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## Dialogue Between Sander Schultz & Governor Baker's Opioid Working Group

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*Sander Schultz* is a trained Firefighter/Paramedic, has been involved in Emergency Services since the mid 1980's and has been the EMS Coordinator for the City of Gloucester Fire Department since 2005. He is the 2013 recipient of the AHA/ASA Stroke Healthcare Provider of the year award for his work with the CDC, which funded Massachusetts Stroke EMS Collaborative, in which a data driven approach was used to positively change EMS Procedure in the assessment and treatment of Stroke Patients both in Massachusetts and Nationally. Sander is also a member of the Healthy Gloucester Collaborative's MassCall2 (2009 – 2012) Opiate Overdose Fatality Prevention Grant steering committee and currently serves as the EMS Liaison for the Gloucester, Beverly and Danvers MOAPC Cluster Grant.

### Topics for discussion:

- Background about the *Healthy Gloucester Collaborative*, which received an Opiate Overdose Fatality Prevention Grant.
- The *Healthy Gloucester Collaborative* found that in Gloucester there were 2 primary barriers to care for addiction: 1) there was a resistance in the community to calling 911; and 2) there was a bottleneck at the emergency department, individuals would receive treatment for an overdose but would not enter treatment – public health professionals were missing the opportunity to get individuals into treatment.
- Gloucester implemented several strategies to address these barriers to care, which include the use of Nasal Narcan and SBIRT.
- Gloucester utilizes EMS overdose data to make informed decisions.
- Mr. Schultz would like to discuss the possibilities for the state to utilize EMS data to obtain close to real-time information about opioid overdoses in the commonwealth. This will allow local, county and state official to engage in data driven decision making.