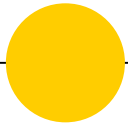


Wicomico County Response to Opioid Crisis

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What Was the Problem?

- ◉ 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.

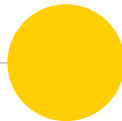


What Was the Plan?

- ◉ **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

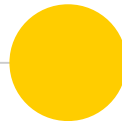


What are the Outcomes?

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

	Total Drug & Alcohol-Related Deaths	Total Opioid-Related Deaths	Total Fentanyl- Related Deaths
Wicomico County	32% Decrease	42% Decrease	39 % Decrease
Statewide Average	12% Increase	12% Increase	56% Increase



Formal Program Evaluation Conducted

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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