

Milwaukee County OD-PHAST

City-County Heroin,
Opioid and Cocaine
Task Force



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Background

- 3-year, grant funded project through federal Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)
- Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program (COSSAP)
- County-level through Medical Examiner's Office
- Focus on preventing overdoses and fatal overdoses in particular
 - Critical with over 540 fatal overdoses in 2020 and over 640 fatal overdoses in 2021
- Bringing multi-disciplinary partners together

OD-PHAST Capacity Building

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Expand the social worker positions at the medical examiner's office and the role to include interviews with next of kin*

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Add a toxicology staff member at the ME Office to increase capacity to deliver timely toxicology findings

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Connect with the Milwaukee Community Justice Council's Executive Team to expand capacity for recommendation implementation

*Update: With the expanded resources, contact is attempted with next of kin for all suspected overdose deaths to offer resources. Next of kin interviews have recently been initiated.

OD-PHAST Guiding Principles

North Star: Our shared goal is to reduce overdoses in Milwaukee County.

We recognize substance use disorder as a chronic, treatable disease.

We will use multi-sector data responsibly to inform response strategies.

We share accountability for reducing overdoses.

OD-PHAST Composition

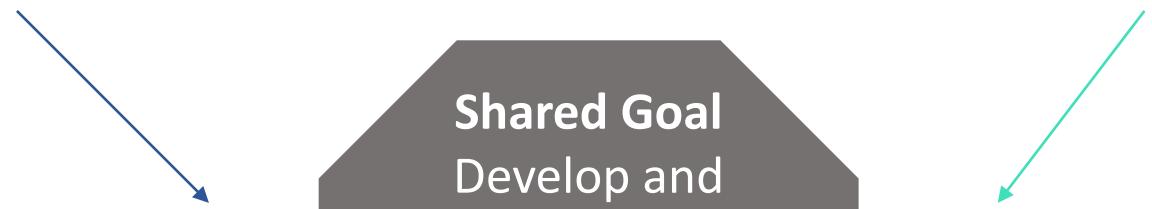
Overdose Fatality Review (OFR) Team

Multi-disciplinary, in-depth review of individual fatalities to identify gaps in service or barriers to care

Data Strategy Team (DST)

Multi-disciplinary, analysis of near real-time aggregate data to identify trends in overdose and substance use disorder care and treatment

