Harm Reduction Meeting. Here's a detailed breakdown of the update provided during the meeting:

#### **Status of Naloxone Boxes:**

- Ten Naloxone boxes were purchased around four to five months ago.
- All of these boxes have been allocated, but not all are installed yet.

#### **Installation and Usage: Four boxes have been successfully installed at various locations:**

- Quilcene Fire Station; Brinnon Fire Station (maybe not yet installed) Recovery Café; Port Hadlock Library; The 3 installed boxes are actively being used and have already been restocked. Quilcene and Port Hadlock boxes were restocked after distributing their initial 10 units. Recovery Café's box was restocked with 30 units after the initial 10 were used.

Challenges with installing the remaining boxes due to communication delays and logistical issues.

#### **Future Installation Sites:**

- Plans are in place to install additional boxes at Chimacum, Quilcene, and Brinnon community centers.
- Communication and implementation barriers are currently being addressed.
- The Port Townsend Library expressed interest in installing a box, pending coordination with city management.
- Potential for expanding the program with additional boxes in various county locations, including the Mountain View pool, YMCA, food bank, and others.

#### **Challenges and Observations**

- Some boxes like in Brinnon haven't been installed due to delays in communication and implementation.
- There is a noted high demand and quick utilization of the boxes at installed locations, indicating a significant need in the community.
- The death of a key collaborator, Chris Coy, impacted the installation process in some areas.
- Collaboration with public transportation for placing boxes at strategic locations is underway.

**Considerations for Expansion**

- The discussion included the potential purchase of additional boxes due to high demand and community benefit.
- Identifying new locations throughout the county where more boxes could be beneficial.

**This comprehensive update on the Naloxone box initiative underscores** the community's proactive approach to addressing opioid overdoses and highlights both the successes and challenges faced in implementing this critical harm reduction strategy.

- Consideration for additional Naloxone boxes in other areas, including Jefferson Health Care Clinic in South County.
- Reflections on community engagement and the need for more community member involvement.
- Challenges faced in South County, including connectivity issues affecting virtual meeting participation.

**The group discussed the Blake decision** and potential follow-up events to increase awareness and engagement.

**The group discussed the potential of creating a brochure** to facilitate better communication and outreach once BHC funding has been secured.

**ACTION ITEMS**

- Explore installation of a Naloxone box at the Jefferson Health Care Clinic.
- Recruitment of community members from South County to participate in meetings and contribute perspectives.
- Plan follow-up events regarding the Blake decision to increase community awareness and involvement.
- Development of a brochure or similar resource for better outreach and communication.
- Coordination with public health and law enforcement for improved resource distribution and crisis response.
- Outreach to primary care providers to inform them of available resources and contacts for non-crisis situations.

**SENTIMENT OF ATTENDEES WHO WERE PRESENT**

- Optimism about the impact and usage of Naloxone boxes.
- Recognition of the need for greater community involvement and engagement.
- Acknowledgment of technical and connectivity challenges in South County.
- Positive response to the idea of follow-up events and increased outreach efforts.