



SOUTH DAKOTA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

**Presentation to South Dakota Association of
Healthcare Organizations**

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Public Health Accreditation

- ❖ Public health accreditation is the measurement of performance against a set of nationally recognized, evidence-based and practice-focused standards within 12 domains.
- ❖ Goal is to improve and protect the health of the public by advancing the quality and performance of public health departments.
- ❖ 3 pre-requisite plans:
 - State Health Assessment (*to be completed by April 2020*)
 - Collaborative process to collect and analyze data to develop priorities, garner resources, and plan actions to improve the population's health
 - State Health Improvement Plan (*to be completed by August 2020*)
 - Lays out specific steps to achieve measurable improvement on key priorities (statewide)
 - Department Strategic Plan (*updated January 2020*)
 - Outlines the strategic issues, goals, and objectives of the department (department-specific)



State Health Assessment/State Health Improvement Plan

- ❖ Currently conducting statewide health assessment to understand the health issues that impact priority populations across the state
 - Worked with partners to identify 22 unique indicators of health/well-being across the life span
 - Indicators cover behavioral health, chronic disease, environmental health, infectious disease, injury, and maternal and child health

- ❖ Next steps for completion of state health assessment
 - Key informant interviews – help understand why some populations are not achieving the same health outcomes as others
 - Community conversations – help understand health issues impacting communities, what’s working, what’s not working, and what can be done to help

- ❖ Health assessment will serve as the foundation for the development of the Health Improvement Plan
 - Convene partners to review the health assessment and map out strategies for the *public health system* to address the health needs of the state

Suicide in South Dakota

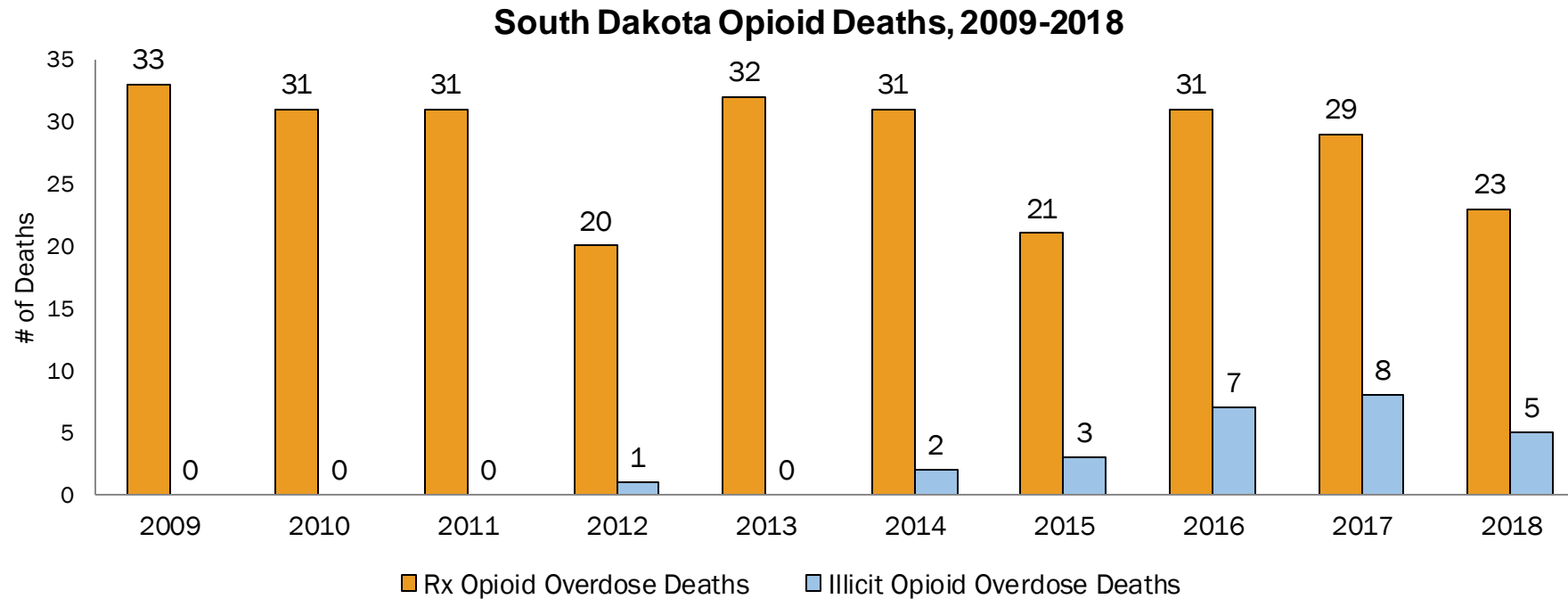
- ❖ Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in SD, but is the 2nd leading cause among ages 15 to 34
- ❖ With 192 suicides, SD has the 6th highest suicide rate in United States in 2017 (crude rate)
 - SD = 22.0 per 100,000 population
 - US = 14.5 per 100,000 population
- ❖ There were 168 suicides in 2018 in SD
- ❖ 78% of suicides were male and 22% were female (2009 – 2018)
- ❖ The SD Native American suicide rate is 2.5 times higher than the SD White suicide rate for 2009-2018
- ❖ 16.1% of SD high school students considered suicide (2015, YRBS)
- ❖ 8.4% of SD high school students attempted suicide (2015, YRBS)

