



**Erie County Opiate Epidemic Task Force
Erie County Fire Training Academy
Quarterly Meeting
2/1/2021
Agenda**

1. Sign on – (9:50 - 10am)
2. Welcome, housekeeping, introduction of agenda – (10 am – 10:10am)
3. Workgroup report out – 5 – 10 minutes each
 - a. Community Education and Prevention – Barb Burns (10:10 – 10:30): “Hope and Help Campaign” and the winners are:
 - b. Providers – Dr. Burstein (10:30 – 10:40)
 - c. Treatment Providers – John Grieco, Julie Gutkowski (10:40 – 10:50)
 - d. REAP – (10:50 – 11:00)
 - e. Naloxone – Cheryl Moore (11:00 – 11:10)
 - f. Hospitals and Emergency Departments – Dr. Lynch (11:10 – 11:20)
 - g. Family and Consumers – Deb Smith (11:30 – 11:40)
4. Updated funding in the community – (11:40 – 11:50)
 - a. DHHS SAMHSA award with NYSDOH over 4 years to expand naloxone training and access in the 8 WNY counties, and expand the response after overdose project utilizing a local peer response and the ODMAP notification system – Elizabeth Terranova, Project Coordinator – SUD
 - b. COAP Funding – Category 1 – Opioid Mortality Review Board – Kelly Sipolo
 - c. COAP funding – Category 3 – Probation Opioid unit
 - d. Healing Communities Study – grant from Columbia University to expand work in the city of Buffalo to decrease opioid deaths by 40% over life of the study using evidence-based interventions determined through a team approach using data. Taylor Winter, Project Coordinator – SUD
 - e. COSSAP award – increase Peers and New York MATTERS (Medication Assisted Treatment and Emergency Referrals) with local police departments in a fully virtual way.
5. Response to questions in the Chat (11:50 am – 12 noon)
6. Thank you! – next meeting:

Monday, May 3, 2021



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ERIE COUNTY OPIOID OVERDOSE DATA

HEALTH CARE PROVIDER EDUCATION AND POLICY REFORM ACTIVITIES ACTIVITIES UPDATE



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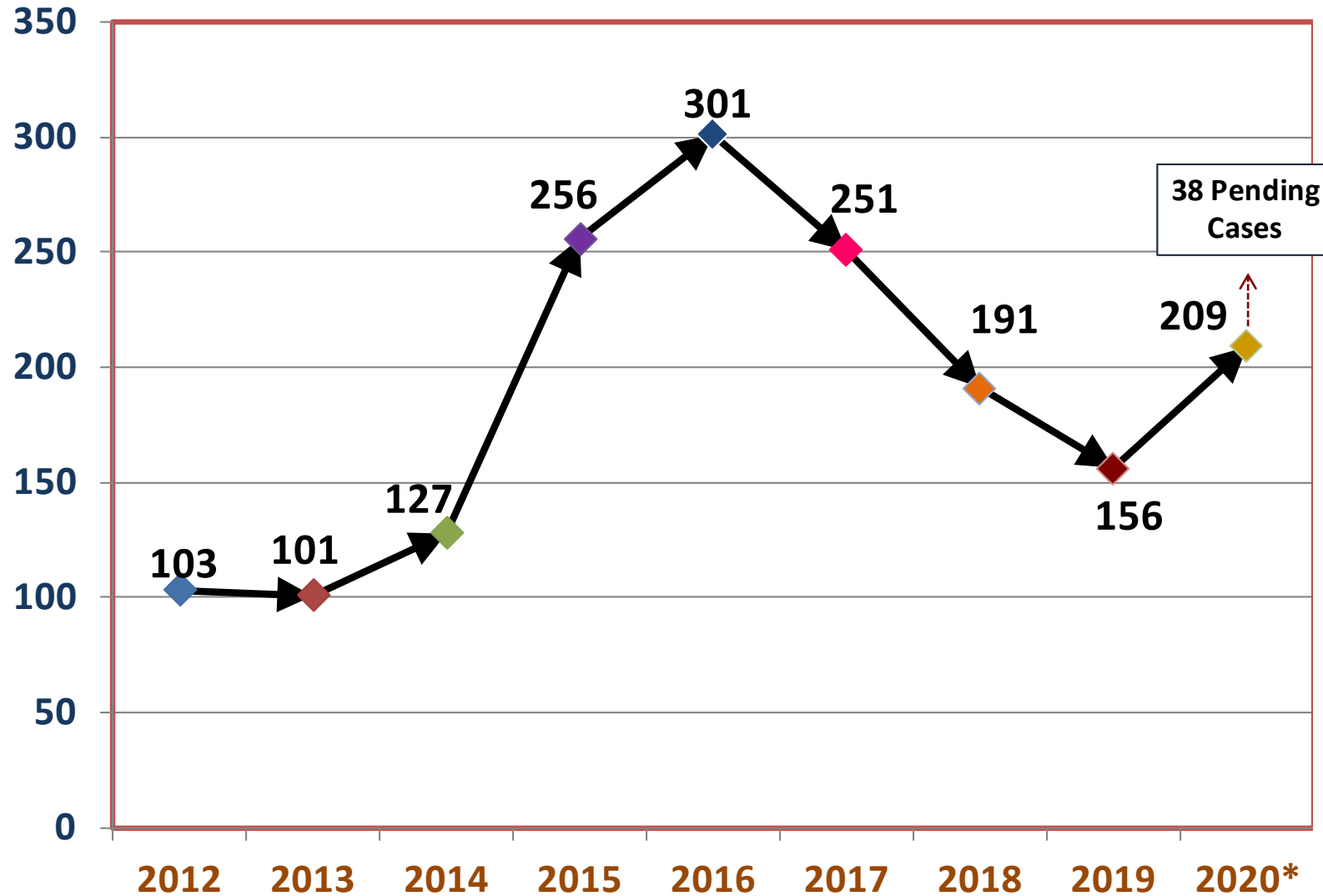
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OPIOID RELATED DEATHS ERIE COUNTY

As of 11/9/2020

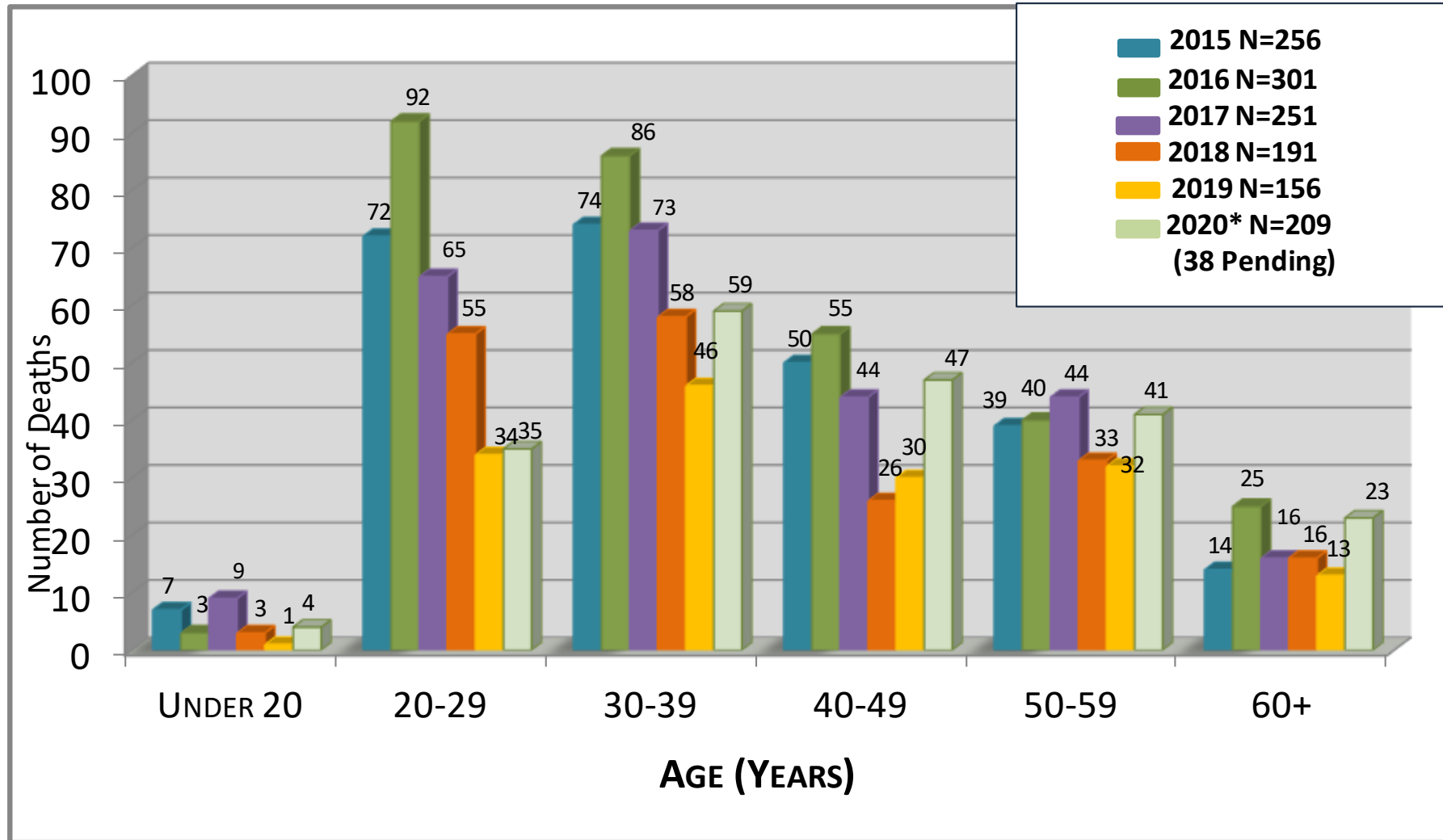
2012 – 2020* OPIOID RELATED DEATHS

ERIE COUNTY



SOURCE: ERIE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINERS OFFICE, *CLOSED CASES REPORTED THRU 1/30/2021

2015 – 2020* ERIE COUNTY OPIOID RELATED DEATHS BY AGE



- Average Age of Overdose Victim = 38.3 yrs (16yrs – 83 yrs)

Erie County Census Estimate

Erie County Opioid Overdoses

	Population % (N=919,719)	2018 Overdose % (N=191)	2019 Overdose % (N=156)	2020 Overdose % (N=209 confirmed)
Race/Ethnicity				
White	81%	79%	78% ➡	70%
Black or African American	15%	10%	10% ➡	19%
Other	5%	3%	4%	2%
Hispanic	6%	7%	8%	9%
Gender				
Female	52%	30%	27%	26%
Male	48%	70%	73%	74%
Age				
20-29	14%	29% ➡	22% ➡	17%
30-39	13%	30% ➡	29% ➡	28%
40-49	11%	14% ➡	19% ➡	22%
50-59	14%	17% ➡	21% ➡	20%
60+	25%	8% ➡	8% ➡	9%



