



## **Oakland County Opioid Settlement Steering Committee**

Meeting #2 | July 16, 2024

Meeting Summary

### **Welcome and Introductions**

Committee member introductions were made

### **Data presentation**

Data was presented to set the stage of opioid use and drug overdose in Oakland County. A broad summary of the data is included below:

- Overall trends: overdose-related deaths increased substantially between 2011-2021. Recent data indicates that fatal overdoses may be decreasing.
- Substance trends: Synthetic opioids (i.e. fentanyl) and cocaine are the most commonly involved in deaths, and more than half of deaths in 2022 involved more than one substance
- High co-occurrence of drug overdose and mental health conditions
- Demographic trends
  - Rates of overdose are higher among males and Black/African American individuals (in both Oakland County and statewide)
  - Rate of fatal overdose among Hispanic residents of Oakland County is higher than the statewide rate for Hispanic residents

The group engaged in discussion regarding the existing data that was shared.

- Older adults: Discussed the trend of increased burden of overdose-related deaths among older adults
  - Social isolation and treatment gaps (i.e. challenges accessing in-home treatment) discussed as potential contributing factors
- Route of use: There is somewhat limited existing data that suggests oral consumption/smoking as most common route in recent years
- Youth: Discussed the potential influence of media/music on youth substance use

### **Listening session results**

A summary of results from 8 in-person listening sessions was shared. Listening sessions were held throughout the community with a focus on communities with a higher burden of overdose and attended by ~154 participants, including those with lived experience.

- Top 3 overall ranked evidence-based strategies
  - Treatment for those in the justice system
  - Expansion of warm hand-off and recovery services
  - Staffing & infrastructure and expansion of harm reduction services (tied for 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Top 3 ranked evidence-based strategies among those with lived experience
  - Treatment for people in jails and prisons
  - Prevention programs
  - Increased availability of MOUD
- Other top themes that emerged from conversations and write-in information: Education, wrap-around services, provider training, culturally competent care, and removing barriers were all identified as important



**Asset mapping**

Committee members spent time beginning the process of asset mapping. This consisted of listing programs, resources, and services that address opioid use, drug overdose, and emerging drugs across categories of prevention, harm reduction, treatment, recovery support, and other services.

Next meeting: Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> 3:30-5 pm