



Oakland County Opioid Settlement Steering Committee

Meeting #10 | April 15, 2025

Meeting Summary

Opioid Prescription Data Update

The steering committee reviewed recent local data on fatal overdoses, noting a decline in 2024 compared to the previous year, and examined demographic trends and disparities. Black individuals continue to be disproportionately affected, consistently accounting for about 25% of overdose deaths each year since 2022, despite representing only 13% of the local population.

The proportion of overdose deaths among individuals aged 50 and older has also increased, with this group making up more than half of fatalities so far in 2025. Among men overall, those in their 30s remain the most impacted age group, while among Black men specifically, those in their 60s are most affected. The median age at death has risen among males, with a particularly noticeable increase in 2024 and to date in 2025. This trend appears to be influenced by an increase in age at death among Black males. Trends in substances involved show a decrease in fentanyl-related deaths and an increase in cocaine-related deaths in 2024 cases.

MDHHS Recovery Incentives Pilot Overview

The committee reviewed an overview of the MDHHS Recovery Incentives Pilot, a new contingency management (CM) program for individuals with stimulant and/or opioid use disorders. CM uses immediate, non-drug incentives tied to drug screen results. Evidence shows that CM effectively supports substance use reduction or cessation and treatment retention. The pilot is available to eligible Medicaid and Healthy Michigan Plan members through select PIHPs, including OCHN, and includes a 24-week structured outpatient model followed by six months of recovery support.

Update on Items Proposed to the Board of Commissioners

The committee received updates on several items proposed for opioid settlement funding. All proposed initiatives, including a resource directory project, a harm reduction nurse practitioner position, a peer navigator role, and an FTIR machine for drug checking, were approved by both the Health and Safety Committee and the full Board of Commissioners. Total approved funding for these items is approximately \$389,000.

Request for Information (RFI) Development

The committee discussed developing and distributing RFIs to better understand community needs, identify service gaps, and gather input for funding approaches. This will help ensure that decisions align with local priorities and support equitable, impactful funding strategies.

Next Steps

Next steps include finalizing the development of RFIs to inform targeted funding strategies and planning their dissemination to ensure broad community engagement and input.

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 20th 3:30-5 pm