Buffalo
28% of persons who live in
Erie County reside in the
City of Buffalo

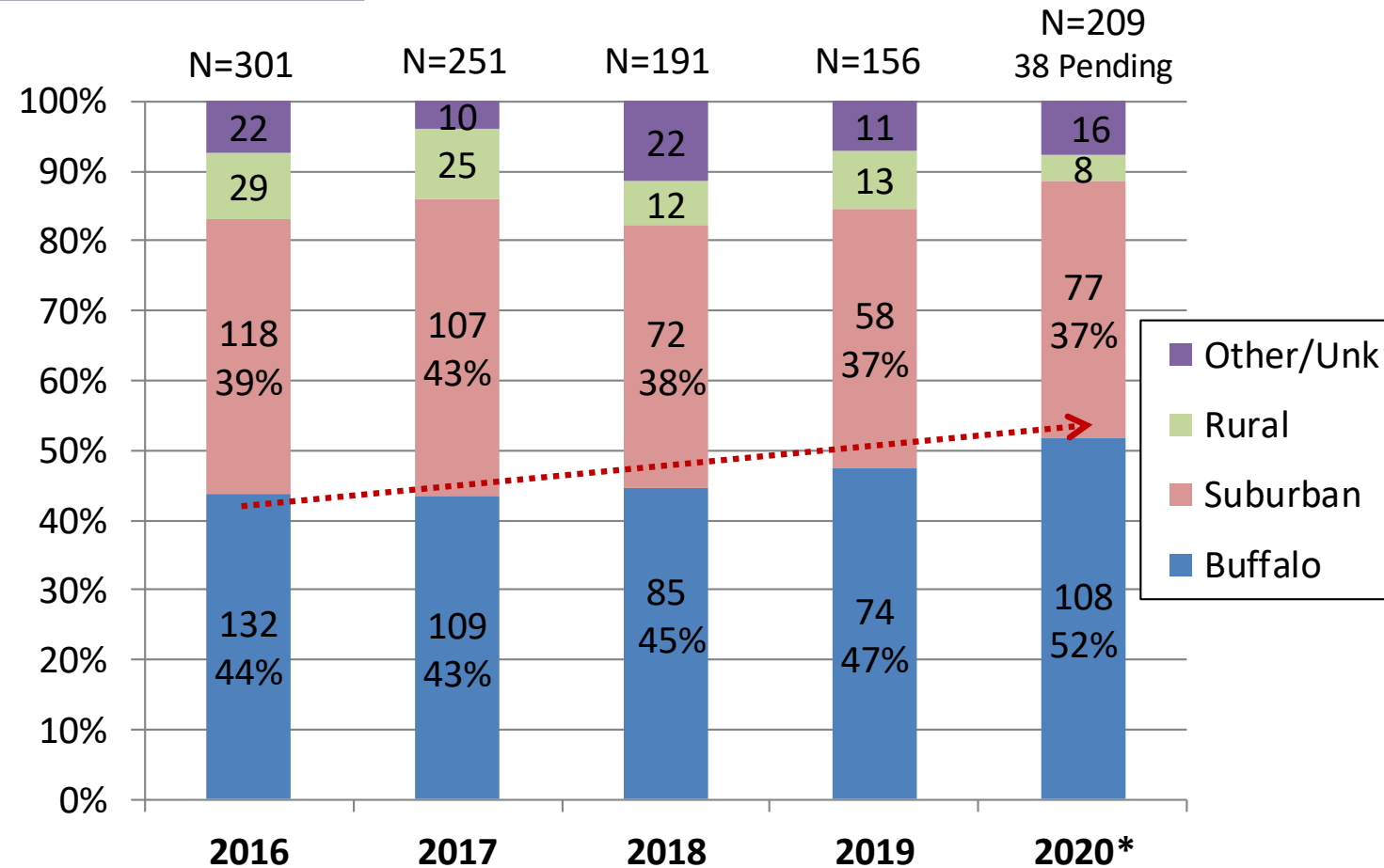
SUBURBAN TOWNS:

AMHERST
CHEEKTOWAGA
CLARENCE
GRAND ISLAND
HAMBURG
LACKAWANNA
LANCASTER
ORCHARD PARK
TONAWANDA
WEST SENECA

RURAL TOWNS:

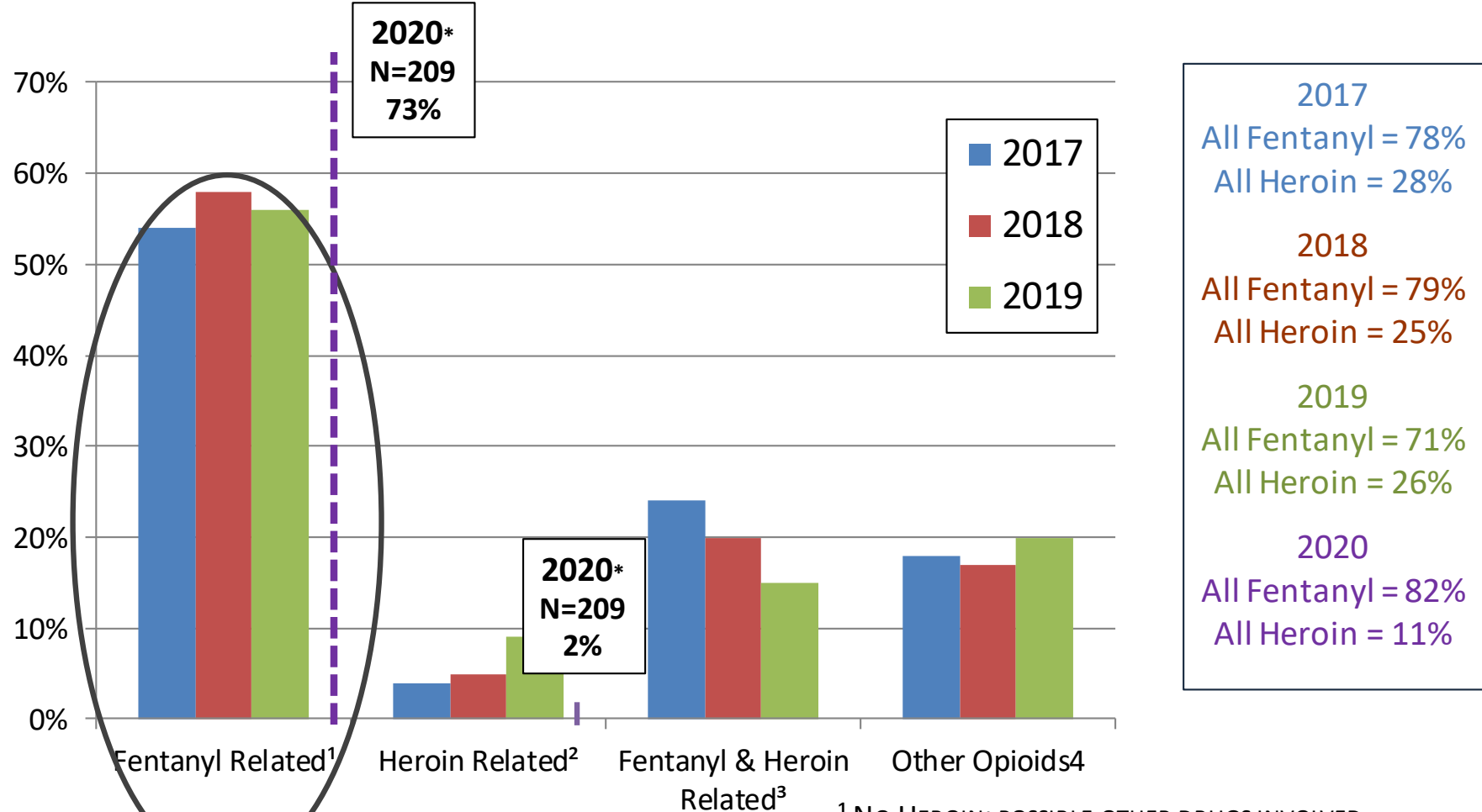
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CONCORD
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EVANS
GOWANDA
HOLLAND
MARILLA
NEWSTEAD
NORTH COLLINS
SARDINIA

2016 – 2020* PERCENT OF ERIE COUNTY OPIOID RELATED DEATHS BY RESIDENCE



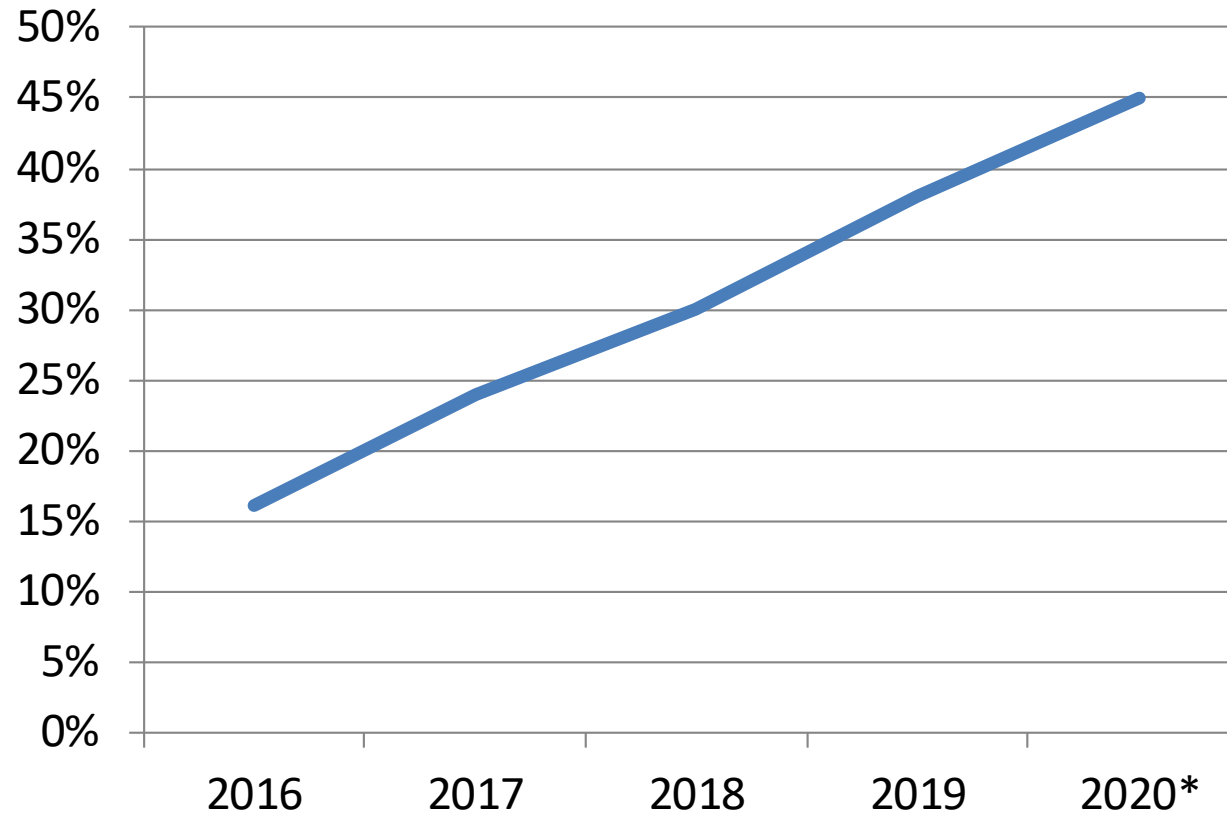
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2017 – 2020 PERCENT OF ERIE COUNTY OPIOID RELATED DEATHS BY TYPE OF OPIOID



¹ NO HEROIN; POSSIBLE OTHER DRUGS INVOLVED
² NO FENTANYL; POSSIBLE OTHER DRUGS INVOLVED
³ POSSIBLE OTHER DRUGS INVOLVED
⁴ NO FENTANYL OR HEROIN; POSSIBLE OTHER DRUGS INVOLVED

2016 – 2020* PERCENT OF ERIE COUNTY OPIOID RELATED DEATHS ASSOCIATED WITH FENTANYL¹ AND COCAINE



50% (105/209) of all confirmed 2020 opioid related deaths involved cocaine

SOURCE: ERIE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINERS OFFICE

*CLOSED CASES REPORTED THRU 1/30/2021

¹Includes all Fentanyl related deaths.

Primary Care Champions Project

- UB|MD Family Medicine (Dr. Tilda Doscher) leading 5 year HRSA grant dedicated to training primary care practitioners to incorporate OUD treatment into their practices:
 - Working with Horizon and Endeavor as Hubs to connect to Spoke physicians.
- 2nd provider cohort from the following practices:
 - Buffalo Medical Group
 - Community Health Center of Buffalo
 - Hertel-Elmwood Internal Medicine
 - Highgate Medical Group
 - North Tonawanda Primary Care
 - Southwestern Medical Associates
 - UBMD Pediatrics
 - Williamsville Wellness Center

New Rapid MAT Access Option

- Endeavor providing Rapid Access MAT to clients who contact Save The Michaels (STM)
- Person calls STM
- Contact Rebekka Lipp at Endeavor
- Dr. Doscher connects with person for phone consult
- Buprenorphine Rx sent to pharmacy for adequate supply until their first provider MAT appointment.



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Comments and Questions



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Treatment Workgroup



Acting Co-Chair:
John Grieco, MS CRC
Assistant Commissioner
Erie County Dept of Mental Health

Co-Chair:
Julie Gutowski, LMHC
Senior VP of Admin Ops & Business Development
Spectrum Health & Human services



Treatment Provider Workgroup

- ☐ The work group continues to meet monthly with representation of treatment and prevention providers, family members, peers, hospitals, treatment court representation, managed care representation, Erie County staff as well as representation from NYS OASAS.
- ☐ Meetings are generally monthly; face to face and/or conference calls.
- ☐ After a community survey and workgroup discussion, we've recently establish the workgroup's priorities for the next 12-18 months.



