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The Shelby County Sheriff's Office has recognized the seriousness of the Opioid problem that is plaguing our local community. We have taken aggressive measures to assist in this crisis. We collaborate with local stakeholders within our community too provide new ideas for programming and services and also work together on existing programs so that we may better assist our county with solutions to the ongoing Opioid problem that is plaguing us.

Shelby County has the current programs already in progress that have been successful:

- Medication Assisted Treatment Program (Vivitrol Program). Community partners from our local Job and Family Services, Counseling Centers, Courts and Jail meet monthly to discuss clients that are in jail and that are out of jail that are participating in this program. Agencies talk about each individual's case plan and their progress in the MAT program. We have had several people within our community graduate from the MAT program and successfully remain clean and sober. On average we have 30-40 people in the program at a time. This program has been in place since Spring of 2015.
- Opiate Taskforce: Community Partners meet monthly to discuss the Opioid problems in our community and what we are doing to battle that. Recently the taskforce has set up town hall meetings within the community to talk about and educate the community on programs that are being offered.
- The Shelby County Sheriff's Office in collaboration with the Tri-County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services and the Shelby County Commissioners has initiated a project called the Shelby County Transitional Treatment House. This project has been in development since May of 2016.



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The Transitional Treatment House is a sober living environment that prisoners can transition to after incarceration. Living in this home is in collaboration with re-entry programs that the jail offers to assist them in their recovery process. Clients that are participating in this program will be a part of the Medication Assisted Treatment Program which entails the use of the Vivitrol shot. We are working collaboratively with the Shelby County Counseling Center and The Tri-County Board of Recovery and Mental Health services to provide treatment for people in recovery. Our mission is to provide a safe environment for clients while in recovery so that they may live a drug-free productive life. To offer a clean, structured and sober living environment free from substance abuse and homelessness. The home will provide transitional housing combined with the Medication Assisted Treatment Program for individuals that need structure. This program will promote self-esteem, self-confidence, life skills, counseling and job opportunities to each individual person so that they may re-enter society as a productive law-abiding citizen. Our vision and goal is that each individual person will come out of the Transitional Treatment House with a new perspective about life. Through treatment, programming and mentoring individuals will lead a life with purpose and realize that their recovery is a lifestyle change to assist them as they re-enter into society.

- The Shelby County Jail has been active in re-entry programs to assist prisoners with their drug addiction while incarcerated for approximately 5 years now. A drug and alcohol counselor provides services in the jail 4 days a week. NA and AA come to the jail twice a month to provide services. We also have a Work Release Program to assist prisoners with getting jobs before they are released from jail. The jail provides bikes for these prisoners to assist them with the transportation piece. The MAT program is initiated while they are incarcerated. This program in conjunction with



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work release and counseling puts together an individual case plan for each prisoner to have before they are released from jail. This assists them with having a positive and productive start after release from jail.

- The Sheriff's Office works in collaboration with Community Partners such as our local Courts and Counseling Center to obtain and write grants to acquire funding to provide more services and programs to addicts that live in our community.
- Currently working on an ambulatory detox. program at our local counseling center to provide immediate services for persons that no longer want to use opiates. This is a new program that will be implemented within the next several months.
- Our local Health Department is working on a mobile Needle Exchange program.

Challenges and Recommendations:

- The need for more recovery homes and detox clinics in the area. Not enough stable living environments for addicts to go to for immediate services.
- A rise in HIV and Hepatitis C has been a local challenge in our community.
- Need more funding to provide more programs and counseling services.