



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
- Bringing multi-disciplinary partners together

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.

SOS process

All meeting activities address one or more of these goals.

Shared understanding – develop a common understanding of overdoses in Milwaukee County and evidence-based prevention and intervention strategies

Optimized capacity – collaborate across agencies within our county and state to strengthen our capacity to reduce overdoses within Milwaukee County.

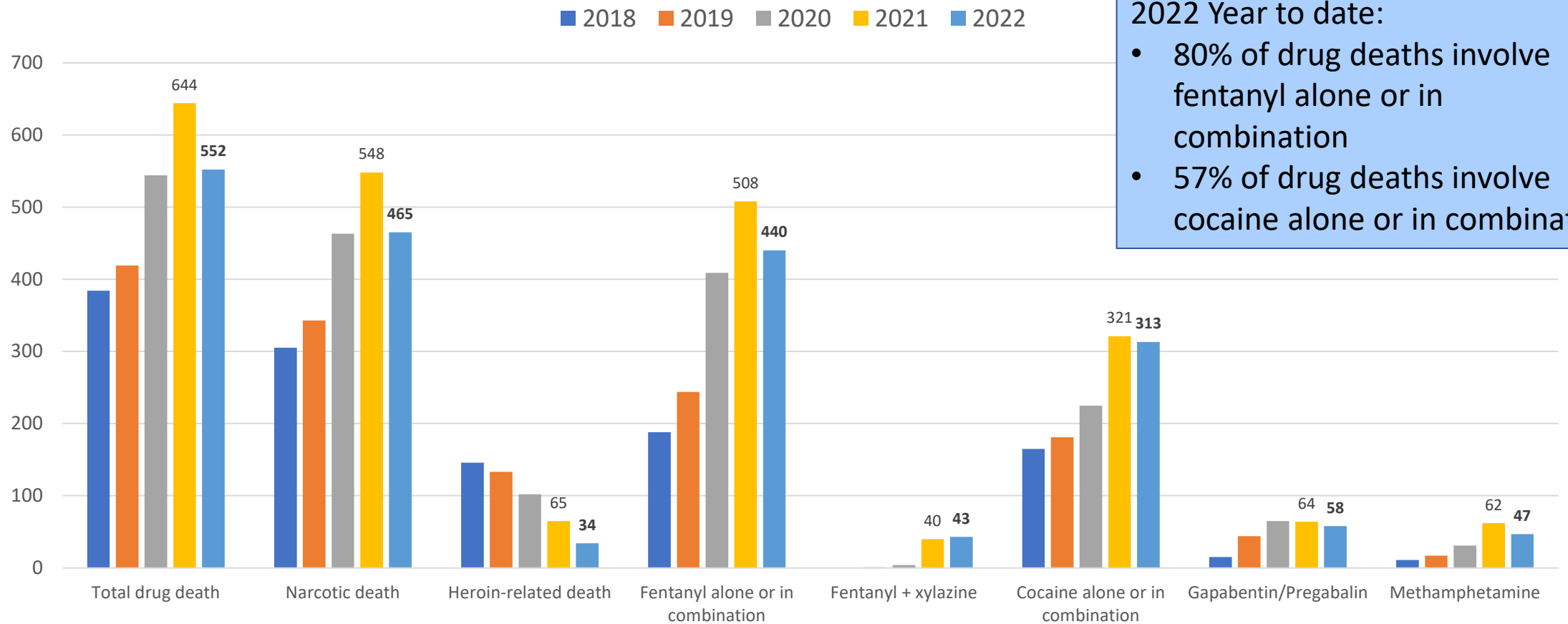
Shared accountability – share responsibility for implementing recommendations to achieve our North Star – to reduce overdoses within Milwaukee County.