**Medication Assisted Treatment
in Erie County
Standard of care for OUD**

- **Methadone**
 - **Waitlist information:**
 - November 2017: 228
 - January 27, 2020: 127
 - April 28, 2020: ~ 220
 - July 29, 2020: 114
 - October 29, 2020: 124
 - January 26-28, 2021: ~101
 - **Census Trends:**
 - January 2016: 1272
 - January 2018: 1834
 - April 28, 2020: 2544
 - July 29, 2020: 2378
 - October 29, 2020: 2397
 - January 26-28, 2021: 2426



ERIE COUNTY ADDICTION HOTLINE
831-7007

Operated by Crisis Services 24/7

- Provides information, referral, linkage to treatment and support.
- Education on MATs & Motivational Interviewing is woven into phone counselor script to facilitate referrals for callers.
- Raw call volume since implementation 8/2016: 7722
- Raw call volume 2019: 1347
- Raw call Volume thru 2020 end: 898



Treatment Workgroup: 4 Priority Committees

Adults

- Increase access to SUD Housing
- Increase access to MAT in Community with focus on primary care

Youth & Adolescents

- Improve access o Psychiatric Medication/Co-occurring treatment
- Improve/enhance family supports/education



Committee Updates:

- **Family Education/Support:**

- **Facilitator: Julie Gutowski, gutowskij@shswny.org**

- Committee is working on making [information](#) about recovery, behavioral health issues including Mental health, Substance use Disorders and Co Occurring disorders [more readily available to family and natural supports](#).
 - [Creating an info graph](#), ideally limited to one page, to provide to families when their loved ones are in treatment or in potentially need of treatment.
 - Committee will be [exploring different ways to distribute](#) the information for families and natural supports such as Facebook Group, Instagram, YouTube, the Community of Caring (Spectrum Human Services), etc.

2020 Has Seen a Sharp Increase in Number of Opioid Related Deaths

Almost 20% of adults in the US have a mental health condition

If you don't know where to begin getting addiction and/or mental health help
for yourself or someone you know, we can help.

Things to Know About Addiction and Mental Health Conditions:

- **THERE IS HOPE.** Individuals recover from addiction and mental health conditions every day. An individual can take concrete steps to put the symptoms into remission.
- Addiction and mental health conditions are both diseases, not a moral failing or personality defect. Both are lifelong, chronic diseases of the brain.
- There are treatment options available. Just as each person is unique, there are many different options available to treat addiction and mental health conditions.
- There is support for family and friends of someone who has an addiction or mental health condition.
- Get trained and carry Narcan (a nasal spray which temporarily reverses an opioid overdose). This has saved thousands of lives and is available at local drug stores without a prescription. More information can be found by searching Narcan on YouTube or texting **Erie County Department of Health at** to get Narcan mailed to you.
- If you or your loved one, isn't ready to address the addiction, harm reduction is a way to try and minimize the negative consequences of use.

Services that Offer Help for Addiction and Mental Health Conditions in Erie County

- **Addiction Hotline**
- **Addict to Addict**
- **Alcoholics Anonymous** 716.853.0388 <http://www.buffaloaaany.org/> Self Help
- **Crisis Services** 716.
- **Family to Family**
- **Narcotics Anonymous** 585.235.7889 x 810 <https://rochesterny-na.org/> Self Help
- **Save the Michaels** 716.984.8375 <https://savethemichaels.org/> Support for individuals and families and assistance to enter inpatient treatment including transportation

With help comes hope.





Committee Updates:

- **Improve access to Psychiatric Medication/Co-occurring treatment for youth**
 - **Facilitator: Jodie Altman, Jodie Altman jaltman@rasitx.org**
 - It was identified that there was an uncertainty amongst providers as to who are active prescribers for the adolescent population
 - This workgroup was developed to [identify adolescent prescribers in the County and provide a reference document](#) to the community
 - [Practitioners were identified and the clinics](#) in which they prescribe
 - Addresses, phone numbers and accepted insurances are listed by provider
 - Although the list will be fluid and still in process of development the committee is closing in on a final draft. [Adding some providers, verifying locations, contact information, and accepted insurances](#)
 - [Spreadsheet will be disseminated](#) to providers for reference with the understanding of the fluidity of the list

Practice (if multi. practitioners in practice, pls repeat practice name)	Phone Confirmation	Practitioner (use new line for each practitioner)	License(s)	Street Address	City	Zip
Gateway Outpatient Clinic		Lisa Rivera	FNP	219 Bryant St. Tanner 9	Buffalo`	14222
Children's Psychiatry		Beth Smith	MD	1028 Main St.	Buffalo	14202
Spectrum Health and Human Services		Jennifer Haak	MD	650 Ridge Road	Buffalo	14218
Children's Psychiatry		Sourav Sengupta	MD, MPH	3950 E. Robinson Road Suite 205	West Amherst	14228
Endeavor		Jennifer Scarozza	MD Psychiatrist	5360 Genesee St. Ste. 200	Bowmansville	14026

Phone	Website	Accepting new pt?	Ins. accepted?	If yes, which insurance(s) accepted	Special Notes
716-878-1665					

716-859-5454		yes	yes	Better Health, BCBS, Community Blue (HMO), Community Blue Advantage, Fidelis, Independent Health Assoc, Independent Health Medisource, Medicaid, Medicare, Nova, NYS Medicaid, United, Univera	Patients by referral only
716-828-9655					
716-691-3400		yes	yes	BCBS, CIGNA, Fidelis, Independent Health Assoc, Independent Health Medisource, Magnacare, Medicaid, Medicare, Nova, United, Univera	Patients by referral only
716-681-5077			yes	Highmark Community Blue, Fidelis Care NY, Empire PrismEPO Blue, Healthnow-NYSOH, BCBS Blue Card	Will accept on case by case basis, if feel needs higher level of care, will refer out



Committee Updates:

- **Improve access to Medication Assisted Treatment in the Community**
 - **Facilitator: Jennifer Seib, JSeib@bestselfwny.org**
 - Committee has spoken to some primary care physicians who will be looking to join the committee's next meeting, so that is an exciting step.
 - [Dr. Tilabeth Doscher](#) working with Endeavor to provide low-threshold access to people who are seeking Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD). These individuals are currently being referred through Save The Michaels.
 - After presenting at the August 19th [WNY Regional Planning Consortium](#), Dr. Doscher is continuing her work with the WNY RPC Managed Care Group to incorporate viewpoints of providers into what creates barriers to their providing treatment to individuals with SUD.



Committee Updates:

- **Increase access to SUD Housing**
 - **Facilitator: John Grieco, john.grieco@erie.gov**
 - Continue to meet every 6-8 weeks via conference call. Next WebEx March 29th at 1:00.
 - Developed a [google form](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1WDI6H-aP59k_XkIP9U8WqjhJbFP494_JLHJsKDi1dco/edit?usp=sharing) current housing. https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1WDI6H-aP59k_XkIP9U8WqjhJbFP494_JLHJsKDi1dco/edit?usp=sharing
 - SUD Housing Workshop via WebEx was held November 19th 2-3p. Christine Slocum Christine.Slocum@erie.gov , 716-858-8539
 - Committed to [modifying the Adult Single Point of Accountability/Access algorithm](#) that calculates a risk score for housing referrals. Will ensure it captures SUD events such as overdoes, detox, and inpatient admissions
 - [Early stages of exploring various SUD housing projects.](#) While in the initial review stages, Living Opportunities of DePaul and Saving Grace Ministries are exploring a potential project. There remains an encouraging level of interest, involvement, and enthusiasm to collaborate to meet this need.
 - While not the result of this Committee's facilitation, other affordable housing projects have also been developed,

Provider	Program Name	Where?	Number of Beds	Eligibility Criteria?
Best Self Behavioral Health	MRT Permanent Supportive Housing	Scattered Site	20	SUD dx, high medicaid user, homeless or at risk of homelessnes
Cazenovia Recovery System	Housing Programs	Scattered Site	32	SUD dx, high medicaid user, homeless or at risk of homelessnes
Cazenovia Recovery System	Upstate PSH	Scattered Site	14	adults

Men?	Women?	Other genders?	Target Population	Intended length of stay	Exclusionary Criteria	Children OK?	Notes
X	X	X	high medicaid users	PSH			OASAS funded case management
X	X	X	Homeless	PSH	No firestarters	Yes	894-7298
X	X	X	Adults with SUD	PSH	No firestarters	Yes	OASAS



Committee Updates:

- **Increase access to SUD Housing, cont.:**
- **BestSelf Behavioral Health's (BBH) and Matt Urban Center HOPE HOUSE:**

Hope House (formerly PS57) is Matt Urban and BestSelf Behavioral Health's 27 unit apartment complex located at 243 Sears street, Buffalo and is funded by the ESSHI project. 17 of the 27 units must meet MRT eligibility criteria.

Criteria

A primary diagnosis of a Substance Use Disorder;
Active Medicaid or eligible for Medicaid and to be enrolled;
A history of two inpatient hospitalizations, or five emergency room visits; within the past 12 months; or one inpatient and three ER visits;
Enrolled in or eligible to enroll in a Health Home;
Single adult living alone; and
A history of or currently at risk for homelessness

Units

13 studios

10 one-bedrooms

4 two-bedrooms (these are family units and referrals are received from the Light House)



Committee Updates:

- **Increase access to SUD Housing, cont.:**
 - **BBH Rapid Rehousing Program:**
 - Rapid Rehousing funded through the City of Buffalo with ESG funding.
 - A two-year program utilizing Federal COVID-19 funds to aid displaced individuals and families affected by the pandemic to locate suitable and affordable housing within a 30 day time period. [This program assists with time limited housing relocation and stabilization services.](#) Referrals are received through the Homeless Alliance of Western New York HMIS coordinated entry process and are prioritized based on risk factors. [BBH can assist up to 50 individuals or families per year.](#)



Committee Updates:

- **Increase access to SUD Housing, cont.:**
 - **Spectrum Human Services** Covid-19 Rapid Rehousing Beds:
 - City of Buffalo Covid-19 RRH – Participants would need to be housed in the City of Buffalo = 45~ beds
 - Erie County Covid-19 RRH – Participants can be housed anywhere in Erie County = 37~ beds
 - Both programs are *considered permanent housing* – participants are *assigned a housing worker* who will meet with the client at least once a month to work on a goal (goals can be maintain housing/secured benefits/or obtain employment) . *Rental Assistance can be provided up to 24 months*
 - **Eligibility Criteria:**
 - Low barrier/Housing first model approach
 - Participants must meet the **HUD definition of Category 1 homelessness**: meaning literally homeless, is defined as an individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, or adequate nighttime residence.



Committee Updates:

- **Increase access to SUD Housing, cont.:**
- **Eligibility Criteria:**
 - Spectrum **will not screen out** or exclude participants based on any of the following:
 - Failure to participate in supportive services or make progress on a service plan
 - Having too little or no income
 - Refusal to participate in drug tests
 - Active or history of substance abuse
 - Experience of domestic violence (e.g. lack of a protective order, period of separation, etc.)
 - Credit or eviction history
 - Failure to participate in a probation or parole program
- **How to refer clients to Spectrum's Covid-19 Rapid Rehousing**
 - Referrals are ONLY through WNY Coordinated Entry– Jacob Hoffman is the Coordinated Entry Lead for this Continuum of Care (CoC)– 716-208-3748;
 - Or go to Harbor House Resource Center– 7am-3pm 716-832-2141 x105 to be assessed and be inputted into the By-Name Priority pool



Committee Updates:

- **Increase access to SUD Housing, cont.:**
 - **Cazenovia Recovery Systems: Garden Lofts**
 - Offering permanent housing with 23 studio apartments
 - 2211 Main Street
 - Adults recovering from SUD who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless
 - Completed their SUD treatment



Next meeting:
2/22, 10:30-12
via WebEx

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your support
& dedication



Gathering Overdose Data



 **Presented by:**
NY/NJ HIDTA DIO
NY/NJ HIDTA Analyst

Mission Statement



NY/NJ HIDTA Mission Statement

The mission of the NY/NJ HIDTA is to reduce drug trafficking and its harmful consequences, particularly drug related crime, by building innovative and effective partnerships with law enforcement agencies operating in the New York/New Jersey region. HIDTA-funded initiatives aim to facilitate timely and accurate sharing of criminal drug intelligence among these agencies, enabling them to more effectively target regional and international drug trafficking and money laundering organizations, drug gangs, drug fugitives, and other serious crimes with a drug nexus. **In addition, the NY/NJ HIDTA is partnering with public health agencies and law enforcement agencies in the region to better evaluate trends in illicit drug use and develop more targeted outreach and prevention campaigns.**

National HIDTA Mission

The mission of the National HIDTA Program is to disrupt the market for illegal drugs in the United States by assisting federal, state and local law enforcement entities participating in the HIDTA program to dismantle and disrupt drug trafficking organizations, with particular emphasis on drug trafficking regions that have harmful effects on other parts of the United States.



Gathering Data

ODMAP

ODMAP combines street-level data with tools from Esri (digital mapping company). Assists public health officials, police departments, and first responders track and respond to overdoses.

- Multiple jurisdictions
- Ability to set parameters
- Filter by week, month, quarter, etc.
- Filter by Narcan, fatalities, zip code, etc.



Gathering Data

Data warehouse

Gather data is used to create reports.