Suicide Prevention

- ❖ This summer, Governor Noem asked the DOH to lead an interagency workgroup to develop a statewide suicide prevention plan
 - Departments involved included Health, Social Services, Education, Tribal Relations, and Agriculture as well as the Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Health Board
- ❖ Included review of prior work related to suicide prevention and review of national strategies
- ❖ Developed framework for the plan including guiding principles, goals, objectives and strategies
- ❖ Distributed the draft suicide prevention plan to stakeholders and the public in Fall
 - Received nearly 300 comments
- ❖ Plan revised based on input received
- ❖ Development of 2020 Priority Strategies

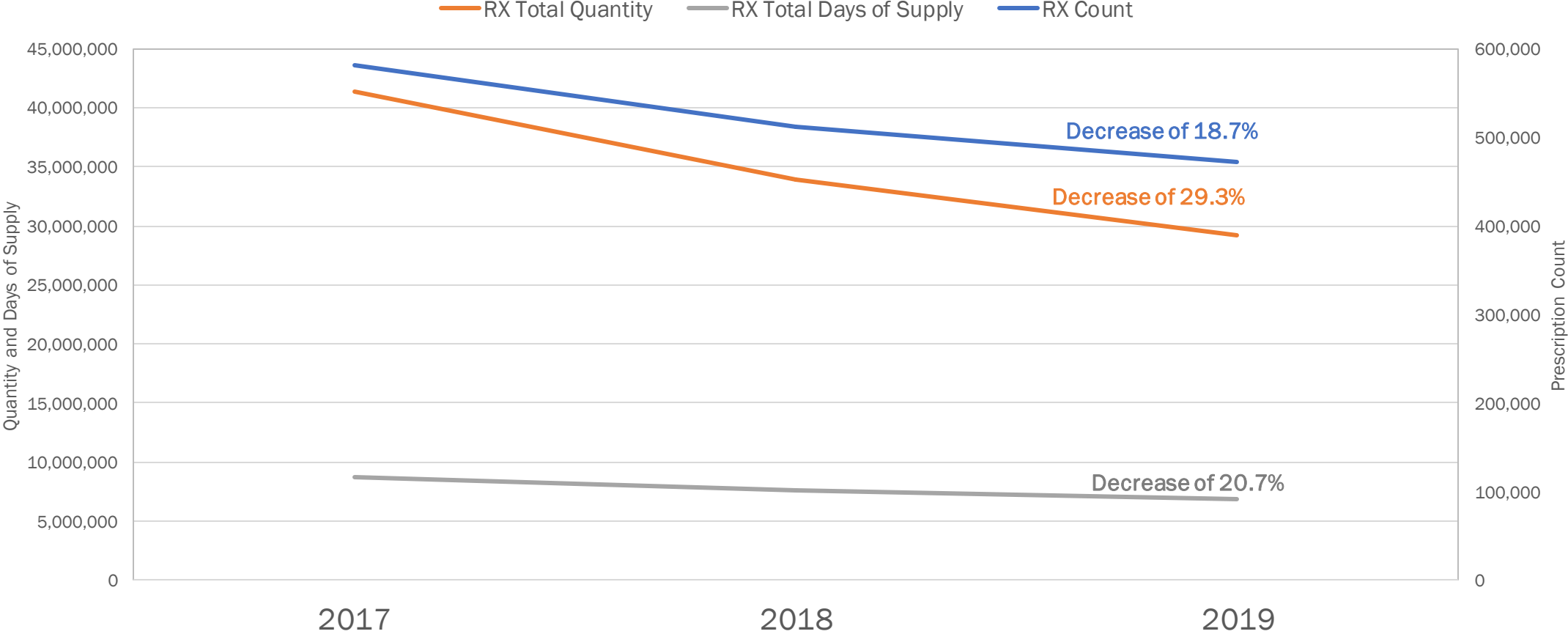
Drug Abuse in South Dakota

SD: Lowest in nation for all drug overdose deaths in 2018



South Dakota Department of Health Vital Statistics

Opioid Prescriptions – SD Patients





2020 DOH Legislation

- ❖ **SB 16 - An Act to make an appropriation to reimburse certain health care professionals who have complied with the requirements for certain health care recruitment assistance programs and to declare an emergency.**

Appropriates \$635,235 to reimburse two physicians, two dentists, one nurse practitioner, and one physician assistant who have complied with the requirements of the Recruitment Assistance Program and \$233,958 to reimburse eligible health care professionals who have complied with the terms of the Rural Health Care Facility Recruitment Assistance Program.

- ❖ **HB 1014 - An Act to place certain substances on the controlled substances schedule and to declare an emergency.**

Updates South Dakota's controlled substance statute to be consistent with federal DEA scheduling actions that have occurred since the last legislative session.



2020 Health-Related Legislation

- ❖ SB 50 – Revises certain provisions regarding the practice of certified registered nurse anesthetists (SUPPORT)
