Syringe Exchange Programs and the North Carolina Safer Syringe Initiative

Preliminary 2016-17 Annual Reporting Figures

(20 out of 21 programs responding)

21  Active syringe exchange programs in North Carolina at the time of annual reporting

26  Syringe exchange programs signed up with DPH since July 11, 2016

52  North Carolina counties with residents served by syringe exchange programs. Programs also report participants from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and other states.

3,983 Individual participants in syringe exchange programs

14,997 Total syringe exchange contacts with program participants

1,157,380 Sterile syringes distributed by syringe exchange programs

490,489 Syringes returned to syringe exchange programs for safe disposal (42% return)

3,766 Referrals to substance use disorder and mental health treatment (combined)

5,682 Naloxone kits distributed through syringe exchange programs

1,311 Referrals made for receiving naloxone kits. Syringe exchange programs are required to provide naloxone kits and/or provide referrals to other sources for naloxone kits.

2,187 Overdose reversals reported to syringe exchange programs by program participants

738 Hepatitis C tests administered by syringe exchange programs

138 Positive hepatitis C results; participants referred to local health departments and healthcare systems for confirmation testing and/or treatment.

2,647 HIV tests administered by syringe exchange programs

6 Positive HIV results; participants referred to local health departments and healthcare systems for confirmation testing and/or treatment.