- Gather information
- Analyze the information
- Identify trends
- ODMAP



Conclusion

Information

- One point of contact
- Everyone on the same page
- Point out any specific leads
- Visual trends and hotspots
- Graphs and tables of incidents
- Gathering of information to compare over time
- Safety information, informational flyers

Opiate Epidemic Task Force: Naloxone Workgroup

Erie County Health Department

February 1, 2021



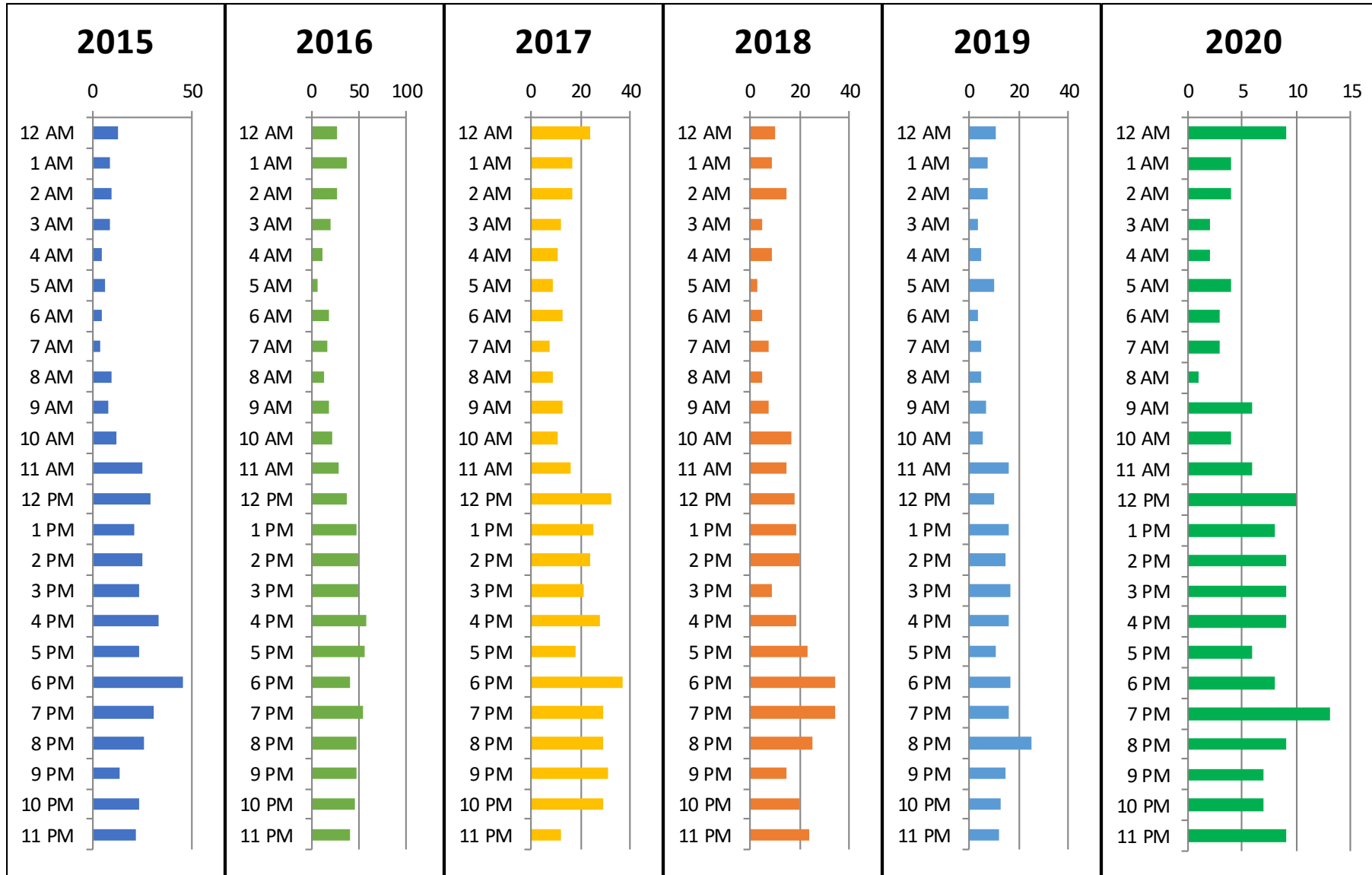
Narcan Trainings and deployment this quarter (10.1.2020 – 12.31.2020)

- Continued naloxone trainings and medication deployment conducted by the department, many are virtual or on the spot:
 - Law enforcement – 220
 - Fire fighters – 204
 - EMS/Healthcare Providers - 111
 - Community outreach – Opioid grant staff – 391
 - Mailing – 531 kits
 - Replacements for expired and virtual trainings for community and professionals – 187 kits

What's happening with naloxone/Narcan usage in WNY

- The following slides were created from the “opiate overdose reversal forms” that we collect from first responders
- This has helped us understand the community affected
 - Each new batch of forms improves our data; so keep turning in those forms!

Reported ODs by Time of Day



COVID 19 Response

Narcan Outreach

- New outreach responses due to isolation, disconnection from public interactions

Narcan Usage



Buffalo Police Department

657

Total Recorded Opioid Reports

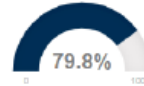


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Total New Opioid Reports From December 2020:



Since 2019, **79.8%** of reported overdose victims **survived** after rescue.



2 Narcan vial(s)

were needed to revive victims on average.

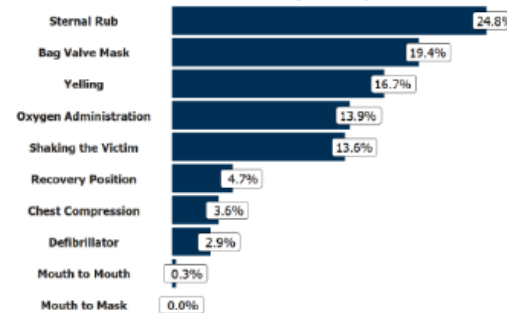


More than 5 minutes

The average time to revive a victim with Narcan.



Reported Rescue Actions Performed by Officers (n=617)





Amherst Police Department

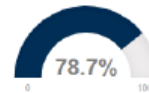
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Total Recorded Opioid Reports

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Total New Opioid Reports From December 2020:

Since 2019, **78.7%** of reported overdose victims **survived** after rescue.



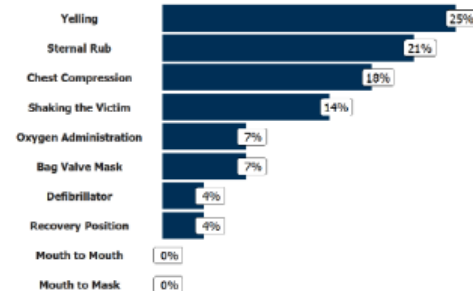
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were needed to revive victims on average.

Could not be calculated

The average time to revive a victim with Narcan.

Reported Rescue Actions Performed by Officers (n=28)





Cheektowaga Police Department

131

Total Recorded Opioid Reports



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Total New Opioid Reports From December 2020:



Since 2019, 87.7% of reported overdose victims **survived** after rescue.



2 Narcan vial(s)

were needed to revive victims on average.

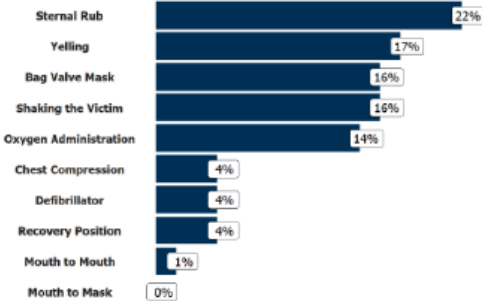


More than 5 minutes

is the average time to revive a victim with Narcan.



Reported Rescue Actions
Performed by Officers
(n=69)

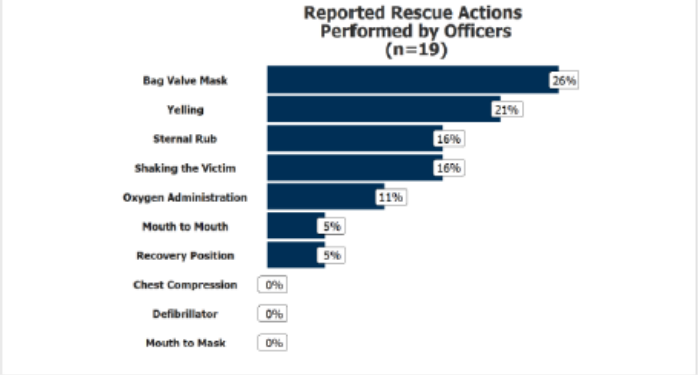
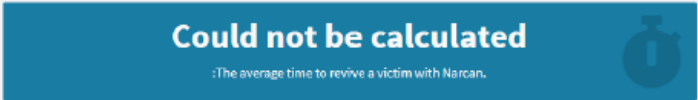
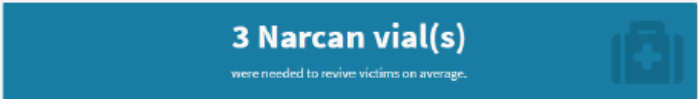




Evans Police Department



Since 2019, **92.9%** of reported overdose victims **survived** after rescue.



Erie County Overdose Summary

ODMAP Data Range: 01/01/2020 - 12/29/2020
Naloxone FR Data Range: 01/01/2019 - 12/25/2020



Lackawanna Police Department

51

Total Recorded Opioid Reports

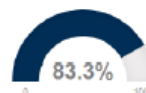


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Total New Opioid Reports From December 2020:



Since 2019, 83.3% of reported overdose victims **survived** after rescue.



1 Narcan vial(s)

were needed to revive victims on average.

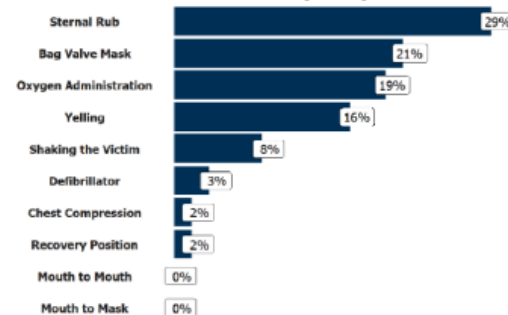


More than 5 minutes

The average time to revive a victim with Narcan.



Reported Rescue Actions Performed by Officers (n=62)



Erie County Overdose Summary

ODMAP Data Range: 01/01/2020 - 12/29/2020
Naloxone FR Data Range: 01/01/2019 - 12/25/2020



West Seneca Police Department

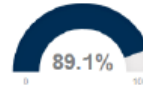
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Total Recorded Opioid Reports

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Total New Opioid Reports From December 2020:

Since 2019, **89.1%** of reported overdose victims **survived** after rescue.



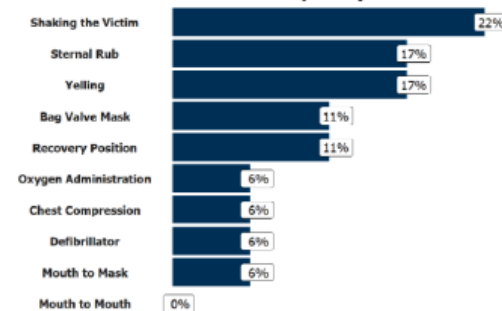
2 Narcan vial(s)

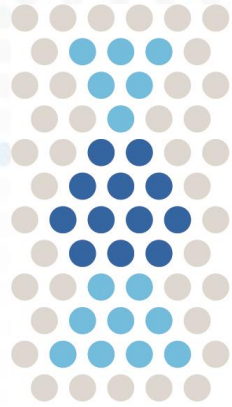
were needed to revive victims on average.

Could not be calculated

The average time to revive a victim with Narcan.

