

CT DCF Project Naloxone

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Project Goal

Help Prevent Overdose deaths with all person involved or visiting the Department of Children and Families.



Project History

In the last two years, 75.7% of the overdose deaths in the state of Connecticut had *at least one* "potential opportunity for intervention," which include linkage to care or lifesaving action at the time of the overdose. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Dashboard Report (2021) indicates the potential opportunities for intervention are reported from:

current treatment for substance use disorder: 10.1%

fatal drug use witnessed: 10.8%

mental health diagnosis: 34.2%

potential bystander present: 54.6%

prior overdose: 11.8%

recent release from an institutional setting: 8.7%

2022 Fentanyl Senior Advisory Group was established.

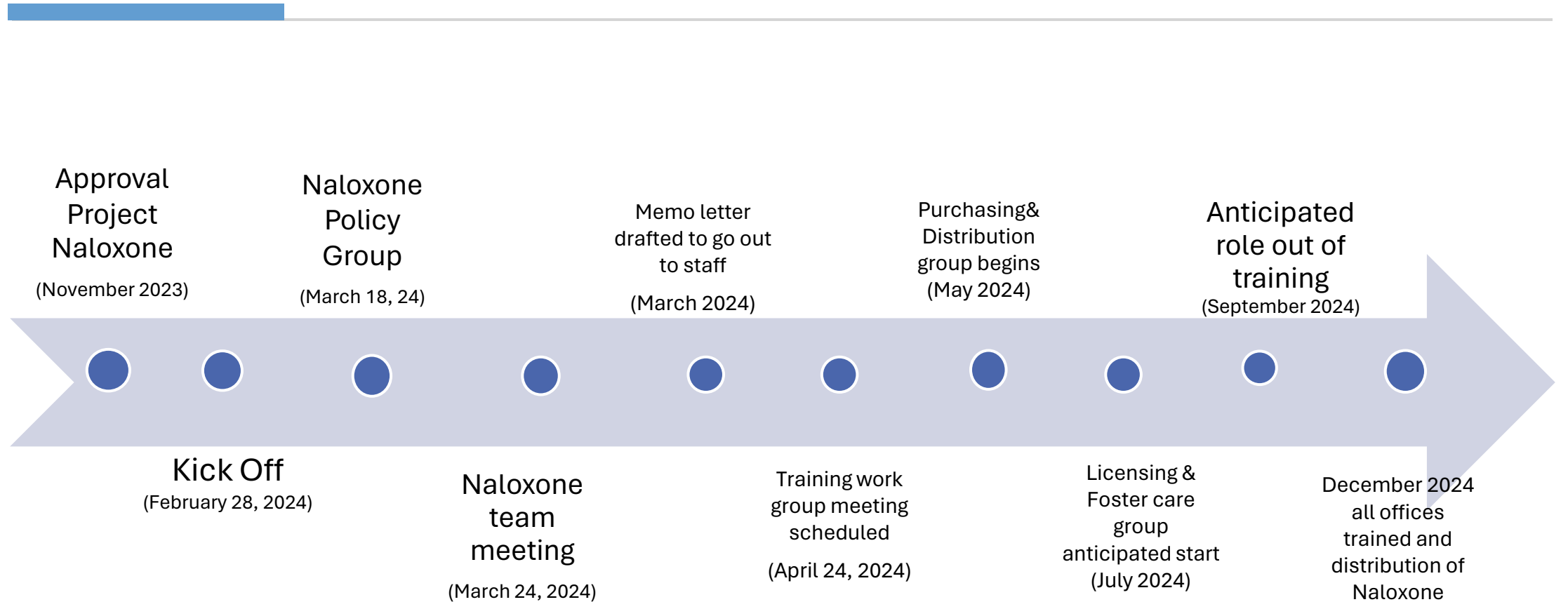
In November 2023 with the support of the Group, the Commissioner approved the project scope for Naloxone to be available for staff and distribute to families.



