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NARCAN VENDING MACHINE PILOT PROGRAM

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MESSAGE FROM OUR TEAM

The overdose epidemic continues to negatively impact Wisconsin residents. Locally, Greenfield saw 12 fatal overdoses in 2019 and in 2020, 16 fatal overdoses. This data coincides with data from the state, which has seen a similar uptick in fatal overdoses, with 2019 seeing 916 and 2020 seeing 1,226 (DHS Wisconsin, 2021). Furthermore, Greenfield reported 103 suspected opioid overdoses suspected overdoses in 2021.

With data trends continuing to show an upward trend in fatal and suspected overdoses, Greenfield Health Department and its community partners continue to find innovative ways to reach community members where they are to provide support, resources, and education. Targeted Narcan distribution is an evidence-based strategy in preventing opioid overdoses (CDC, 2018). As we continue to see an increase in Fentanyl and Fentanyl analogs, easily accessible Narcan is key to providing critical and life-saving measures.

We thank our partners, DHS WI's Narcan and Fentanyl Test Strip Direct Program, Community Advocates, SAMHSA, and the CDC for their continued support of harm reduction efforts. As we move forward with these efforts, ***we recognize that every overdose is one too many*** and we want to take a moment to remember all of those we have lost to fatal overdoses in our community.



PROGRAM GOALS

SAFE Greenfield had many important goals that it hoped to work on throughout the length of the project. While we recognize that none of these can be accomplished in a few months, we continue to acknowledge the importance of historical and societal norms in our work. *We remain dedicated to addressing those norms through education, collaboration, and system-level change.*



01 — Decrease Barriers

We recognized a gap in access. With Narcan training unable to be done 24/7 by staff, the vending machine offers training and access 24/7. The vending machine also provides privacy of personal information that may be otherwise asked for in other situations.



02 — Decrease Stigma

A goal we continue to work with is decreasing stigma around mental health in our community. Through programming, education, and partnership, we can continue to decrease stereotypes around Narcan, harm reduction, and substance use disorders.



03 — Empower

Community can be a powerful factor in providing a sense of belonging. Through visible projects such as this, we can continue to have conversations that empower our community to learn about mental health, take steps to support their loved ones in a crisis or overdose, and have the tools to educate others.

MEASURING PROGRESS

The Narcan vending machine has been under review as a pilot program for six months. In December of 2022, the first machine was placed inside of our law enforcement building. During its pilot, the machine was evaluated bi-monthly for the amount of supplies that were being taken from the machine.

This data report will discuss collection of data from December 13th, 2022-June 13th, 2023 and comes from the inventory tracking completed by health department staff. No other data has been collected, as this program's goal is to increase access to harm reduction supplies and to decrease barriers that people actively using drugs face in accessing care.



Figure 1.

Figure 1 shows the number of each item that was placed over pilot period. There was an increase during the month of March. There is also an increase in the month of May, but with June just starting, further analysis will be needed to identify the trend going forward.

