



# Collaboration with Community Partners to Promote Harm Reduction + Decrease Stigma

May 23, 2024  
1:00 - 1:45 PM (CT)

Registration

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Hutchinson Regional Medical Center is a 190-bed rural hospital in Hutchinson, Kansas with a population of 40,000 residents. The hospital, along with the Reno County Health Department, identified that there was an increase of overdoses and substance use disorder related to the opioid epidemic within the county. Through community collaboration with various organizations and community members with lived experience, the hospital and their partners have been able to promote harm reduction and decrease stigma surrounding opioid addiction within the community. Join us to find out more about how they were able to be successful in establishing relationships with community partners, best practices and lessons learned.

**Target Audience:** Hospital leadership, nursing leadership, quality and risk management and health department leadership.

## Objectives

- + Analyze how community collaboration can help to reduce stigma and promote harm reduction
- + Explore how to be successful in establishing relationships with community partners, best practices and lessons learned
- + Examine the incidence of overdose in Reno County, Kansas

## Event Speaker: Megan Beck, BSN, RN

Megan is a Registered Nurse in Quality Management. Prior to that, she has bedside experience as a Behavioral Health nurse. Currently, Megan leads Hutchinson Regional Medical Center's Opioid Stewardship Committee, and serves as Chair for the Treatment and Healthcare Subcommittee of the Reno Recovery Collaborative. She has also been the HQIC lead for the hospital since 2020.

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