Reported Rescue Actions Performed by Officers (n=18)





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Medication Assisted Treatment & Emergency Referrals

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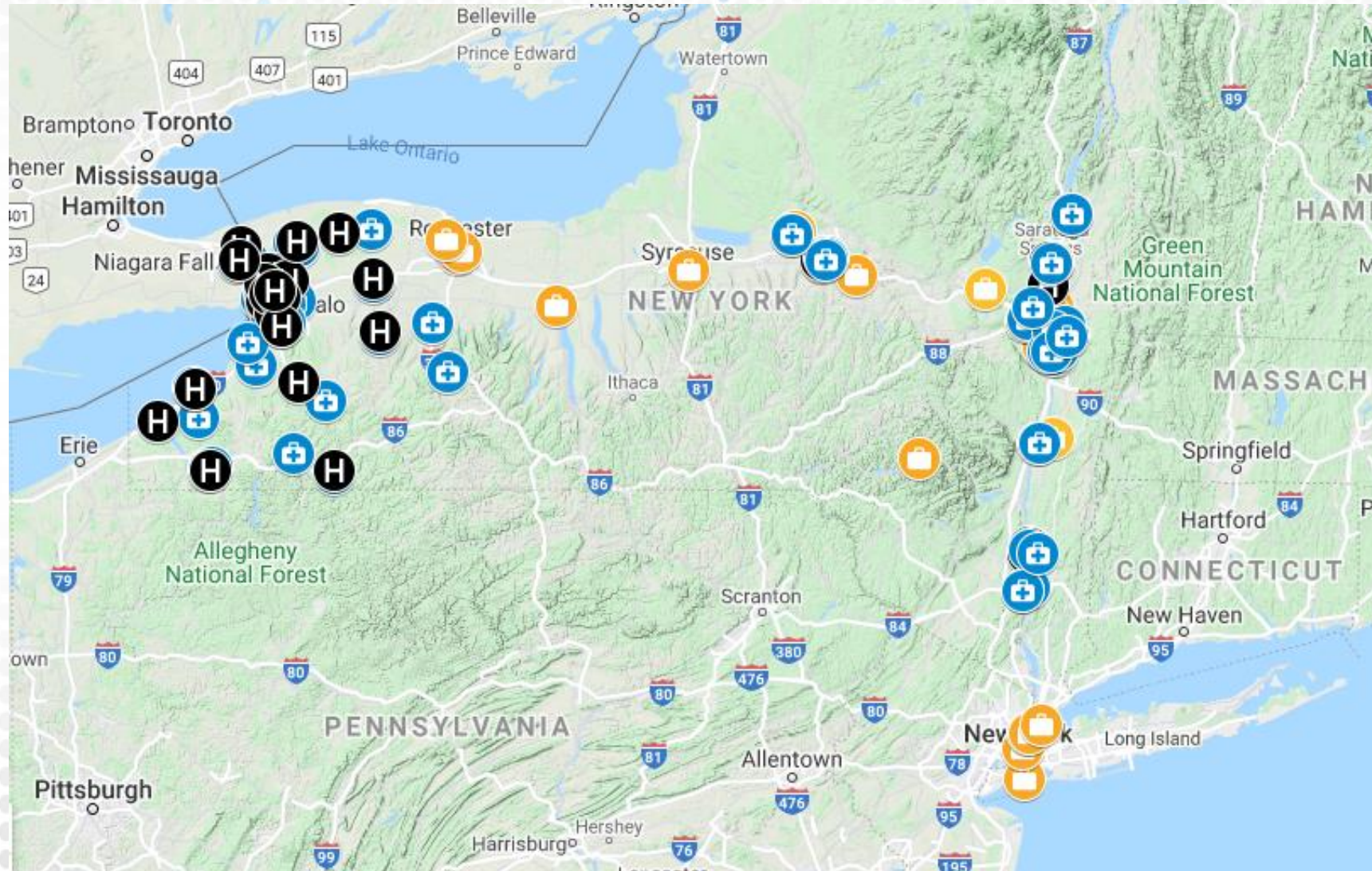


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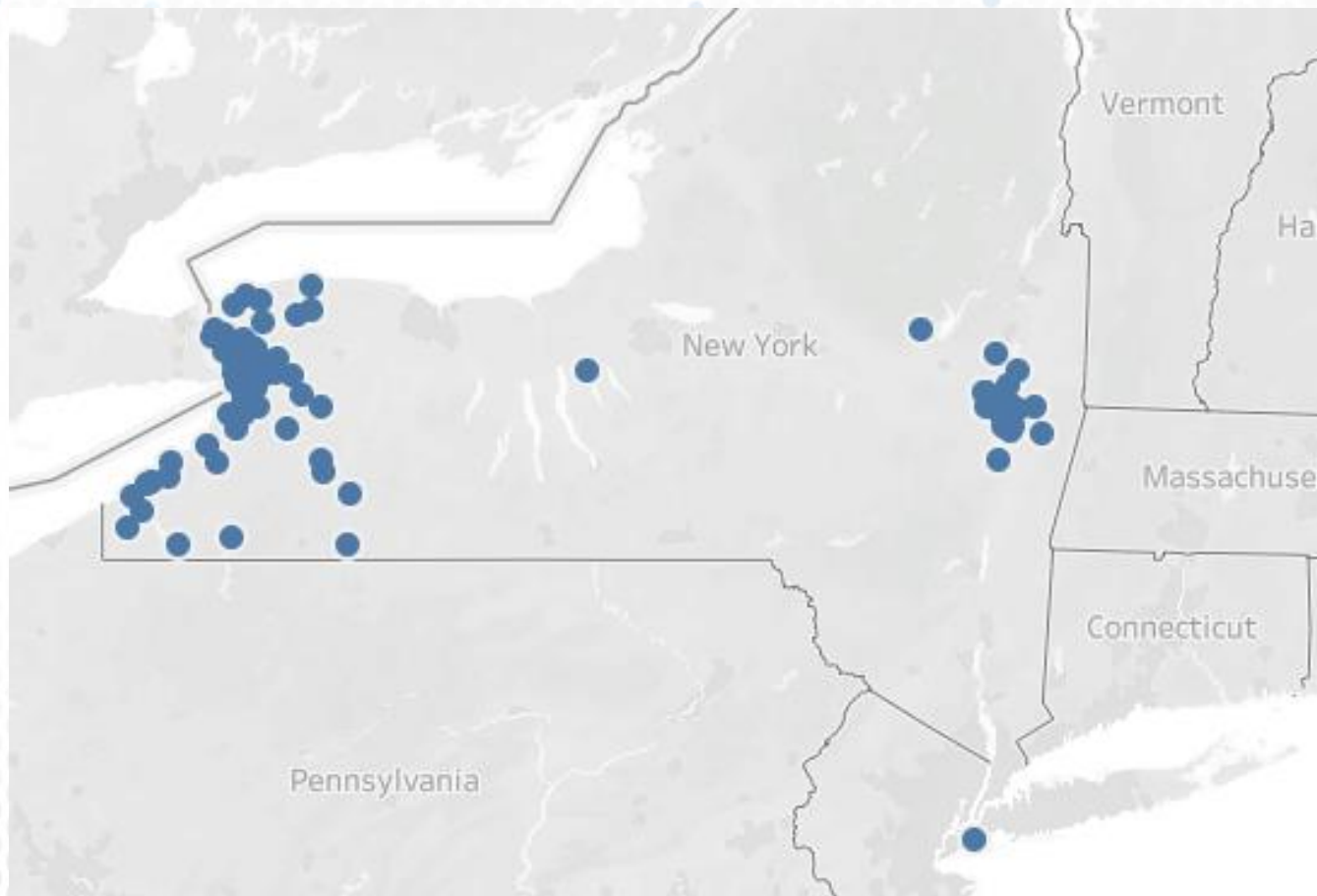
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<https://mattersnetwork.org/>