Shared Goal
Develop and implement recommendations to prevent future overdoses

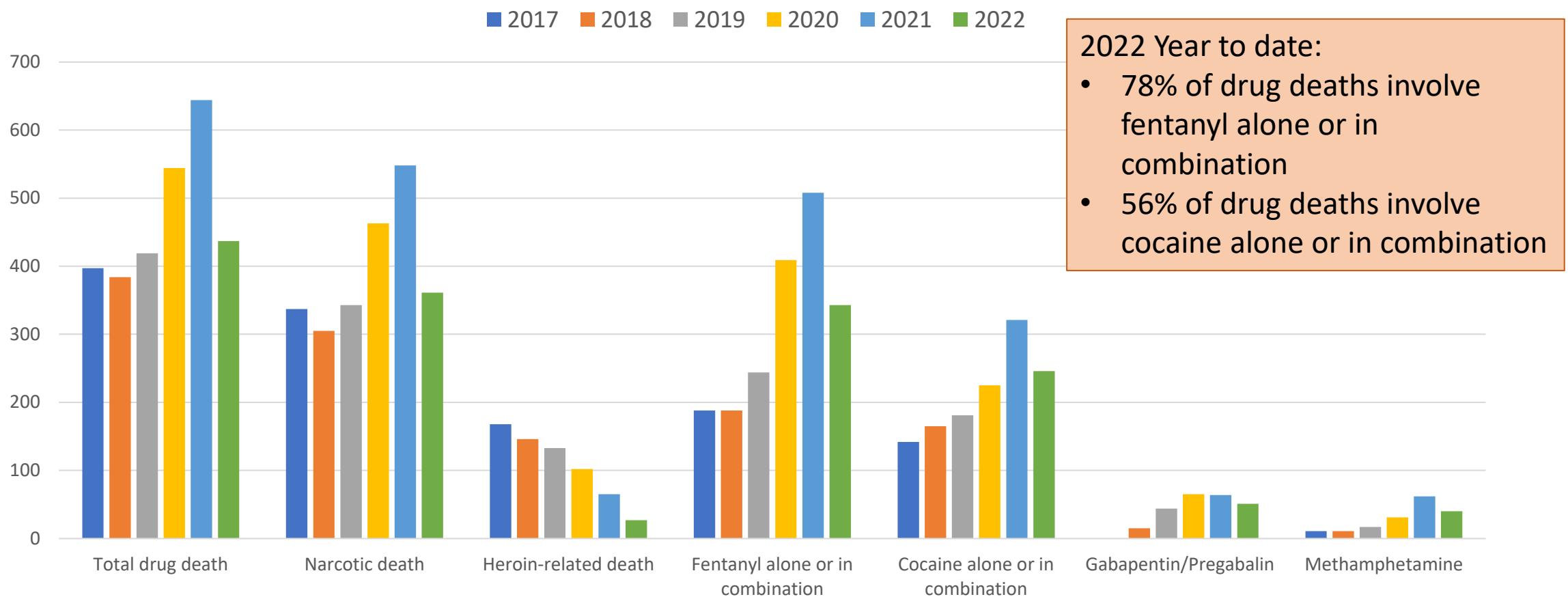


Drug Deaths, Milwaukee County, 2022 updates

Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's Office

Confirmed Drug Deaths, Milwaukee County

(sent by the ME office on 10/25/2022)



Comparison of 2021 to 2022

(sent by the ME office on 10/3/2022)

2021 (Jan. – Sept) (confirmed drug deaths)	2022 (Jan. – Sept) (confirmed + suspected drug deaths)	% change
462	(515: 401 confirmed + 114 pending toxicology)	11% increase

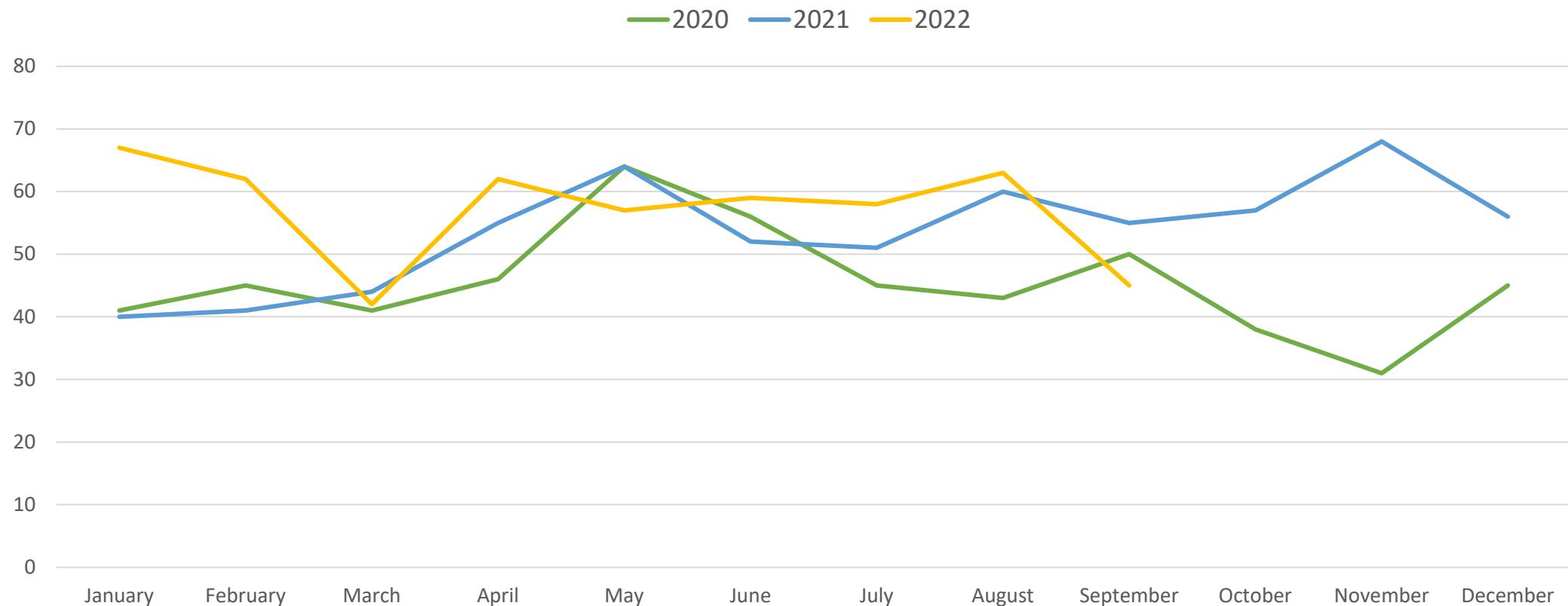
Comparison of confirmed 2021 drug deaths (January – Sept) to confirmed + suspected 2022 drug deaths (January – Sept)

