



1. Rev. Alexander Sharp of Clergy for a New Drug Policy addresses: Why a New Drug Policy Makes Sense. He will speak about solutions, both proposed and in use, and the results of several programs that have been implemented.

2. Resources available online. The pdfs will be posted on the LWVChicago Web site.

### **A Chicago Data**

Title: Characterizing Opioid Use, Misuse, and Overdoses in Chicago, IL, 2015

June 2017 publication of the Chicago Department of Public Health

Summarizes results of Healthy Chicago 2015 survey on use of opioids. Provides information on instances of overdoses and on fatalities. Useful glossary.

[www.cityofchicago.org/content/dam/city/depts/cdph/CDPH/Healthy%20Chicago/ChicagoOpioidBrief3\\_6162017.pdf](http://www.cityofchicago.org/content/dam/city/depts/cdph/CDPH/Healthy%20Chicago/ChicagoOpioidBrief3_6162017.pdf) \*A Chicago Data.pdf

### **B Comparison of Chicago and Cook County**

Title: Opioid Related Overdose Deaths in Cook County, 2015

May 2017 publication of the Chicago Department of Public Health

Compares Chicago and Cook County rates of overdoses and fatalities.

[www.cityofchicago.org/content/dam/city/depts/cdph/CDPH/Healthy%20Chicago/JointChicagoCook\\_6162017b.pdf](http://www.cityofchicago.org/content/dam/city/depts/cdph/CDPH/Healthy%20Chicago/JointChicagoCook_6162017b.pdf) \*B Chicago cf Cook.pdf

### **C Naloxone – Description and Uses**

Title: Naloxone for Opioid Overdose: Life Saving Science

Last Update March 2017 publication of the National Institute of Health/National Institute on Drug Abuse

Description of effects and uses of Naloxone and access to this drug.

[www.drugabuse.gov/publications/naloxone-opioid-overdose-life-saving-science/naloxone-opioid-overdose-life-saving-science](http://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/naloxone-opioid-overdose-life-saving-science/naloxone-opioid-overdose-life-saving-science) \*C Naloxone.pdf

### **D Opioid Illinois**

Title: Opioid Illinois: Sangamon County joins the battle against prescription abuse

Published June 30, 2016 by Illinois Times

Personal interest story introduces discussion of efforts to track distribution of prescription opioids and legislative proposals of Senator Durbin that would remove financial incentives for over prescription. Also, investigation of alternative biology based medications for pain control.

<http://illinoistimes.com/mobile/articles/articleView/id:17399> D Opioid IL.pdf

### **E Illinois Drug Control Update short description**

Title: Illinois Drug Control Update

Updated August 1, 2013 Originally published by the Executive Office of the President of the United States

Profile of drug use in Illinois with comparison to national use. Provides descriptions of treatment programs, identifies community based programs and federal funding to Illinois in FY 2012.

[https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/sites/default/files/docs/state\\_profile-illinois.pdf](https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/sites/default/files/docs/state_profile-illinois.pdf)

E Illinois Profile.pdf

**F Illinois Statutes Addressing the Opioid Epidemic**

Illinois Overdose Prevention and Legislation

Published by the Network for Public Health Law.

No publication date. References General Assembly September 2015 passage of statute Describes Emergency Medical Services Access (EMSA) law enacted in 2012 and Lali’s law enacted in September 2015. Statute provides that requests for medical care for drug use will not bring requestor under liability.

[www.networkforphl.org/\\_asset/dwdchs/Illinois-Overdose-Prevention-Fact-Sheet.pdf](http://www.networkforphl.org/_asset/dwdchs/Illinois-Overdose-Prevention-Fact-Sheet.pdf)

F Overdose Prevention.pdf

G Possible Cook County Referendum \*G Fritchey Referendum Crain’s Chicago.pdf

H Taxing and Regulating Cannabis \*H Taxing and Regulating Cannabis.pdf

**Additional Resources**

Illinois State Commission on Criminal Justice and Sentencing Reform.

Final Report dated December 2016. 94 pp.

The Commission was tasked with examining the criminal justice and sentencing structure and practices.

Also, community supervision and other alternatives to incarceration.

The Commission recommended 27 reforms. Reforms are listed in the executive summary.

[www.icjia.org/cjreform2015/pdf/CJSR\\_Final\\_Report\\_Dec\\_2016.pdf](http://www.icjia.org/cjreform2015/pdf/CJSR_Final_Report_Dec_2016.pdf)

Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report published by the Center for Disease Control

An extensive list of reports on opioid use including statistical analysis of trends, methods of treatment, cost of treatment and field reports

[www.cdc.gov/mmwr/opioid\\_reports.html](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/opioid_reports.html)

### 3. LWV positions (In brief)

From Impact on Issues of LWVUS Behavioral Health <http://lww.org/content/impact-issues>

The League of Women Voters supports:

- Behavioral Health as the nationally accepted term that includes both mental illness and substance use disorder
- Access for all people to affordable, quality in- and out-patient behavioral health care, including needed medications and supportive services
- Behavioral Health care that is integrated with, and achieves parity with, physical health care
- Early and affordable behavioral health diagnosis and treatment for children and youth from early childhood through adolescence
- Early and appropriate diagnosis and treatment for children and adolescents that is family-focused and community-based
- Access to safe and stable housing for people with behavioral health challenges, including those who are chronically homeless
- Effective re-entry planning and follow-up for people released from both behavioral health hospitalization and the criminal justice system
- Problem solving or specialty courts, including mental health and drug courts, in all judicial districts to provide needed treatment and avoid inappropriate entry into the criminal justice system
- Health education from early childhood throughout life that integrates all aspects of social, emotional and physical health and wellness
- Efforts to decrease the stigmatization of, and normalize, behavioral health problems and care

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