



Orange County Opioid Advisory Committee
Friday, August 9, 2024
9:00am-10:00am
BCC Chambers 201 S. Rosalind Ave. Orlando FL 32801



Welcome & Introductions: Dr. Thundiyl, MD, | Dr. Zuver, MD.

In Attendance:

Name – Organization

Josef Thundiyl - *Orlando Health*
Christian Zuver- *Medical Director Orange County EMS System*
Raul Pino - *Health Services Department*
Shane DeJarnett - *Orange County Sheriff's Office*
Tylor D Olson - *Orlando Police Department*
Jaime Bridges - *Orlando Health*
Michelle Dodson - *AdventHealth*
Heather Flanagan – *AdventHealth*
Thomas Hall – *OC Drug Free Office*
Robert Karch – *FL Dept of Health OC*
Kathleen Rusell – *City of Orlando Office of the Mayor*
Dennis Ela – *Orange County Sheriff's Office*
Maria Bledsoe – *Central Florida Cares*
Bertilus Bornelus – *OC Fire Rescue*
Morgan Aley – *AdventHealth*
Nora Alkhatib – *SAMH DCF*
Mary Beth Puckett – *New Season*
Megan Giddens – *OC Drug Free Office*
Camila Brugal – *OC Drug Free Office*
Christina Teixeira – *OC Drug Free Office*
Janet Rivera – *OC Drug Free Office*
Britanny Brown - *HIDTA*

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Name - Organization

Dahlia Scafe – *OC Drug Free Office*
Jasmatti Seearam – *OC Drug Free Office*
Denita Pimienta - *CAAIRE*

Public Comment

No public comment at this meeting

Approval of Minutes

The committee approved the minutes drafted.

Public Health and Safety Team (PHAST) & Unintentional Fatal Overdoses *(Megan Giddens, MSW, LCSW)*

- Goal is to bring community partners together to reduce overdose deaths in Orange County.
- They use CDC models to recommend who should be part of the team. Those who currently represent are: Medical Examiner's Office, Health Department, Health Services, Advent Health, Orlando health, Central Florida Cares, STEPS, Sheriff's Office, Orlando PD, Central Florida HIDA, Drug Free Office, UCF, Rollins, Project Opioid, Recovery Connections, Veterans Counsel, Aware Recovery, and YMC United. They are still looking to expand.

- Megan presented the Unintentional Fatal Overdoses by Drug type data from 2023 to 2024.
 - 490 drug overdoses in 2023 and 76 reported in Quarter 1 2024.
 - 79% (60) were opioid related deaths with poly substance fentanyl having the most significant number at 44 with a percentage of 58% of deaths in Orange County Quarter 1 2024.
 - Overall overdose deaths decreased by 24% in Quarter 1 2024 compared to Quarter 4 2023. Specifically, opioids decreased by 27% in the same period.
 - Number of deaths were lower in Quarter 1 2024 at 76 than in Q1 2023 at 129 which is a 41% decrease.
- Another year of data is needed to determine a trend in decreasing. However, this is the biggest percent drop seen.

Florida Department of Health *(Ronique Bain, MPH)*

- Ronique went over the opioid related surveillance data using FL-ESSENCE.
- ED/Urgent Care Visits opioid related in Orange County data was presented.
 - From Quarter 4 2023 to Quarter 2 2024 there was a slight decrease, but we can see an incline again in Quarter 2 2024.
 - Quarter 2 2024 data:
 - More males (60.3%) than females (39.7%).
 - Most identified as White (56.3%), following Other Race (21.7%), and Black or African American (15.9%). With the majority identifying as not Hispanic or Latino (67.8%) followed by 28.1% Hispanic or Latino.
 - The majority age group was 35-54 (133) and behind it being 20-34 (75) and 55-74(69).
 - Orlando Regional Medical Center had the highest visits at 20.3% (60).
 - Most visits consisted of Orange County residents which stands at 78%.
 - Need to show data showing increase or decrease in the statistics for the ED/Urgent Care Visits.

Orange County Fire Rescue Report *(Bertilus Bornelus, Battalion Chief of EMS)*

- Only data source used is biospatial since 2020
- Suspected overdoses on a year-to-year basis the 1st and 2nd quarter of 2024 were trending lower than in 2023.
- Suspected overdoses with naloxone over the last 3 months from April to June has increased. The 1st Quarter of 2024 we were trending lower. However, compared to the 2nd quarter 2023 we are trending lower to the 2nd quarter 2024.
- Suspected overdose by day/hour shows a constant trend for most likely to happen during the weekend.
- Milligrams of naloxone administered per patient showed that during the 1st quarter 2024 there was more Narcan administered with fewer number of patients. Over the 2nd quarter 2024 the dosage of Narcan increased.
- Naloxone administration prior to EMS is most likely to be intranasal following intramuscular. With EMS they are most likely to administer naloxone intranasal then intravenous.
- Age has stayed consistent with the largest group of females and males overdosing being 30-39.
- No significance changes from 2023 to 2024 for race/ethnicity with White (316) being the most prominent, behind Hispanic/Latino (213), following Black (159).

- Leave Behind program has shown a positive trend for Narcan being administered prior to EMS arrival.

