



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER #214

Relating to the Creation of the Governor's Task Force on Opioid Abuse

WHEREAS, in 2013, more Wisconsin citizens died as a result of drug overdoses than from motor vehicle crashes, suicide, breast cancer, colon cancer, firearms, influenza, or HIV, according to a report released in September of 2015 by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS); and

WHEREAS, drug overdose deaths in Wisconsin doubled from 2004 to 2013; and

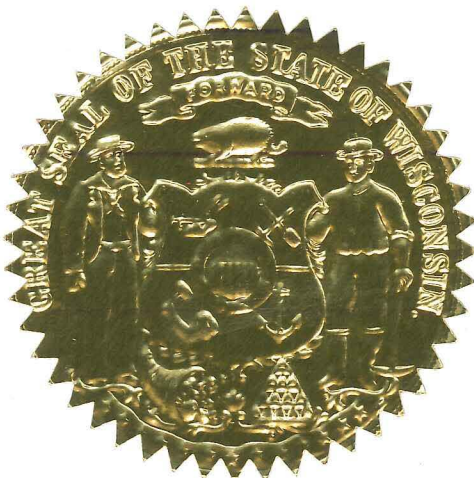
WHEREAS, opioid pain relievers such as oxycodone, hydrocodone, and methadone contributed to 45 percent of 843 drug overdose deaths in 2013, while heroin contributed to about 27 percent; and

WHEREAS, 46 state Governors recognize the crisis facing the country and have signed the National Governors Association Compact to Fight Opioid Addiction.

NOW THEREFORE, I, SCOTT WALKER, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, and specifically by section 14.019 of the Wisconsin Statutes, do hereby order the following:

1. The Wisconsin State Health Officer to issue an advisory regarding the serious public health problem that has been created by the recent opioid epidemic.
2. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services to use the powers provided under section 250.04 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to do what is reasonable and necessary for the prevention and suppression of opioid abuse.
3. The creation of the Governor's Task Force on Opioid Abuse ("Task Force"), which shall operate as a nonstatutory committee under section 14.019 of the Wisconsin Statutes, for the purpose of advising and assisting the Governor in a coordinated effort to combat the opioid crisis facing the State of Wisconsin.
4. The Task Force shall include the following members, who shall serve ex officio:
 - (a) The Lieutenant Governor;
 - (b) The Attorney General of the State of Wisconsin, or designee;
 - (c) The Secretary of the Department of Corrections, or designee;
 - (d) The Commissioner of Insurance, or designee;
 - (e) The Secretary of the Department of Health Services, or designee; and
 - (f) The Secretary of the Department of Safety and Professional Services, or designee.
5. The Task Force shall also include the following members appointed by the Governor:
 - (a) Members of the Legislature representing each caucus;
 - (b) A representative from law enforcement;
 - (c) A public health official;
 - (d) A representative from the Pharmacy Society of Wisconsin;
 - (e) A representative from the Wisconsin Hospital Association;

- (f) A representative from the Wisconsin Medical Society;
 - (g) A representative from the Wisconsin State Coalition for Prescription Drug Abuse Reduction; and
 - (h) At least two members of the public who have been affected by the opioid crisis.
6. The Task Force shall consult other state agencies, experts and the public.
7. The Task Force shall be co-chaired by the Lieutenant Governor and State Representative John Nygren.
8. The Task Force shall have the following mission:
- (a) Gather and review data outlining the problem facing Wisconsin, including the emerging threat of synthetic opioids;
 - (b) Review and analyze the actions already taken in Wisconsin to combat the opioid crisis;
 - (c) Review the actions of other states and the National Governors Association Compact to Fight Opioid Addiction; and
 - (d) Identify and recommend potential action items for the State of Wisconsin.
9. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services shall provide staff support to the Task Force to accomplish its mission.
10. The following cabinet agencies shall be required to develop Agency Steering Committees:
- (a) The Department of Children and Families;
 - (b) The Department of Corrections;
 - (c) The Department of Health Services;
 - (d) The Office of the Commissioner of Insurance;
 - (e) The Department of Safety and Professional Services;
 - (f) The Department of Veterans Affairs;
 - (g) The Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation; and
 - (h) The Department of Workforce Development.
11. The Agency Steering Committees shall be led by the agency Deputy Secretaries, or their designees, and are required to:
- (a) Develop an Agency Steering Committee Charter; and
 - (b) Develop an Agency Strategic Plan to address the opioid crisis in Wisconsin and coordinate with the Task Force in furtherance of this plan.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done in the City of Milwaukee this twenty-second day of September, in the year two thousand sixteen.


SCOTT WALKER
Governor

By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State