Drug Deaths, Milwaukee County

Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's Office

Confirmed Drug Deaths, Milwaukee County

(sent by the ME office on 2/9/2023)



2022 Year to date:

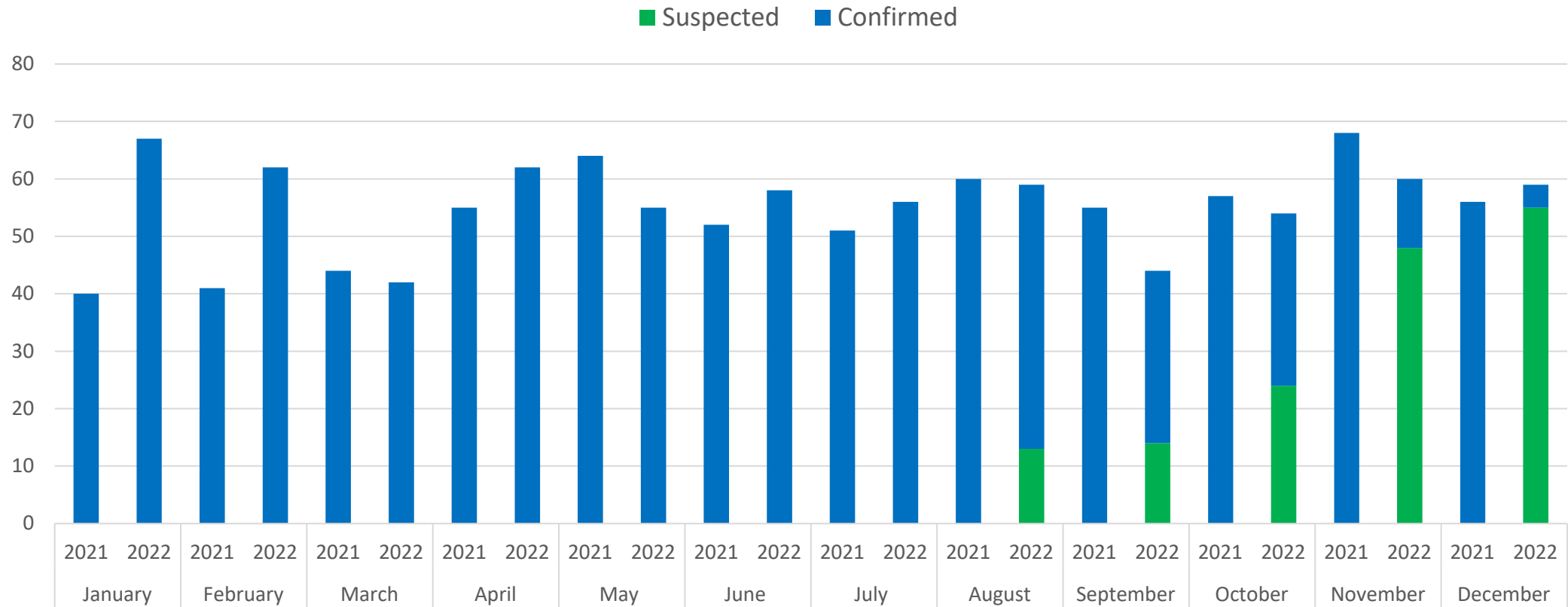
- 80% of drug deaths involve fentanyl alone or in combination
- 57% of drug deaths involve cocaine alone or in combination

Comparison of 2021 to 2022 (sent by the ME office on 2/1/2023)

2021 (Jan. –Dec.) (confirmed drug deaths)	2022 (Jan. – Dec.) (confirmed + suspected drug deaths)	% change
644	(678: 524 confirmed + 154 pending toxicology)	5% increase