Subcommittee Updates—Law Enforcement

Central Florida HIDTA *(Brittany Brown, PHA)*

- Brittany presented the Drug seizures in quarter 2 for all 10 HIDTA counties.
 - Cocaine has the highest at 453.5 kgs, second Meth at 284.6 kgs, third Fentanyl with 42.8 kgs, and last Heroin with 2.37 kgs which has been consistently decreasing.
- EMS responses for suspected drug overdoses in Orange County
 - 18 years and older opioid overdoses increased by a bit from quarter 1 2024 (418) to quarter 2 2024 (493).
 - Orange County had a total of 493 responses to opioid overdoses over 18 years old with Central Florida having a total of 3,218 during the 2nd quarter 2024.
 - Orange County had a total of 9 responses to opioid overdoses under 18 years old with Central Florida having a total of 9 during the 2nd quarter 2024.
- Suspected Opioid-involved Emergency Visits in Orange County
 - 18 years and older patients visits increased not by much from quarter 1 2024 (262) to quarter 2 2024 (288).
 - Orange County had a total of 288 opioid involved visits being 18 years and older and Central Florida had a total of 2,408 during the 2nd quarter 2024.
 - Orange County had a total of 7 opioid involved visits being under 18 years and Central Florida had a total of 13 during the 2nd quarter 2024.
- -11.1% Decrease in Orange County drug overdose deaths and -2.6% drug overdose fatalities in Florida saw a decrease for the first time in four years.

Orange County Sheriff's Office *(Lieutenant Shane DeJarnett)*

- Lieutenant DeJarnett presented overdose stat report.
 - Switched to new reporting system by the end of last year making the data collection show more accurate information.
 - Decrease not only in deaths but also in overdoses.
 - Some overdoses haven't been reported to law enforcement
- Narcan deployment in law enforcement hasn't been much because by the time they arrive to help, other administered naloxone before.
- Recent cases
 - 4 Kilo's of Fentanyl seized during and interdiction operation
 - Approximately 10,000 fake M30 seizure pills seized during the investigation with an estimated \$40,000 street value containing 20-30% fentanyl in it.

Orlando Police Department *(Sergeant Tylor Olson)*

- Sergeant Olson discussed their 2nd quarter updates
 - Joel Fonseca Flores found guilty on July 27th for murder by delivery of controlled substances prosecuted by a US attorney. This was their first conviction of federal court system. Will be sentenced October 7th, 2024. OPD Overdose Unite & DEA conducted joint investigation.
 - 1,500 fentanyl seizure pills taken off the street.
 - Overdose deaths have decrease from 2nd quarter 2023 (18) to 2nd quarter 2024 (11).

- Naloxone deployments have slightly increased from 2nd quarter 2023 (21) to 2nd quarter 2024 (24).
- As of July 22nd, 2024, fatal overdoses have decreased -18% from 2023 (38) to 2024 (31).
- Held an event in Home Suite Homes at 2801 E. Colonial with partners due to fatal overdoses and non-fatal overdoses. They have not been there since June 21, 2024, and have not reported any fatalities since.
- Want to hold more advocacy events in the future if any more hotspots are identified.

Subcommittee Updates— Education & Prevention & Treatment

Orlando Health (*Jaime Bridges, LCSW*)

- Jaime presented their 2nd quarter updates in Orange County.
 - Stated that the numbers for Opioid tracking patient's 2nd quarter 2024 are comparably similar to 1st quarter 2024.
 - Take home Narcan kits provided in the ED and inpatient have gone up due to the increase in clients they believe need it. Cocaine use has been seen to be more prevalent and they are making it mandatory to distribute the Narcan kits to them.
 - Expansion to DPH, Winnie Palmer, ORMC and Arnold Palmer.
 - Adding partnership with OC Drug Free Office.
 - Adding 2 peers' specialist and 2 navigators to do more focused and controlled program with the community. Aiming to start program October 1st.
 - Expanding Mat program within ED and partnership.
 - Partnership with Aspire using 2 behavioral health assessors in hospital and receiving referrals from DPA and Health Central.
 - Detox has decreased (35) but MAT has increased (68).
 - Addiction Medicine Rotation has been very successful where new residents learning how to treat patients with substance use disorders.

AdventHealth (*Michelle Dodson, LCSW*)

- Expanding to have 3 more navigators and 3 care coordinators to help with intensive case management. With that also increasing the initiation of suboxone in the emergency department.
- The behavioral health navigator consults from May to July 2024 have decreased approximately 20 but it is not very significant.
- Referring patients to various level of care with most of them are referred to Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) standing at 162, followed by Outpatient at 128.
- Housing is a big issue with patients.
- Saw 3 non-fatal overdoses non-opioid related that have unidentified tests for them which responded to Narcan.
- Many patients have been taking drugs thinking it is something else.
- Barriers such as homelessness, insurance, and transportation issues not permitting patients to maintain suboxone provoking some to go back into withdrawal.

Next Quarterly Meeting: November 15th, 2024, 1pm-2pm

Adjournment: 10:00 am

Prepared by: Camila Brugal Date: 8/15/2024

Approved by: _____ Date: _____