Expansion Across New York State



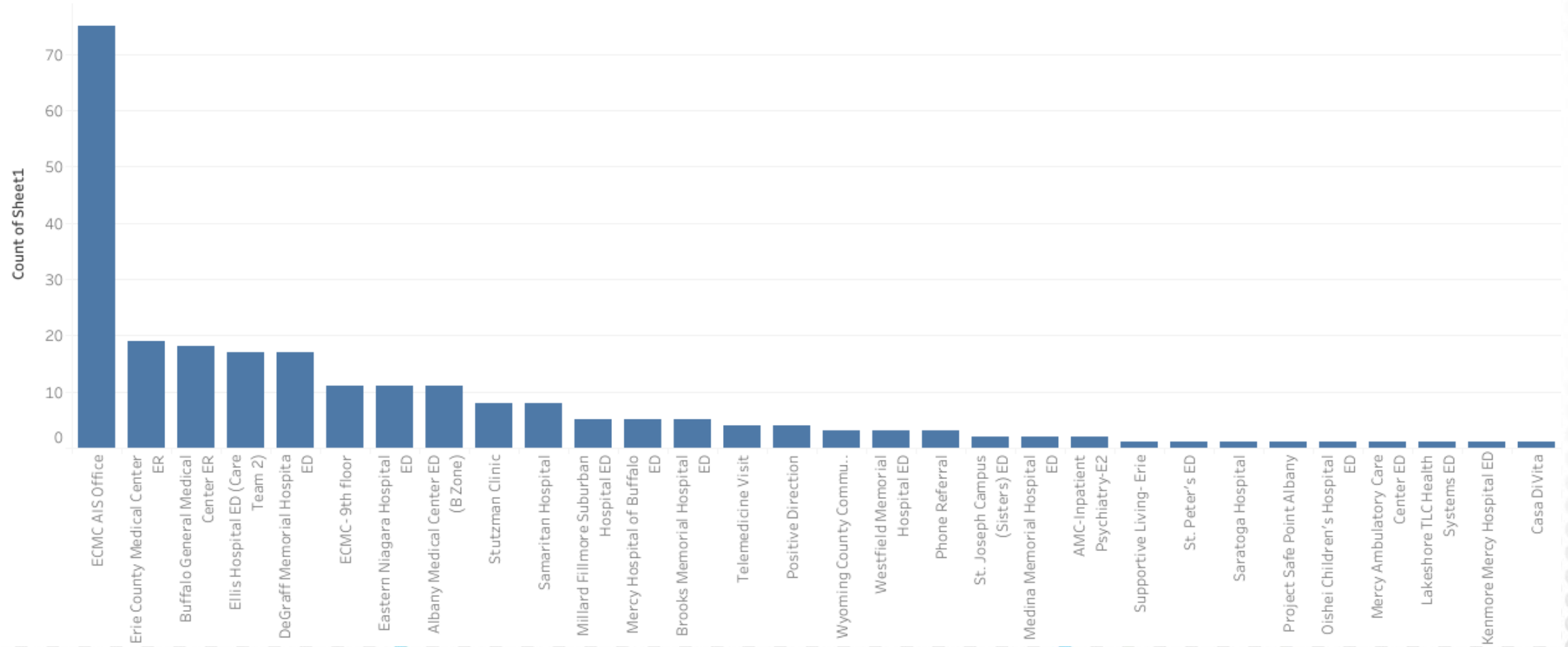
Patient Zip Code



*July 2019- Dec 2020

Referring Hospitals

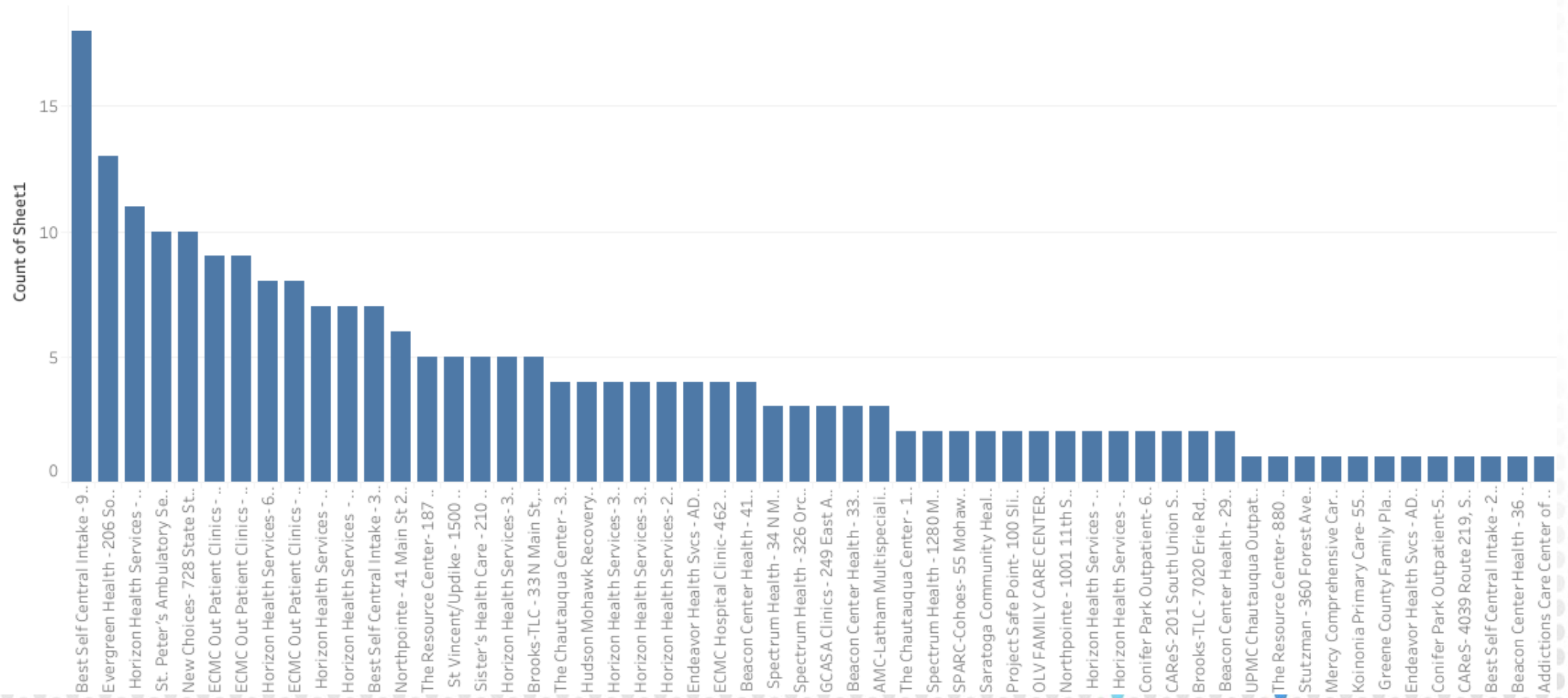
Referrals Made at the ED Departments



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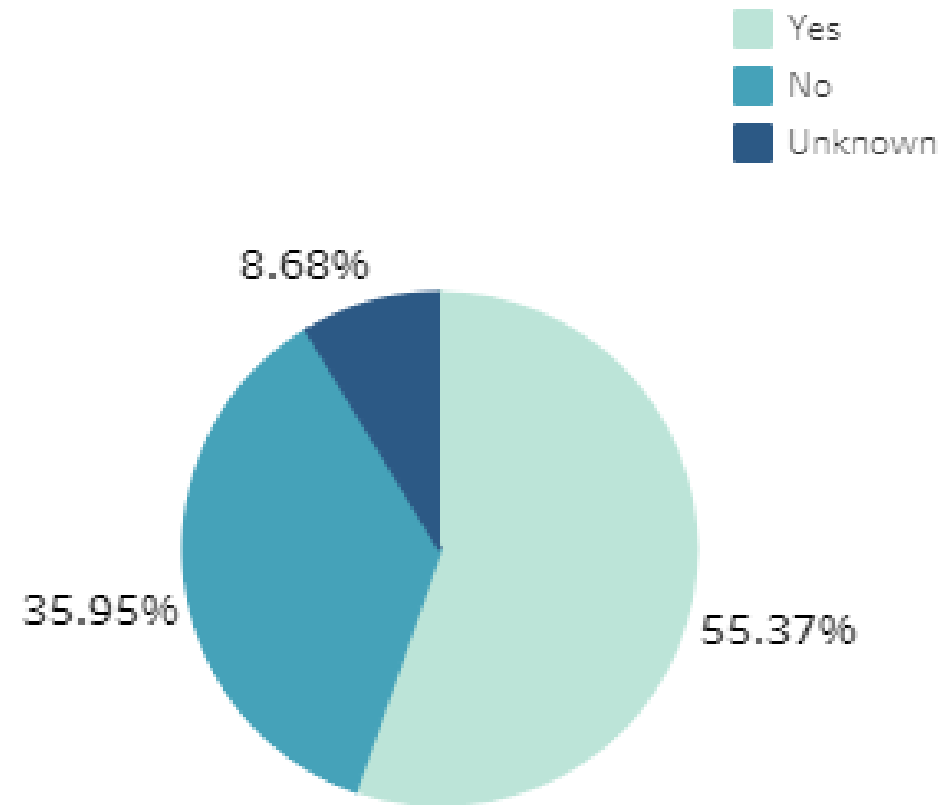
Receiving Clinics

Referrals Made to Clinics



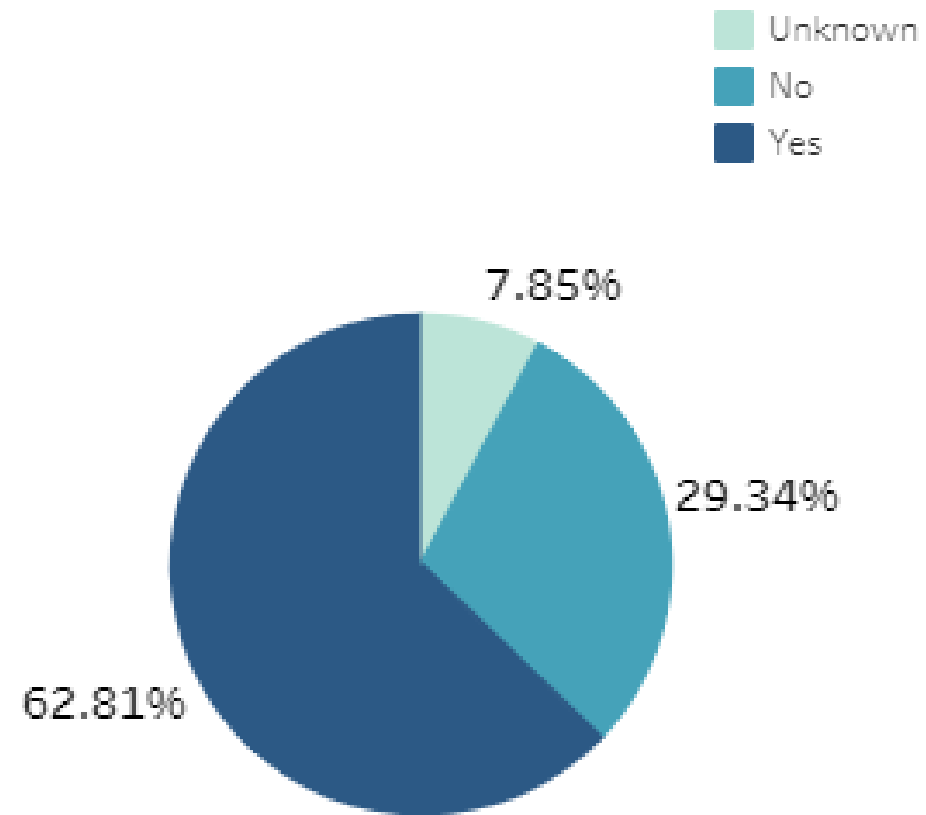
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Was buprenorphine given to patient prior to discharge?



*July 2019- Dec 2020

Was an outpatient script for buprenorphine given?



*July 2019- Dec 2020

Leave Behind Naloxone

- Continued partnership with Twin City Ambulance
- EMS crews “leave behind” naloxone at the scenes of any opioid-related calls (homes, businesses, etc.)



Twin City Ambulance

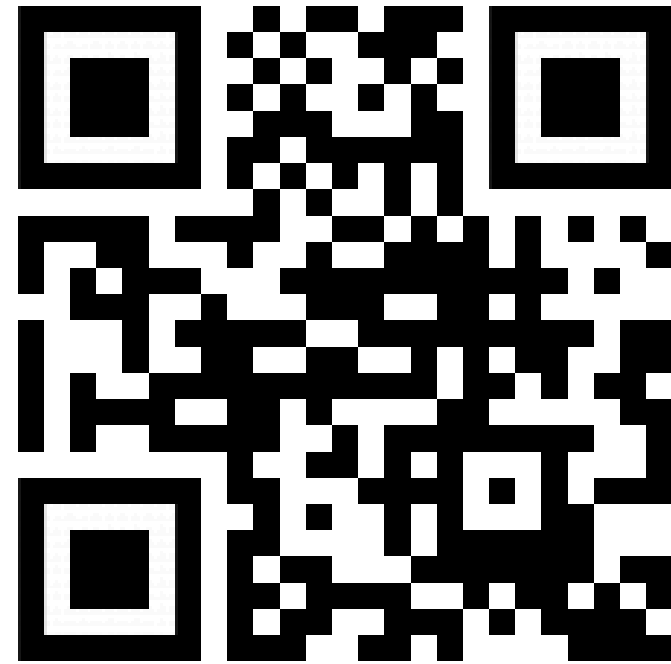


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Buffalo Police Department Telemedicine Program

- Program will begin Feb 2021
- Consults on scene via telemedicine for any opioid-related calls
- Patient will be assessed by EM provider
 - Ability to prescribe buprenorphine if appropriate and provide linkage to treatment via New York MATTERS





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Family and Consumer Workgroup





