



# Departmental Overdose Prevention Policies

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Public Safety & Neighborhood Services

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# Collaborative Approach

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Building from the Department of Public Health's longstanding policy of harm reduction as an effective strategy for overdose prevention and lessons learned during the COVID response, DPH, HSA, HSOC, and HSH are committed to a collective and collaborative approach to overdose prevention.

**All City Departments who interact with persons who use drugs have a shared responsibility to respond to the rise in overdoses in a way that will have the most impact.**

# Overdose Prevention Policy Components



A plan for how departmental programs will provide drug treatment and harm reduction programs and services

A description of where the department will post and make accessible:

- syringe access and disposal services;
- Up to date referral information about naloxone access and the schedule of overdose prevention and naloxone distribution services

An onsite overdose response policy that describes the steps the department will take in the event that an individual overdoses on property managed by the department or in the presence of department personnel

Assurance that department staff who work with people who use drugs receive training in overdose prevention strategies

The process by which the department will ensure that grantees that manage property on behalf of the department and/or provide direct services to people who use drugs implement overdose prevention policies

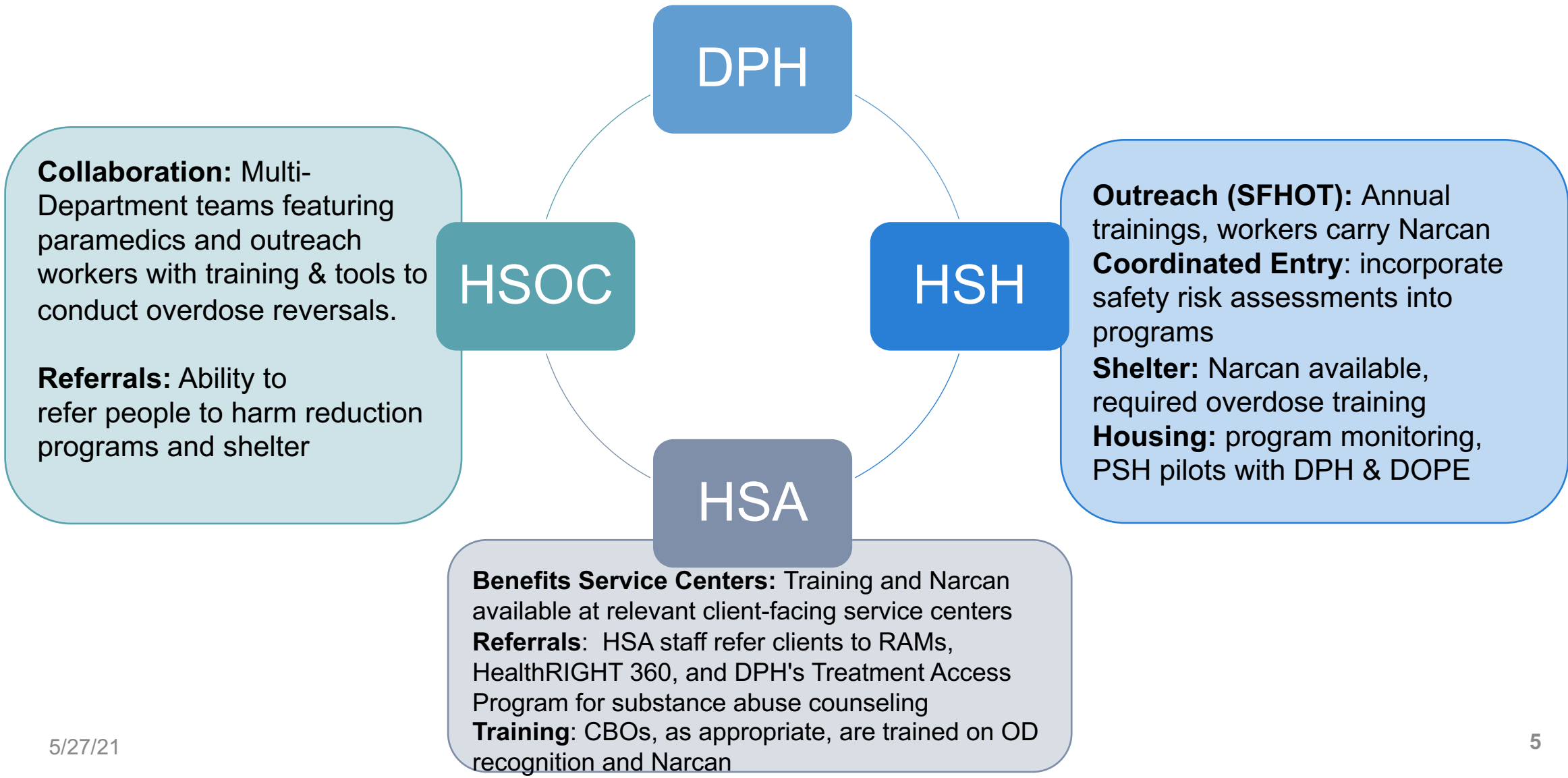


# DPH's Commitment to Overdose Prevention

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- Existing Contractual Requirements
  - Mandatory annual harm reduction trainings for all staff
  - Mandatory posting of syringe access and Drug Overdose Prevention and Education Program (DOPE) Project schedules
  - Documented agency-wide overdose response policies
- Health Commission Resolution 100-10 – Adopting a Harm Reduction Policy for Substance Abuse, STD and HIV (2000)
- Provides expertise, technical assistance, and connection to people who use drugs

# Shared Vision



# Process

