Health Equity Tool

Introduction

Our country's response to drug use—from supportive treatment policies to punitive sentencing practices—is highly unequal by race and class. Use this tool to organize your coalition or group's big picture thinking around health equity. Start by defining your work, the context, and the why before completing the rest of the worksheet. As a team, consider the core areas of your work through the lens of health equity using the NOPN model (pages 2-3).

Impact statement

What is the impact statement for your coalition or local overdose prevention work? What are you working to achieve?

Socio-economic, political, and cultural context

Which populations experience the greatest historical and/or current burden? List 3 or more data points (statistics, graphs/charts, maps) demonstrating the context surrounding health disparities in your community.
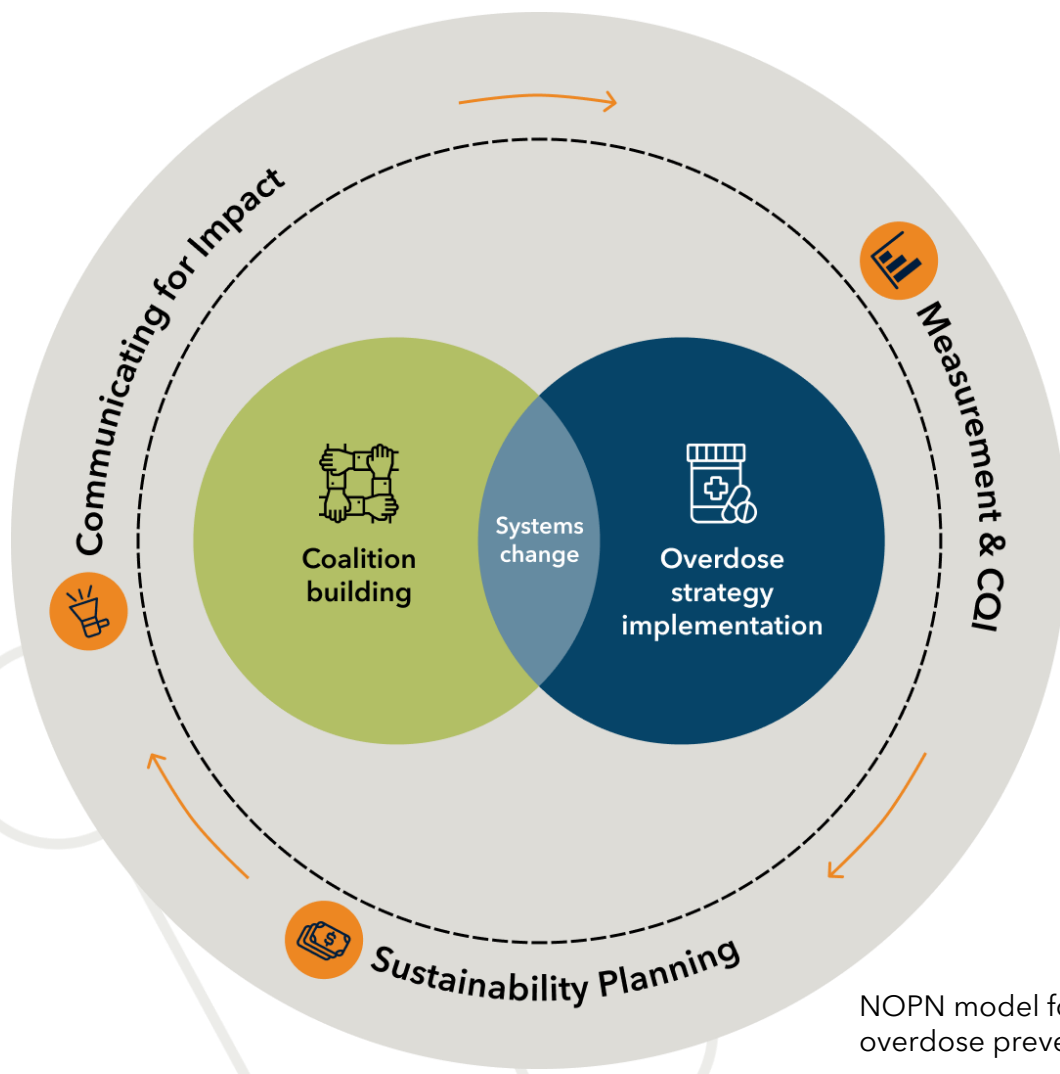
Rationale

Provide 2-3 bullet points describing the rationale for your coalition to take a health equity lens. Why is it important?

Key Activities

On the next page, complete the sections for each of the following areas of your work:

- **Overdose prevention strategies:** How you implement your overdose prevention strategies and which strategies you choose

- **Coalition building:** How you build and grow your coalition

- **Sustainability:** How you think about sustaining the work of your coalition

- **Communication:** How you approach communications, both internally within your coalition and with community collaborators

- **Data:** How you measure your work, including which data you choose and how you collect it

NOPN model for overdose prevention

	OVERDOSE PREVENTION STRATEGIES	COALITION BUILDING	SUSTAINABILITY	COMMUNICATION	DATA
Community collaborators List 3 or more new collaborators that your coalition should engage to better address health equity in your work. They could be connected to any of the elements of the NOPN model.					
Priority activities For each NOPN model element, list at least one way that your coalition can prioritize health equity and inclusion. What is most important for your coalition to focus on?					
Short-term outcomes and indicators List at least 3 short-term (3 months) indicators to measure how your coalition can better address health equity in the priority activities above.					
Long-term outcomes and indicators List 3 longer-term (2-3 years) indicators to measure how your coalition can help improve health equity going forward.					

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