



Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission

Harm Reduction Committee Meeting

March 25, 2025 9:30 AM –11:00 AM

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#	Item	Time	Presenter
1	Welcome	9:30-9:35	Chair Davis
2	Director Updates	9:35-9:50	Director Dolph
3	Discussion with Third Horizon: Comprehensive Plan Strategies, with specific focus on drug checking	9:50- 10:55	Third Horizon
4	Public Comment	10:55-11:00	Chair Davis

ADPC Harm Reduction Committee

Strategic Priorities 2026-2030

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Background/Mission

The ADPC Harm Reduction Committee collaborates closely with ADPC staff and other partners to prevent and reduce substance use disorder and related harms in Oregon. The ADPC Harm Reduction Committee aligns with the [National Harm Reduction Coalition](#). It defines harm reduction as a set of practical strategies and ideas aimed at reducing the negative consequences of substance use. The Harm Reduction Committee also recognizes harm reduction as a movement for social justice built on a belief in and respect for the rights of people who use drugs. The harm reduction policies, strategies, interventions, and practices supported by the ADPC Harm Reduction Committee will center on people with lived and living experiences of substance use, especially those from marginalized communities. Lastly, the strategies, practices, and interventions supported will meet and engage people who are using substances where they are without judgment, stigma, racism, or discrimination.

Comprehensive Plan Priorities

The Harm Reduction Committee proposes to reduce the prevalence of substance use disorders, reduce substance use-related deaths, reduce the spread of infectious disease, and reduce substance use-related disparities and inequities by focusing on the following priorities, building upon priorities named in a [guidance memo](#) provided by the ADPC to the Governor and additional state leaders in fall, 2023. In prioritizing these activities, the Harm Reduction Committee envisions expanding access, services, and supports to all Oregonians, regardless of demographics, geography, or desire for abstinence from substance use.

- 1. Develop and fund a statewide strategy for the purchase and distribution of naloxone, which will ensure access in rural areas and include an education strategy to ensure proper administration and dosage during overdose emergencies.** Expanding access to overdose-reversal drugs is critical to reducing overdose deaths. The Harm Reduction Committee will work with local, regional, and statewide leaders to ensure equitable, low-barrier access for organizations, individuals, and families throughout Oregon.

- 2. Implement a statewide drug-checking network utilizing drug-checking technology and mail order access, paired with statewide technical assistance, training, and operational support to the network across the state, inclusive of confidential street/community-level drug checking capacity.** Comprehensive drug-checking resources should be available at the state, regional, and community levels. Drug checking should be available through multiple community channels, ensuring safe, rapid access to reliable testing supplies to reduce the risk of overdose and death among people who use drugs.
- 3. Expand access to safer use supplies to ensure comprehensive harm reduction wraparound and engagement services are available to all Oregonians by incentivizing existing programs to provide mobile services and encourage community safety net providers (like FQHCs and health departments) to include safe supply services.** While supply access has improved, significant barriers remain to accessing safe-use supplies. The Harm Reduction Committee will work to ensure there is “no wrong door” to accessing syringes and other safe-use supplies across the health and social safety net system, accessible to all populations in need.
- 4. Ensure cross-sector education, awareness, and infrastructure that promotes safer use programs, practices, and policies that welcome and support individuals who use drugs.** Regardless of substance use status or desire for abstinence, all Oregonians deserve access to health care, housing, and community support. The Harm Reduction Committee will work with stakeholders to promote policies and practices that ensure people who use drugs have access to housing, health care and other services. In addition, the Committee will work to ensure harm reduction providers, allied professionals and peers have expanded access to training and professional development on harm reduction practice, and will explore emerging innovations such as safer use sites for possible consideration.

Outcomes Anticipated

The Harm Reduction Committee believes that, when taken together, these priorities will reduce rates of infectious disease, overdose, and death in populations who use drugs while fostering community connection and support.