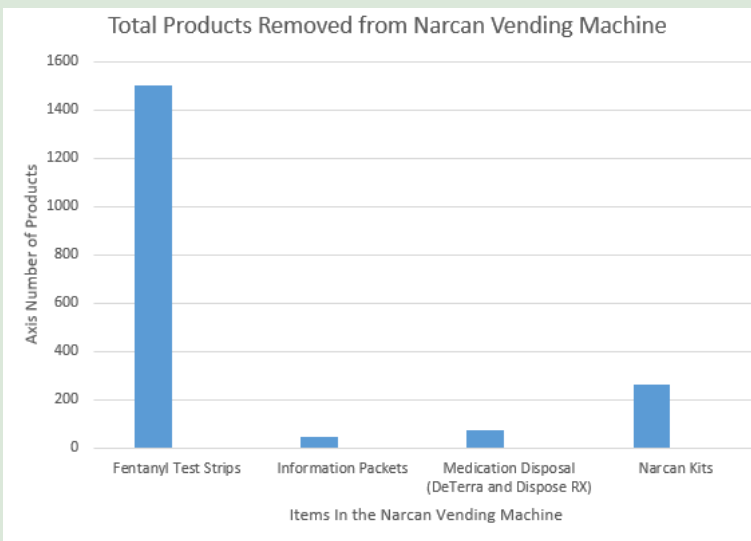
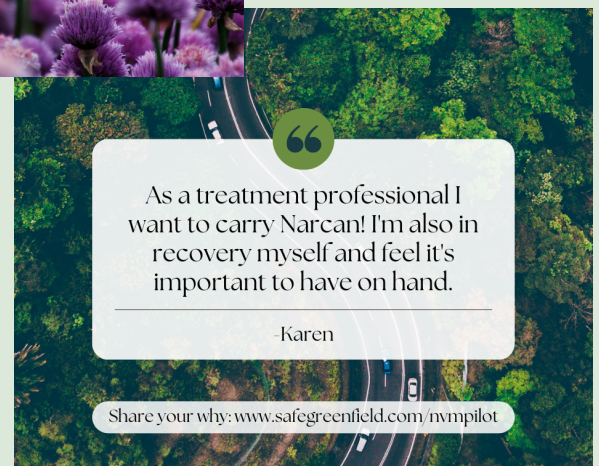
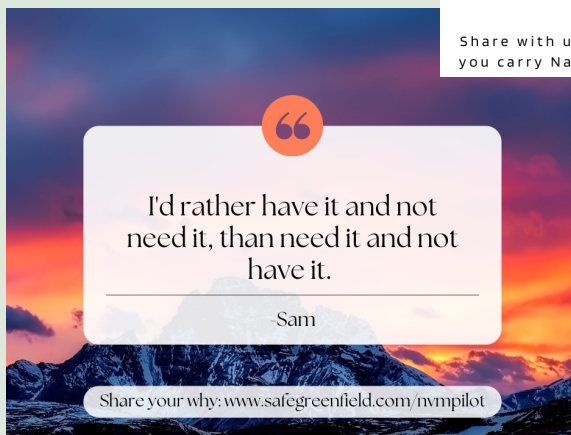
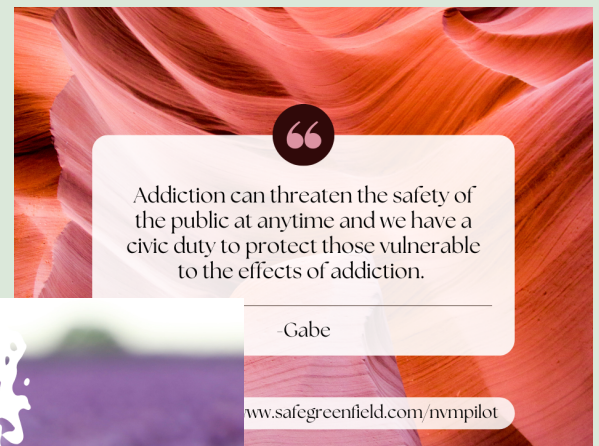


Figure 2.

Figure 2 shows the number of total products taken from the machine. Fentanyl test strips were the most utilized with 1500 strips taken from the machine. There were also 264 Narcan kits taken. With two doses per kit, 528 doses of Narcan were provided to the community.

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

In December of 2022, we asked community members to share why they choose to carry Narcan. We received feedback from several members of our community, including health professionals and those in recovery. Throughout this pilot, it was important for our team to quantitative data, as well as qualitative data. Qualitative data allowed us to capture our community's voices, their stories, and their reasons for carrying Narcan with them.



NEXT STEPS

SAFE Greenfield continues to identify innovative approaches to harm reduction, providing education and resources to our community, as well as seeking sustainable funding to continue these efforts. There are many steps that our community members and community partners can take to continue supporting SAFE Greenfield efforts to decrease harm and death from overdoses in Greenfield and our surrounding communities.



01 — Carry Narcan

Learn to carry Narcan. It could save a **LIFE**. Greenfield has several locations for accessing Narcan, including a second vending machine coming to the City soon! Our current machine is at 5300 W. Layton Ave., Greenfield WI 53220.



02 — Share Why You Carry Narcan

Why do **YOU** choose to carry Narcan? You can share with us by visiting www.safegreenfield.com/nvmpilot. We would love to hear from you!



03 — Support Harm Reduction Efforts

Visit www.safegreenfield.com to learn more mental health, organizations in our community, services we offer, and how you can get involved in the work being done in our communities.

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- Community Advocates
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