

Milwaukee County OD-PHAST

Data Strategy Team Meeting Agenda



August 18, 2022

Time	Item	SOS goal	Lead
1:00 – 1:05	Welcome and introduction of new members	---	Connie Kostelac
1:05 – 1:30	General updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action team updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listening sessions Thursday - Saturday Implementation funds Overview of Advancing Healthier Wisconsin Overdose Prevention Research Project 	Shared accountability	Connie Kostelac Action team leads Amy Parry Jessica Ohlrich
1:30 – 2:00	Emergency Department Toxicology Surveillance Project – Milwaukee County	Shared understanding	Sara Schreiber
2:00 – 2:10	Nonfatal overdose mapping and discussion	Shared understanding Optimized capacity	Connie Kostelac
2:10 – 2:20	DST recommendations for review, discussion, and approval <ol style="list-style-type: none"> An advisory committee for Opioid Settlement Funds coming to Local Governments in Milwaukee County, including Milwaukee County, the City of Milwaukee, Cudahy, Franklin, Greenfield, Oak Creek, South Milwaukee, Wauwatosa, West Allis should be established to coordinate county-wide opioid mitigation response and advance policy and service recommendations from Milwaukee OD-PHAST and other overdose prevention initiatives in the county. This advisory committee should be charged with making funding recommendations to Local Governments located in Milwaukee County for their settlement dollars to ensure funds are spent as outlined in Exhibit E of the National Opioid Settlement Agreements and are aligned with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services' Opioid Settlement Funds Proposal. Reimbursement rates for peer support need to be fair and equitable across public and private insurance to allow incorporation of peer support into all levels of recovery and outreach to individuals with behavior health needs, 	Shared accountability	All

including substance use disorder. Particularly, Medicaid needs to recognize peer support as a covered service benefit.

2:20 – 2:30

Breakout sessions (Each attendee will select an action team to join)

Shared accountability

All

- Education and awareness action team (Nicole Fumo)
- Fentanyl action team (Connie Kostelac, Shaun Doyne, and Steve Caballero)
- Treatment and support services action team (Amy Parry and Shari Gresk)

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 goals

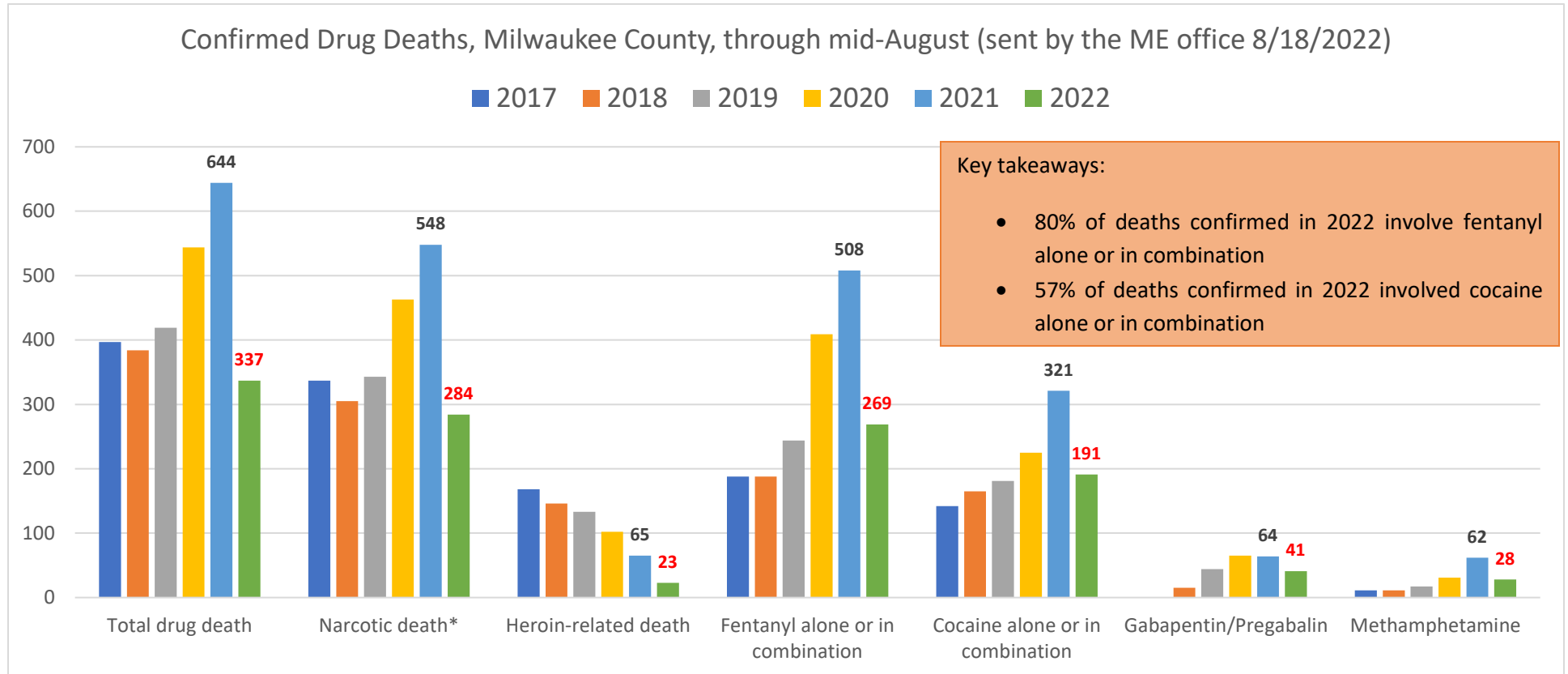
Shared understanding – develop a common understanding of overdoses in Milwaukee County and evidence-based prevention and intervention strategies

