Discussions began in March of 2016 between State’s Attorney and Health Officer; Seeing a significant rise in both fatal and non-fatal overdoses; 44 overdoses per month in Emergency Department the months of March and April 2016; 100 overdoses in Emergency Dept in 2015; Multiple Fentanyl related deaths; Knew we could not address with prosecution alone; Needed a more comprehensive solution.
What Was the Plan?

- Community Outreach for Addictions Treatment (COAT).
- One year Pilot project aimed at reducing overdoses.
  - Budget of $125,000
- Goal was to identify individuals in need of education and outreach and provide “bridge” services from point of identification to treatment access.
How Did the Program Progress?

- Hired peer support specialists;
- Began to make visits with law enforcement to “hotspot” areas to provide education and outreach in June 2016;
- Made contact with overdose victims to attempt to link with services:
  - Receiving overdose crime data
  - Receiving overdose ED data
What are the Outcomes?

June 2016 – February 2018

- 515 individuals served
- 250 have engaged in treatment
  - Wic residents – 54% engagement
- Several hundred outreach efforts conducted
- 1990 contacts/attempts
- 34% decrease in ED overdoses for 2017

COAT Program has been designated a Promising Practice from NACCHO (National Association of City and County Health Officials).
### Additional Outcomes, 1st 9 months of 2017

Comparing 1st 9 months of 2017 to 2016.....Data from MDH 2017 Quarterly Report - 3rd Quarter

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Results include:

- ROI = $1:$6.66
- 62.68% higher rate than the nation in assisting addicts into rehab
- Recommendations
Next Steps?

- Leveraging of other funding
  - Safe Streets
  - Substance Exposed Newborns
- Continued level funding from City of Salisbury
- Expanded funding from Wicomico County
Questions?

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