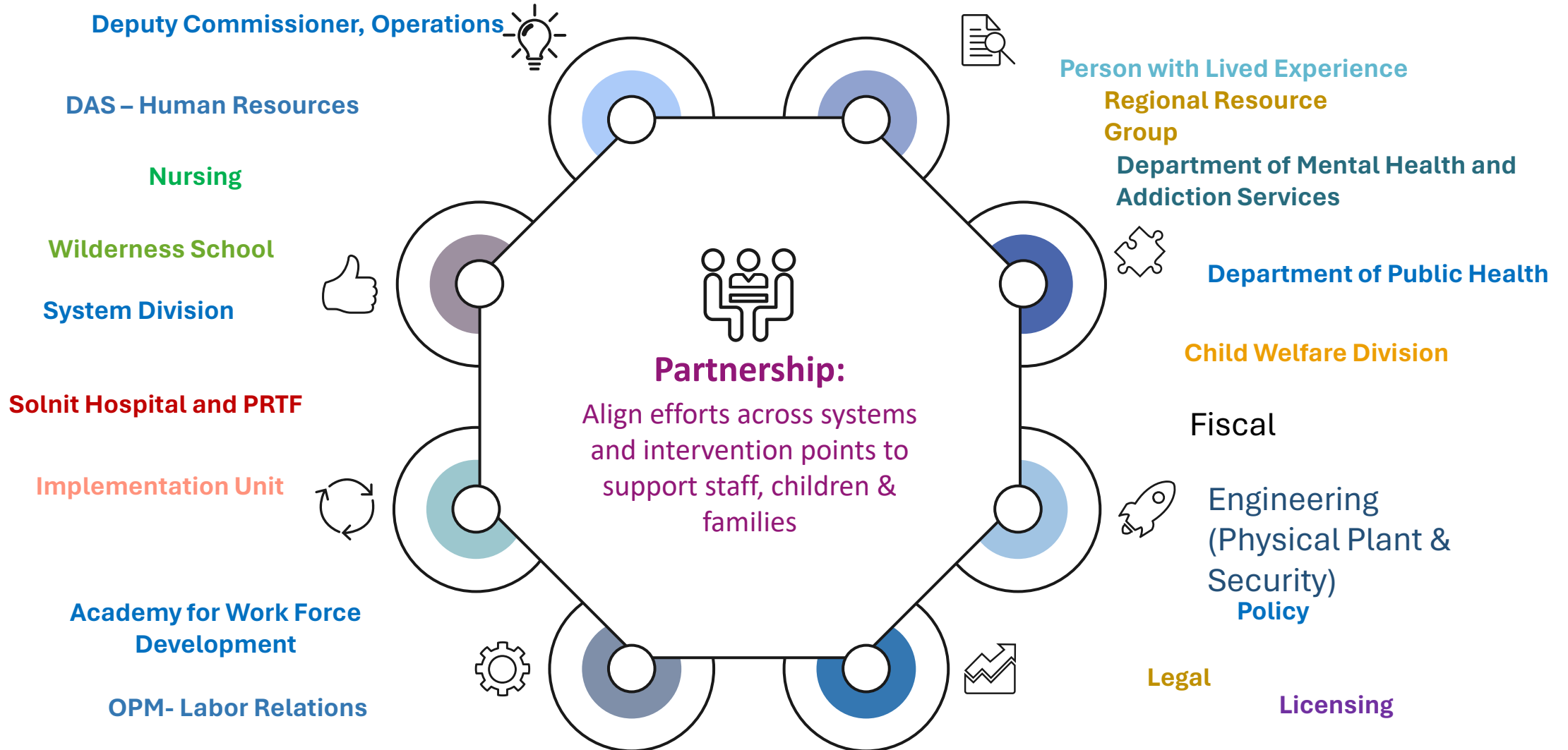
Project Scope

- Update policies and procedures regarding response to an opioid overdose with naloxone, informed by review and understanding of national and state sister agencies' efforts
- Develop & deliver training for staff on how to respond to an opioid overdose and use naloxone
- Make naloxone available to DCF staff in 14 DCF Area Offices, Central Office & Wilderness School
- Make naloxone available to visitors in 14 DCF Area Offices, Central Office & Wilderness School
- Develop recommendations for naloxone to be available in DCF-licensed facilities
- Develop recommendations for naloxone to be available in DCF-licensed foster homes

TIMELINE



Project Team Members



Thank you

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