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.

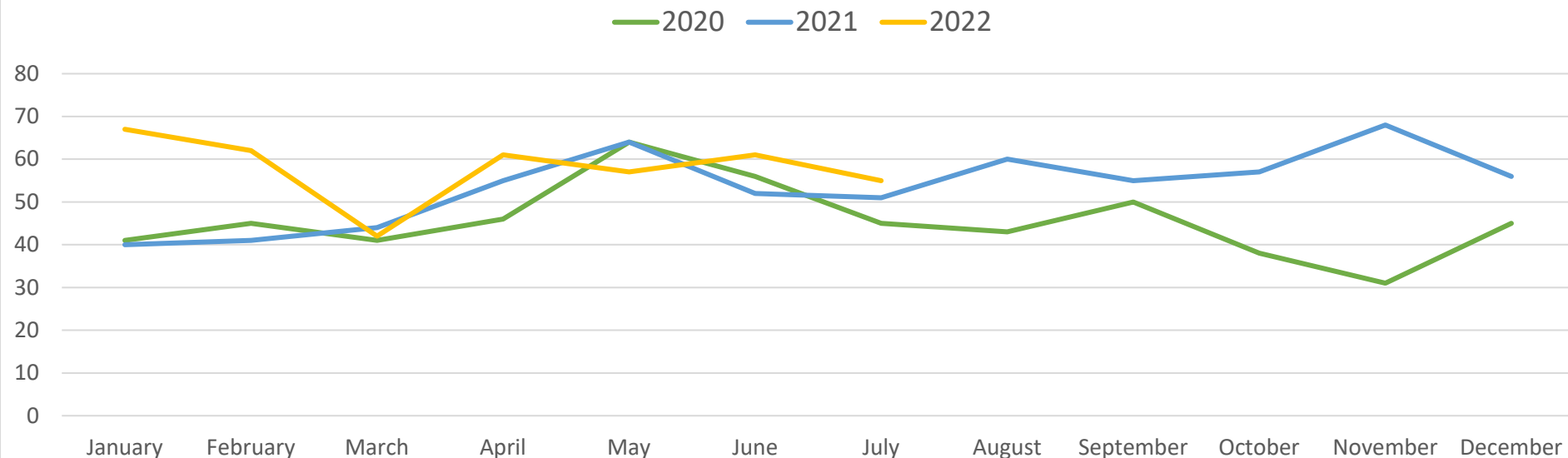
Please visit the [Milwaukee County Overdose Dashboard](#) – updated monthly.

