Questions to Consider in Development of Naloxone in School Program

State Laws:

1. Are there state laws that currently prohibit the administration of stock naloxone in schools?
2. Does the state have a Good Samaritan law or equivalent?
3. Does the state have exemption from liability laws for medication administration or emergency care?
4. Does your state nurse practice act and other relevant laws allow the school nurse to delegate the administration of naloxone to an unlicensed assistive personnel (UAP)?
   a. State laws and nurse practice acts differ from state to state, so each school district and each school nurse must ensure before enacting any protocol that it is consistent with applicable state laws and regulations, including those governing delegation.
5. Does the state law allow administration of naloxone to school staff and visitors?

District Policies:

6. Is a policy required to develop a stock naloxone program in the district?
7. Does the district administration support a stock naloxone program?
8. Does the school board support a stock naloxone program?
9. Does your district medical advisor support a stock naloxone program?
10. Does the district policy allow the delegation of naloxone to UAPs?

School Nurse Practice:

11. Is delegation of naloxone administration to UAPs a safe decision based on the structure of the school environment, school nurse: pupil ratio, and other roles and responsibilities of the school nurse?
   a. If delegation is not permitted due to your state’s nurse practice act, is the coordination and oversight of naloxone administration by UAPs a safe decision based on the structure of the school environment, school nurse: pupil ratio, and other roles and responsibilities of the school nurse?
12. Are there enough UAPs willing and competent, in each school building, to administer naloxone to ensure a safe and timely response to a potential overdose?

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Education for Administration of Naloxone:

13. How will the UAP determine when naloxone should be administered?
14. What education and training should be provided regarding the potential side effects that can be expected?
15. What education will be provided on supportive care to be provided before and after naloxone has been administered?
16. How often will education and training be provided?
17. Will the UAPs trained to administer naloxone also be required to be certified in CPR?

Medication and Storage:

18. Who will be responsible for procuring and maintaining naloxone?
19. How many doses will schools have in each building?
20. Where will naloxone be stored?
21. Will standing order allow for administration of a second dose?
   a. If so, protocol should include indications and instructions for a second dose.
   b. If so, schools should have adequate supply of naloxone to allow a second dose to be administered.
22. How will the district fund further supplies of naloxone?
23. Will the continued procuring and maintenance of naloxone be cost prohibitive for the school district?
24. Will the stock naloxone be available for before/after school events and school sponsored events?
25. Will the stock naloxone be available for community groups using the building for non-school sponsored events?
26. Will the standing order for naloxone allow the administration of the medication to staff and visitors?
27. Which formulation of naloxone will your district stock? (i.e. intramuscular vs. intranasal)
28. Does standing order require a specific formulation of naloxone?

Community Need:

29. What is the average response time in the community for emergency medical services (EMS)?
30. Do local EMS, fire department and/or law enforcement personnel carry naloxone?
31. Have EMS had to administer naloxone in a school setting or school sponsored activity before?
32. Do school police officers or safety resource officers carry naloxone?
33. Are there other groups/individuals working on naloxone access and administration issues in your community?
   a. Have you connected with them to collaborate efforts?
34. Is there a heroin/opioid task force within your community or state?
   a. Have you connected with them to collaborate efforts?