New video

<https://youtu.be/xDXqSS31gV0>



Pieces of our Heart Memorial Tree

Remembering  
our loved ones
on Valentine's Day

*Pieces of
our hearts...*    



CONCESSION
STAND
CAUTION
MICROWAVES IN USE





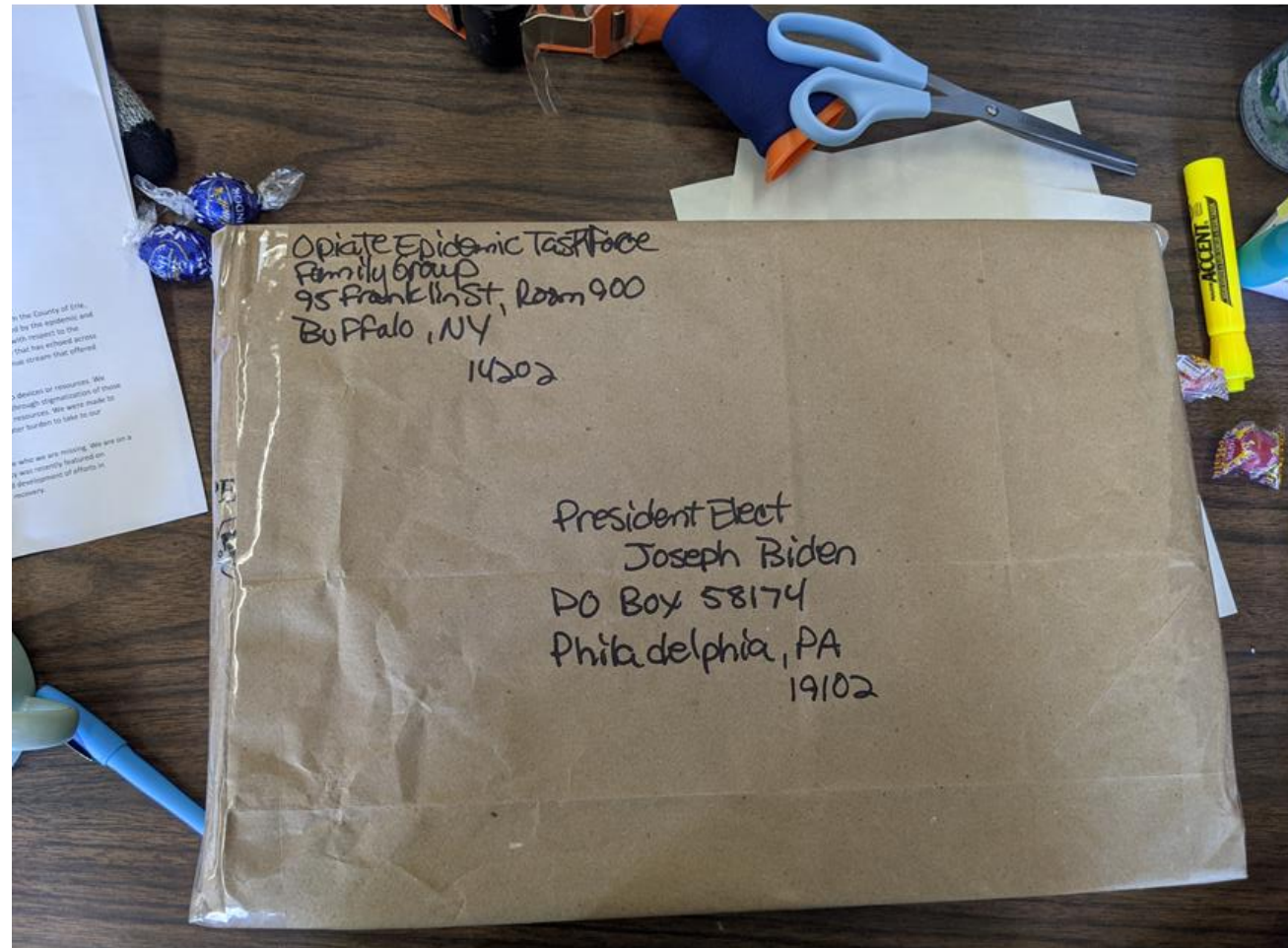


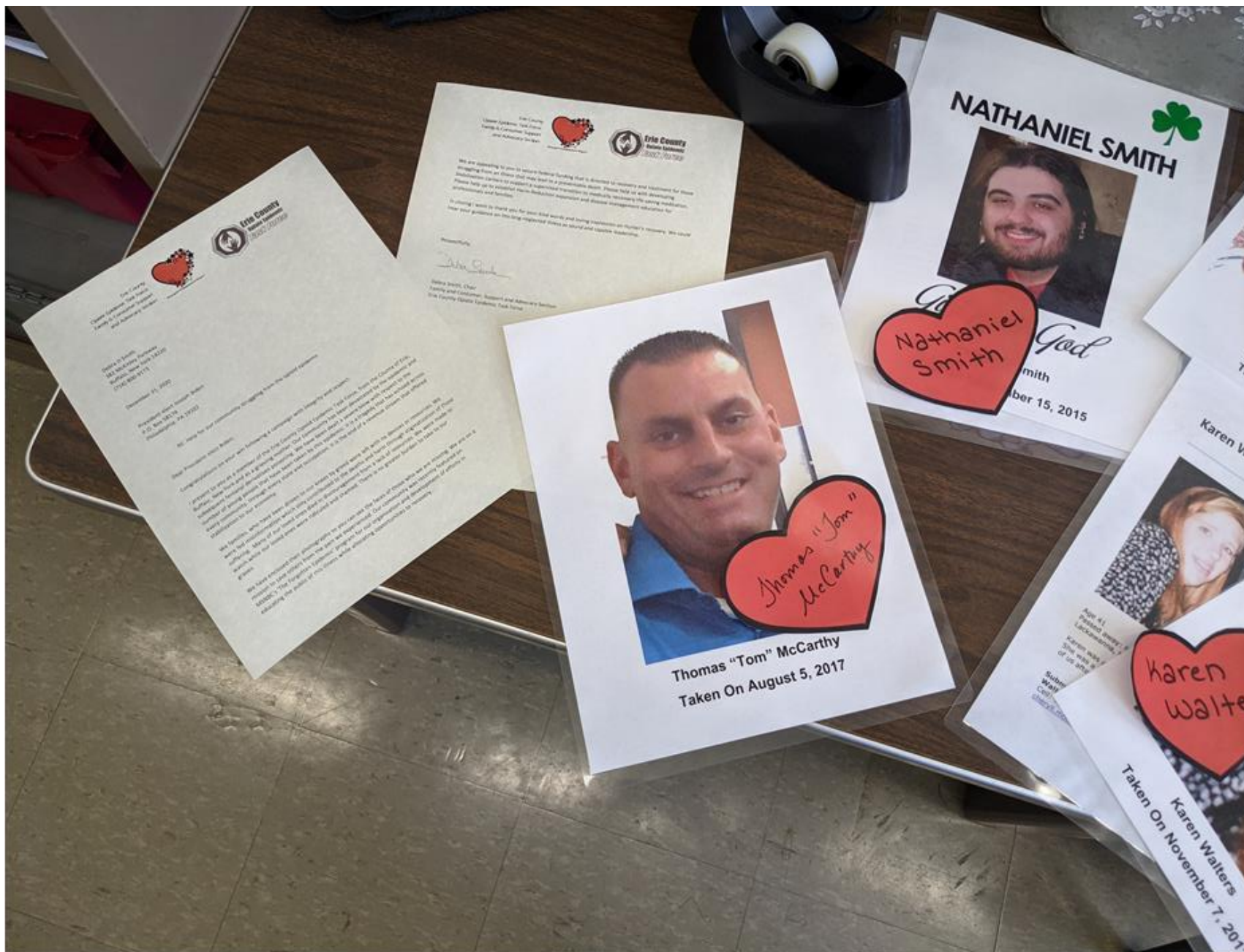
Black Balloon Day

- **March 6**
- Will be a virtual event this year
- More details shortly



Advocacy








NATHANIEL SMITH



God
Nathaniel Smith
Taken On May 15, 2015



Kaitlyn "Kate" Hall
Taken On May 6, 2016

*Kaitlyn
"Kate"
Hall*



Kevin Groves



Kevin Groves



Thomas "Tom" McCarthy
Taken On August 5, 2017

*Thomas "Tom"
McCarthy*



Karen Walters
Taken On November 7, 2011

Apr 42
Passed away
Lackawanna,
Karen was
5'6" tall &
120 lbs
Sister
Walt
Call
mccall@comcast.net



Karen Walters
Taken On November 7, 2011



Nicholas Harber
Taken Too Soon

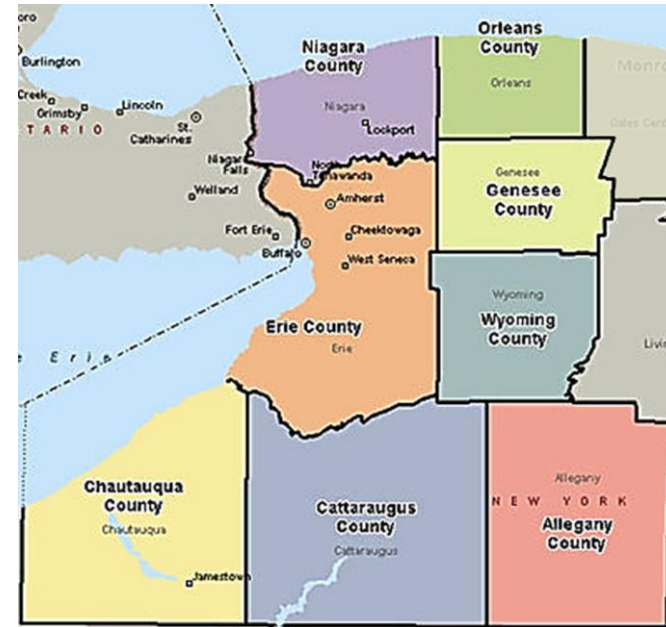
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Erie County
Opiate Epidemic
Task Force

WNY Response After Overdose

WNY RESPONSE AFTER OVERDOSE PROJECT



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Text for Narcan

- Over 700 boxes mailed
- Sent to over 650 people
- Resources and support included



WNY Response
After Overdose



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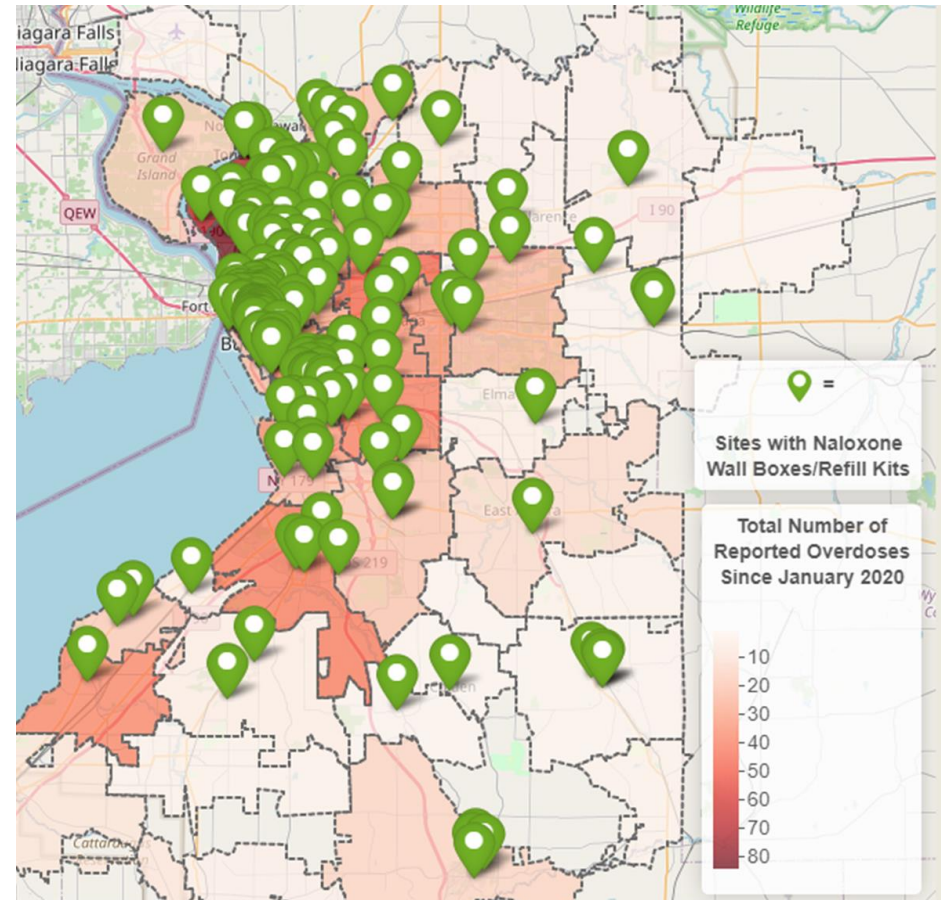
Narcan wall boxes

- 620 boxes distributed in community
- Refills are mailed
- Central pickup established in several counties



Narcan wall box distribution

Erie County



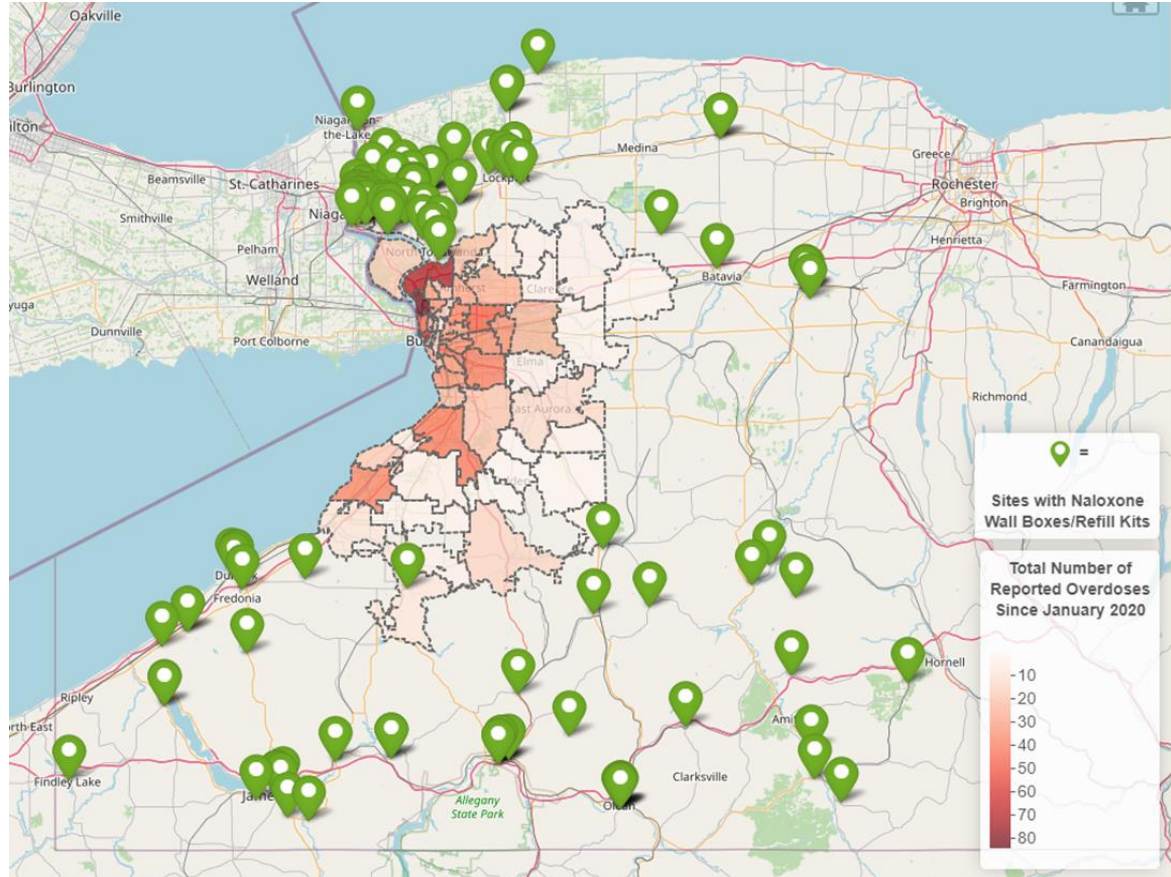
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Narcan wall box distribution

WNY, outside Erie County



WNY Response After Overdose



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OMRB 2021



**EVERY THURSDAY A
MEMBER OF THE
OMRB IS HANDING
OUT NARCAN FROM 4
TO 7**

**SAINT JOHN KANTY
PARKING LOT**



2016 CASES REVIEWED & COMPLETED

- Recommendations:
 - MAT in the Correctional Facilities
 - Access to care
 - Continuity of care
 - Drug Rehabs and Mandated court treatments completed successfully
 - Focus on school age warning signs
 - Red flag overdoses like any other chronic care morbidities



FINDINGS IDENTIFIED

- Most trauma that we are aware of occurs at the childhood stage
- Different trauma at different stages of life had a negative impact
- Nearly all are having interactions with law enforcement, and spending time in prison/jail
- Fentanyl related drug overdoses account for 70% of death
- Over 50% were prescribed pain killers at some point in their life
- Over 80% experienced at least one previous overdose
- Rehab was the most common treatment attempted with 70%, although many attempted more than one treatment option



2017

- 19 families interviewed
- 1st 2017 Board Review commenced 01/07/2021
- Rest of the cases scheduled and will continue to host virtual review boards



ERIE COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT

FEBRUARY 2, 2021

- Current information on Opioid Unit
- Covid-19
- Data to share

What the Opioid Unit looks like as of 01/31/21

30 Probationers

- Females 11
- Males 19

Peer Navigator

Kathleen Appenheimer currently provides recovery support for 28 probationers.