Fatal Overdose Updates – Medical Examiner’s Office Data

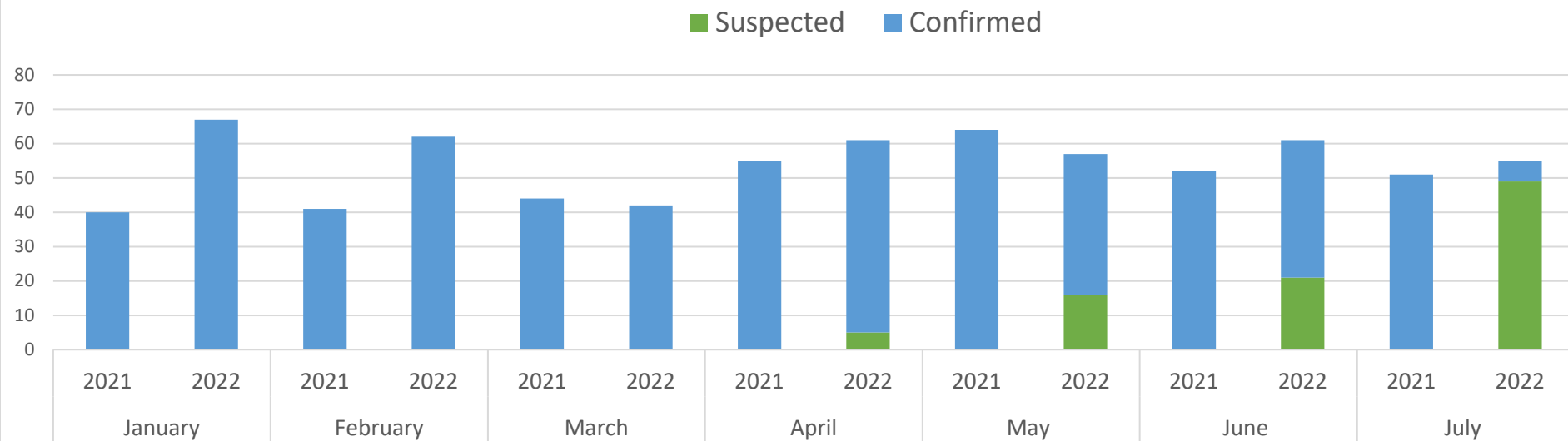


2021 (Jan. –July) (confirmed drug deaths)	2022 (Jan. – July) (confirmed + suspected drug deaths)	% change
347	(405: 314 confirmed + 91 pending toxicology)	17% increase

Projected comparison of 2022 to 2020 and 2021, confirmed plus suspected drug deaths
(as of 8/2/2022)



Comparison of confirmed 2021 drug deaths (January – July) to confirmed + suspected 2022 drug deaths (January – July) (as of 8/2/2022)



Data Strategy Team Action plan

DST Goals

1. Utilize aggregate public health and public safety data to develop and implement strategies and recommendations for changes to reduce the likelihood of future overdose incidents.
2. Collaborate with the Milwaukee Community Justice Council's Executive Team to further assess and implement recommendations.

Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats analysis primary themes

- **Data Sharing and Collaboration:** While there are some systems in place to share data across agencies, there is a need for more comprehensive data and information sharing mechanisms across the prevention continuum
- **Funding Availability and Constraints:** Recently, funding has increased to include a focus on substance use disorder and treatment, however, grant funded programs can be hard to maintain over time.
- **Stigma:** Stigma associated with substance use disorder creates barriers to implementing prevention programs and impacts individuals' comfort in accessing treatment and recovery services.
- **Access to Treatment and Support Services:** While treatment and recovery resources have become more widely available in our community, there are still many gaps in these resources for youth, older adults, and recently incarcerated individuals
- **Criminal Justice Reform and Involvement:** The criminal justice system has implemented strategies aimed at increasing support services for individuals struggling with substance use disorder, however, more needs to be done to prevent arrest and improve diversion programs.

Action team formation

To achieve the goal of implementing strategies and recommendations for changes to reduce the likelihood of future overdose incidents, the DST planning team recommends the development of overdose prevention action teams. Action teams will:

- Form to assess and implement a specific recommendation or strategy identified by the DST.
- Meet for the 30-45 minutes of each DST meeting.
- Report progress to the larger DST.
- Recommend involvement of the Milwaukee Community Justice Council's Executive Team as needed to advance policy or program change.

Recommendations identified by the DST and connection to the SWOT analysis

Action team	Recommendation	Linkage to SWOT analysis
Education and awareness action team	Develop a social media package for overdose prevention and education that may be used by community partners.	Weaknesses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is stigma in the community associated with substance use disorder and treatment. • Social determinants of health and systemic racism contribute to overdoses in our community.
Fentanyl action team	Investigate the co-occurrence of cocaine and fentanyl in overdose incidents in Milwaukee County to tailor prevention and intervention strategies.	Weaknesses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes in drug trends create challenges to preventing fatal and nonfatal overdoses, particularly those related to the increase in fentanyl and fentanyl analogs. • Need for increased data sharing and collaboration.
Treatment and support services action team	Increase public support for additional treatment locations within the city of Milwaukee.	Weaknesses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is stigma in the community associated with substance use disorder and treatment. • Social determinants of health and systemic racism contribute to overdoses in our community. Threats: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political buy-in can be difficult to achieve with multiple jurisdictions.