(as of 10/3/2022)



Projected comparison of 2022 to 2020 and 2021, confirmed plus suspected drug deaths

(as of 10/3/2022)



Community Listening Sessions

Education and Awareness Action Team

Community Listening Session Primary Themes

What the Community Knows

- Individual and community impact
- Barriers to healing and thriving
- Fentanyl laced in other substances
- Awareness of overdose as a critical issue

What the Community Needs

- Prevention and education messaging needs to come from trusted community members
- Increase in prevention and treatment resources
- Community engagement and continued listening sessions

Suspected nonfatal overdose mapping

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Mapping nonfatal overdoses in Milwaukee County (July 2021 – June 2022) to understand trends

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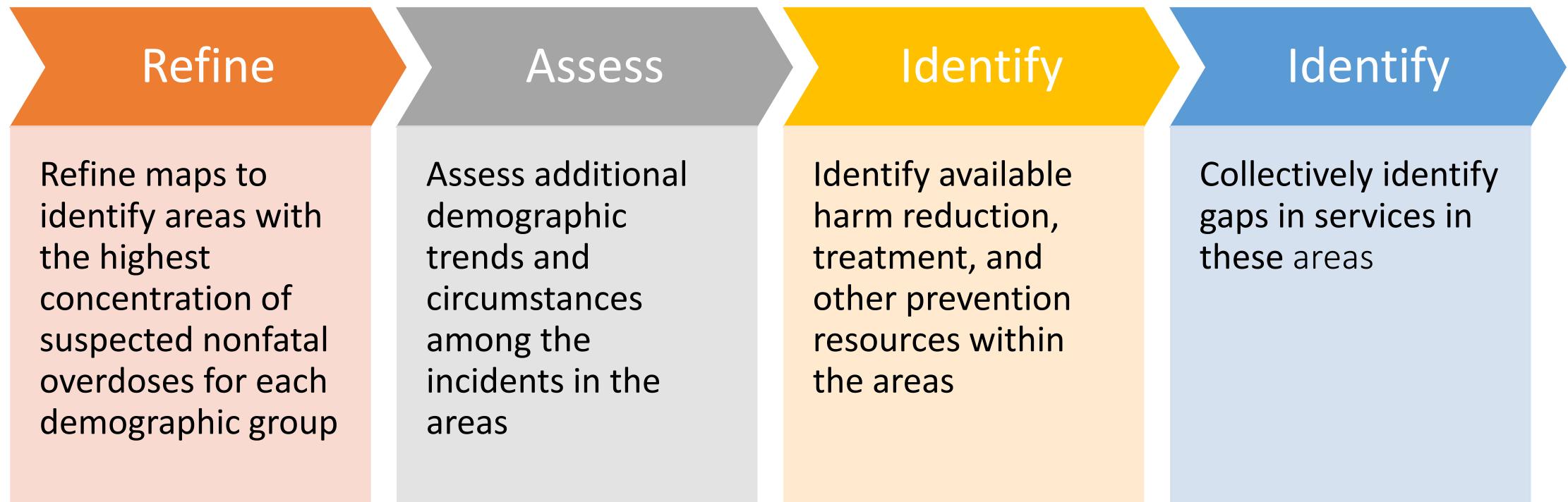
Examining density maps and details on the incidents for three demographic groups with the highest counts of overdose events:

- Black
- Hispanic
- White

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Discussing with the Data Strategy Team how to best use the information to inform prevention

Next steps for OD-PHAST





Milwaukee County OD-PHAST Update

Questions/Comments?

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