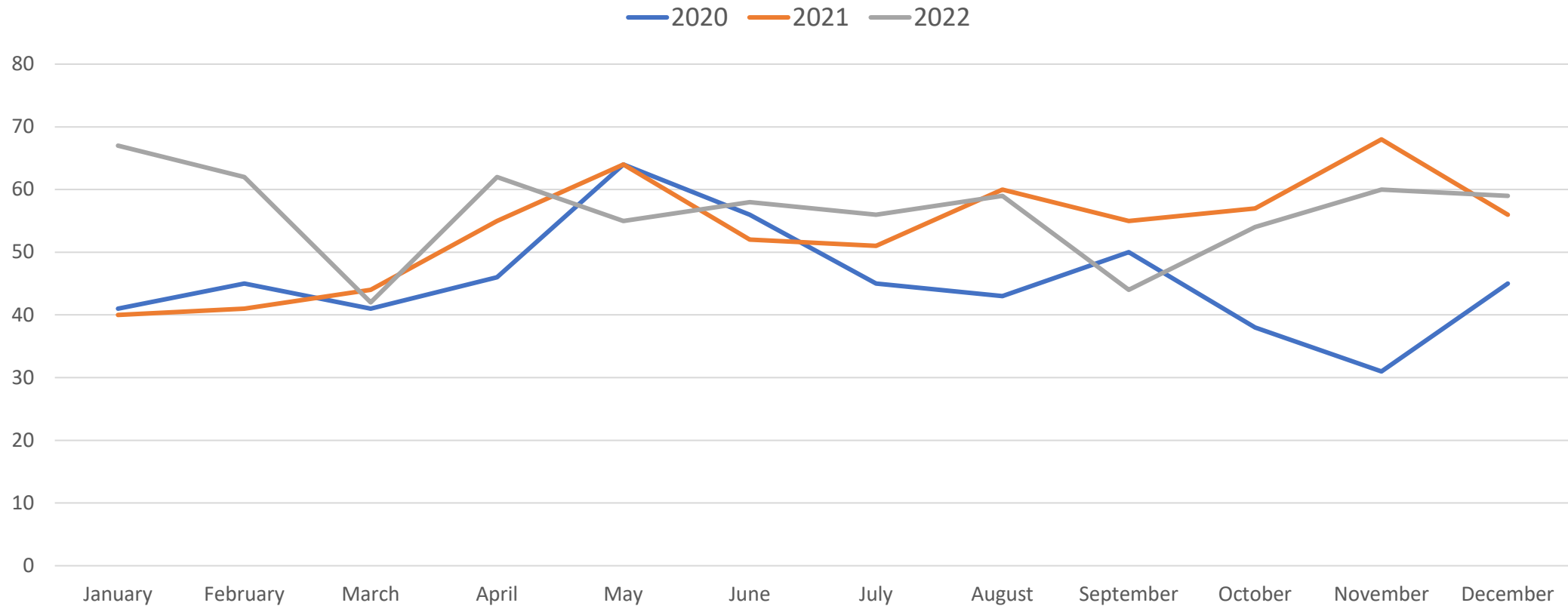
Comparison of confirmed 2021 drug deaths (Jan. – Dec.) to confirmed + suspected 2022 drug deaths (Jan. – Dec.)

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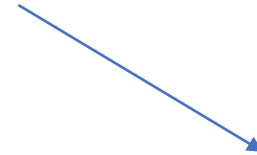
Projected comparison of 2022 to 2020 and 2021, confirmed plus suspected drug deaths

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Data Strategy Team
(DST)



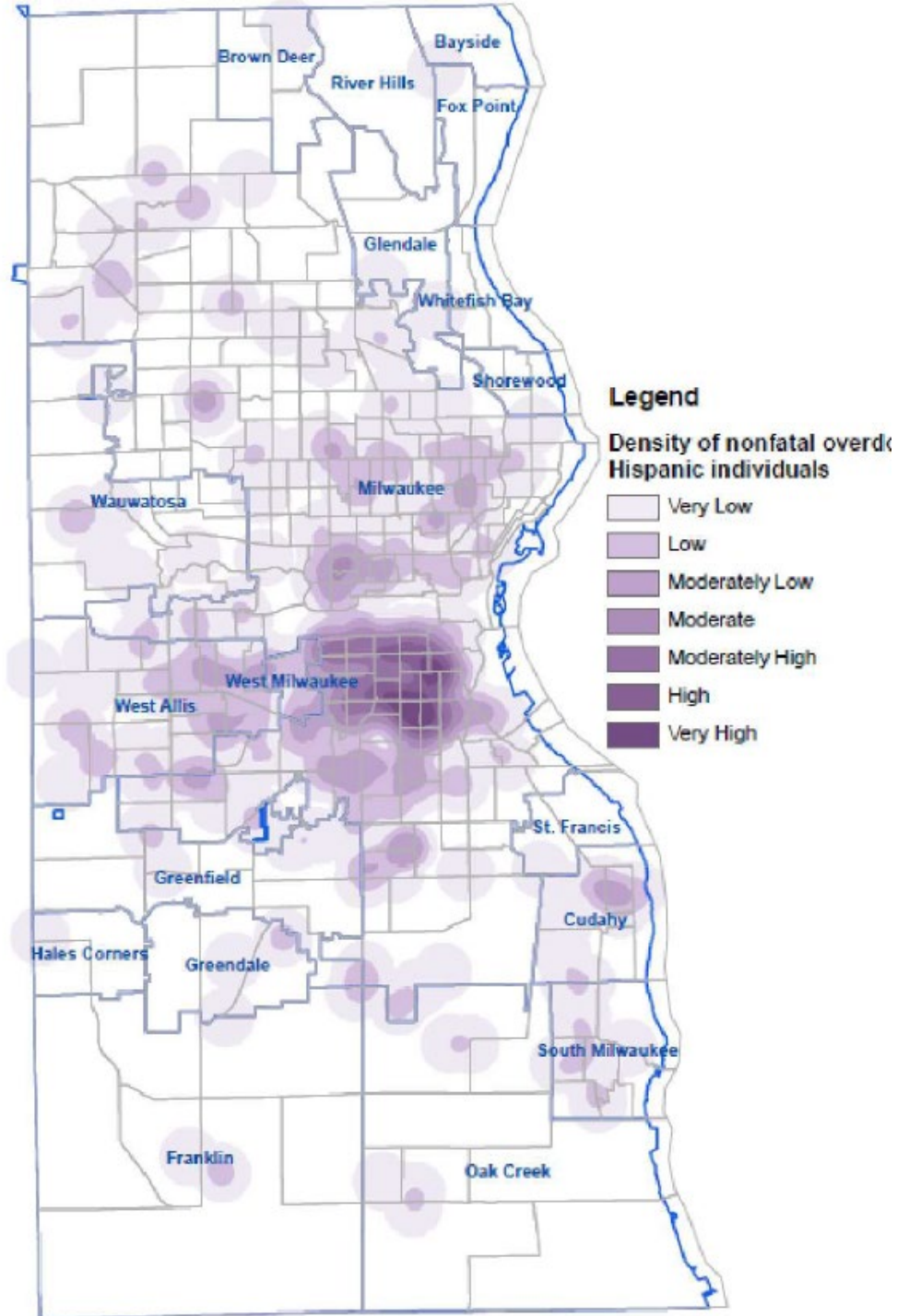
Overdose Fatality
Review (OFR)

