

Oakland County Opioid Settlement Steering Committee

Meeting #9 | March 18, 2025 Meeting Summary

Opioid Prescription Data Update

The steering committee continued its discussion on opioid prescription data from the Michigan Automated Prescription System (MAPS). The committee reviewed breakdowns of opioid prescriptions by MOUD (medication for opioid use disorder) prescriptions and non-MOUD prescriptions. MOUD prescriptions in Oakland County have remained stable at around 50,000 per year, representing about 8% of all opioid prescriptions. Non-MOUD prescriptions account for the majority of opioid prescriptions and have declined approximately 37% from 2013 to 2022.

The group also examined trends in opioid prescriptions by age group. MOUD prescriptions represent a smaller share of prescriptions for individuals aged 25 or younger and 45 or older, but account for about ¼ of all prescriptions among individuals aged 25-44. Opioid prescription rates decreased across all age groups between 2018 and 2022, with the most significant decline among those aged 25 to 44 and the smallest decline among those 65 or older.

Overdose Fatality Review Update

The steering committee received updates on the Overdose Fatality Review (OFR) process, including key findings from 17 cases reviewed across 15 meetings. OFR case reviews have resulted in a total of 89 recommendations across 8 key theme areas. The committee discussed ways to leverage recommendations aligned with the prioritized strategy areas identified for opioid settlement funding.

Discussion on Potential Federal Policy Impacts

The committee discussed potential federal policy changes, including cuts to Medicaid, housing services and homelessness assistance programs, Veteran's Affairs funding, SNAP funding, and other programs that are vital to supporting individuals impacted by substance use disorders. Members of the steering committee identified potential changes of concern among their agencies and discussed possible approaches to strategically using opioid settlement funds to mitigate impacts of federal policy changes.

RFP Scoring Criteria Brainstorming

The steering committee engaged in a brainstorming session regarding criteria for the Request for Proposal (RFP) scoring process. The group generated ideas for potential approaches to tailoring RFP scorecard guidance provided by the Michigan Association of Counties to align criteria with needs identified specific to Oakland County.

Next Steps

Next steps include advancing RFP development and planning approaches for reviewing RFPs to ensure funds are effectively allocated to address identified strategies and meet local needs.

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 15th 3:30-5 pm