- ❖ HB 1056 – Authorizes electronic monitoring of residents in assisted living centers and national facilities. (WATCH)
- ❖ HB 1063 – Revises certain provisions regarding the purchase, distribution, and sale of tobacco products to persons under the age of 21. (WATCH)
- ❖ HB 1235 – Revises provisions regarding immunization. (OPPOSE)



OPPOSE WEAKENING IMMUNIZATION LAWS!!!

- ❖ While states are moving to strengthen their immunization laws, HB 1235 is a major step backwards for public health. Vaccines prevent disease in the people who receive them and protect those with compromised immune systems who come into contact with unvaccinated individuals.
- ❖ In 2019, there were 1282 cases of measles confirmed in 31 states. This is the most cases in the US since 1992. The majority of these cases were unvaccinated. The 2014-15 measles outbreak in SD included 10 cases unvaccinated by personal choice.
- ❖ Due to an increasing number of outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases in the past few years, 4 states repealed philosophical exemptions (California, Maine, Vermont, and Washington) and 3 states repealed religious exemptions (California, Maine and New York). Five states allow only medical exemptions (California, Maine, Mississippi, Nebraska, and West Virginia).
- ❖ Vaccines are effective and safe. Ensuring children entering school are immunized is critical to their health and the health of all people in our state.



Coronavirus and Influenza

Coronavirus- now named COVID-19

- ❖ Latest case counts as of 2/14/20:
 - ❖ Worldwide: 48,010
 - ❖ US: 15
- ❖ Precautions to limit spread:
 - ❖ Funneling of travelers from China
 - ❖ Monitoring and quarantine measures

Influenza

- ❖ Latest case counts- SD- as of 2/8/20
 - ❖ Cases: 7552 (2724 Influenza A/4828 Influenza B)
 - ❖ Hospitalizations: 268
 - ❖ Deaths: 7



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