Data Strategy Team (DST)

Analysis of aggregate overdose-related data

Fall/Winter 2022 Data Strategy Team (DST) meeting summary

- Analysis of suspected nonfatal overdoses from July 2021 – June 2022 revealed areas of high density varied by racial and Hispanic ethnicity groups
- Fall 2022 focused on suspected nonfatal overdoses among Hispanic individuals
 - Focus area identified and data reviewed
 - Presentations from UCC, UMOS, and 16th Street Clinic
 - Development of recommendations by the DST
- Also had presentations by partner agencies that provided additional important context for overall overdose trends and prevention (e.g., Vivent Heath presented on a variety of areas related to harm reduction)



Focus area identified for suspected nonfatal overdoses among Hispanic individuals

- North: Pierce St.
- South: Cleveland Ave.
- East: I94/I43
- West: 38th St.

Adopted recommendations for the focus area

- Identify or create and disseminate overdose prevention educational materials, resources, and trainings in Spanish (e.g., Narcan training video).
- Distribute harm reduction materials, including Nalox-ZONE boxes, with instructions in Spanish in places that people frequent (e.g., gas stations, grocery stores).
- Conduct targeted outreach in the focus area with information on harm reduction and treatment resources.
- Conduct an overdose prevention education and awareness campaign through local Hispanic media.
- Develop and implement strategies aimed at utilizing evidence to reduce stigma associated with substance use disorder, treatment, and harm reduction through a unified community approach.
- Expand bilingual outpatient substance use disorder services with on-demand access.

Next Priorities

- Develop implementation plans for the recommendations and seeking assistance if implementation challenges are encountered
- Repeat the focus area analysis with suspected nonfatal overdoses among other racial and ethnic groups
- Collaborate with multiple agencies on identifying current locations and types of naloxone availability across the county and how that overlays with the density of fatal and nonfatal overdose incidents.
 - Will be valuable for planning additional naloxone distribution options and sites
- Enhance and expand the current Overdose Dashboard based on input from the team and other partners
- Will be requesting a no cost extension through Sept 2024

Overdose Fatality Review (OFR)

Case level review of drug deaths in Milwaukee County

OFR Updates

Bereavement support, referrals to county resources, and interviews with next of kin continue.

Next of kin information has been a valuable addition to the case review process.

OFR partners brought concerns about Delta-8 reactions to the OFR team.

Presentation offered by a health care provider.

Additional connections being made for follow-up on this topic.

Questions?

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