Peer Navigator


Julian Campbell
currently provides
recovery support for
29 probationers.



Opioid Unit Peer Navigation and Covid-19

- Peer Navigators are working from home 3 days weekly and come into the office 2 days weekly.
- Peer Navigators attempt to have regular phone contact with the probationers assigned to them. We are looking to increase the use of virtual platforms such as Facetime and Zoom.
- Peer Navigators are able to have face to face interactions with probationers when they report to their officers. The number of probationers seen in department is limited due to COVID-19 However, Peer Navigators are making arrangements to have face to face meetings in community settings .

Opioid Unit Probation Officer and COVID-19

- The Probation Officer prioritizes those probationers that are struggling and has them report to the office in person.
 - The Probation Officer has been making regular home visits while following department guidelines (not crossing the threshold of a residence). When an initial home visit occurs, both the Probation Officer and Peer Navigator attend.
 - The Probation Officer keeps in contact with the probationer and their service providers, as well as specialty courts.
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Erie County Department of Probation Department TCU V Screenings

Total TCU V screenings completed July 2019 through December of 2020 was **2,046**.

Of those, **116** (5.67%) individuals scored a 6+ with an identified Opiate problem.

Since July of 2019, **43** probationers have been linked with the Opioid Unit.

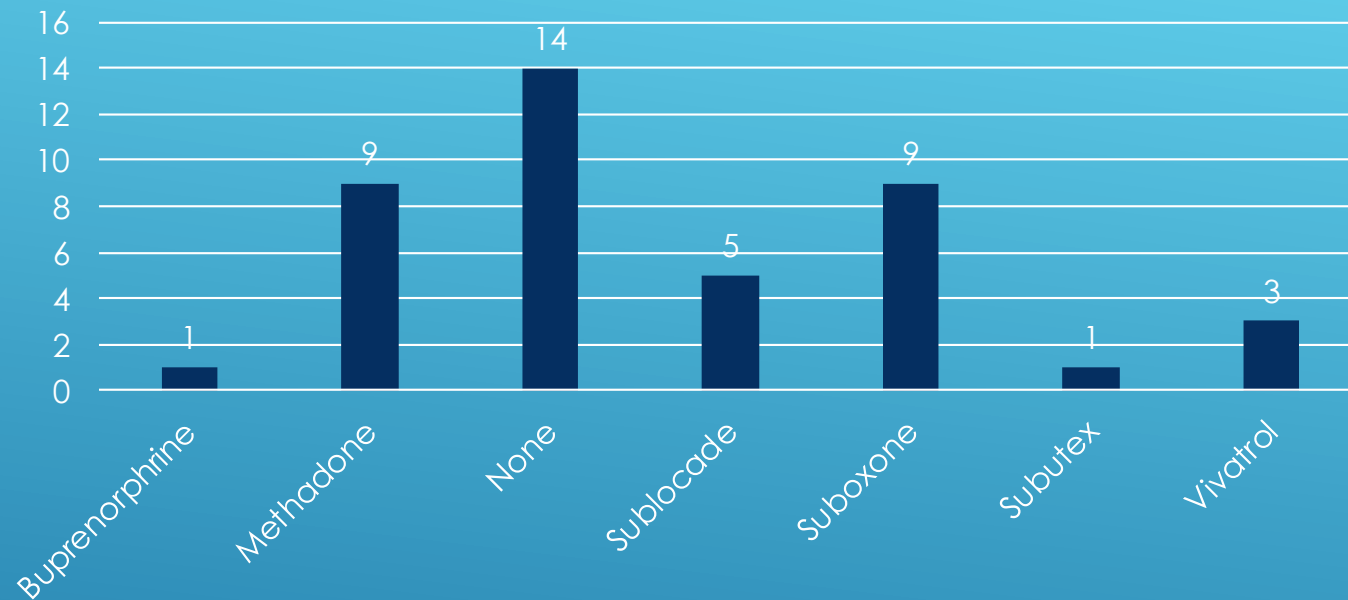
An additional **30** probationers assigned to outside of the Opioid Unit have been linked with a Peer Navigator.

Erie County Department of Probation Department Wide Overdoses July 2019 – December 2020

- Total Opioid Overdoses: **56**
 - Of those, **5** probationers had more than one OD
 - **42** were Non-Fatal
 - **14** were Fatal
 - **9** of the Non-Fatal OD's occurred with probationers on the Opioid Unit

In reviewing the ECDP Overdose information, we wanted to ensure that probationers not already linked with the Opioid Unit are all consistently offered Narcan and the support of a Peer Navigator after an OD event. We have set up a process, shared with all department Officers, to make certain this is occurring.

Count of MAT Medication Type July 2019 - December 2020



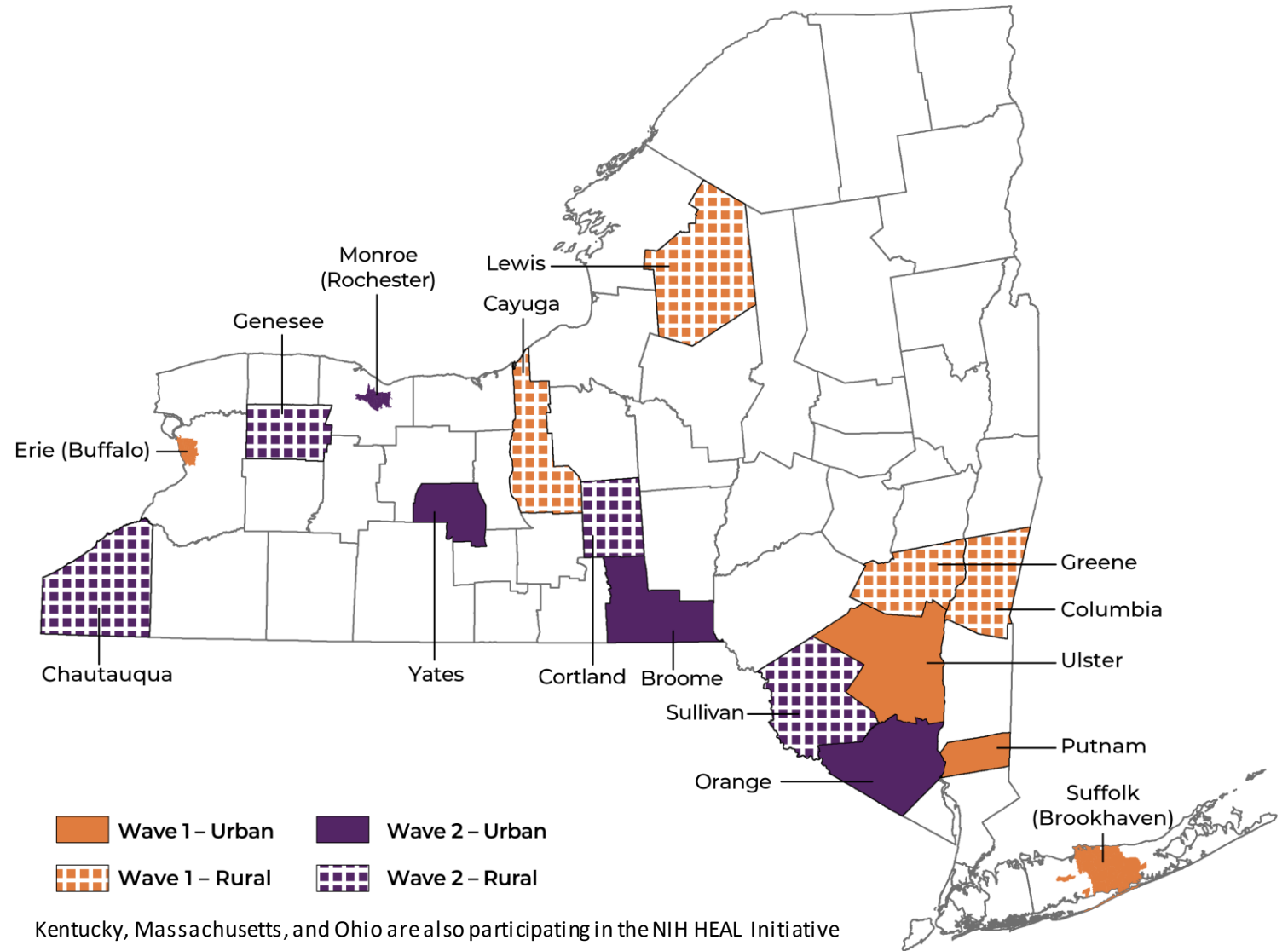
Of the 43 probationers that have been assigned to the Opioid Unit 28 are linked with MAT.

HEALing Community Study

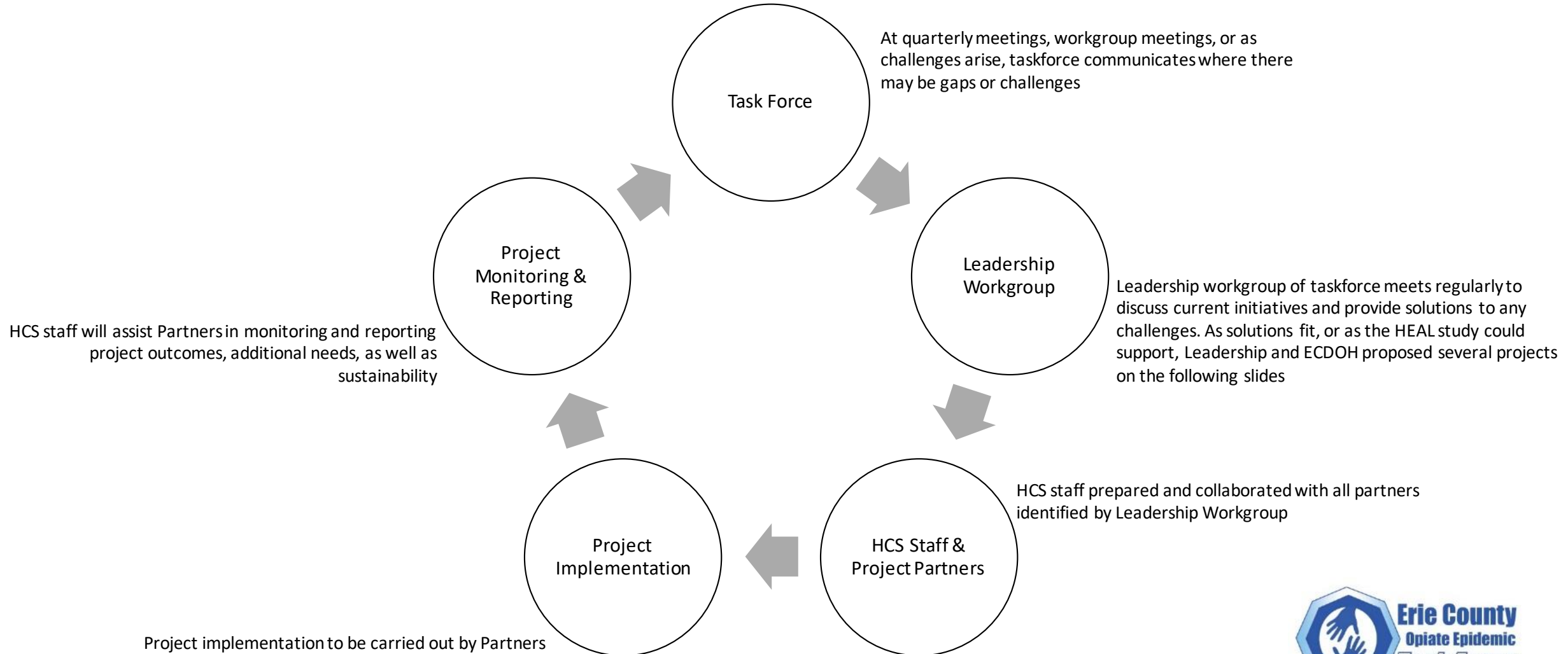


HEAL study aims to

- Expand navigation services to connect people to MAT
- Increase overdose education and the distribution of Narcan
- Reduce stigma
- Create systems for tracking opioid use and available services



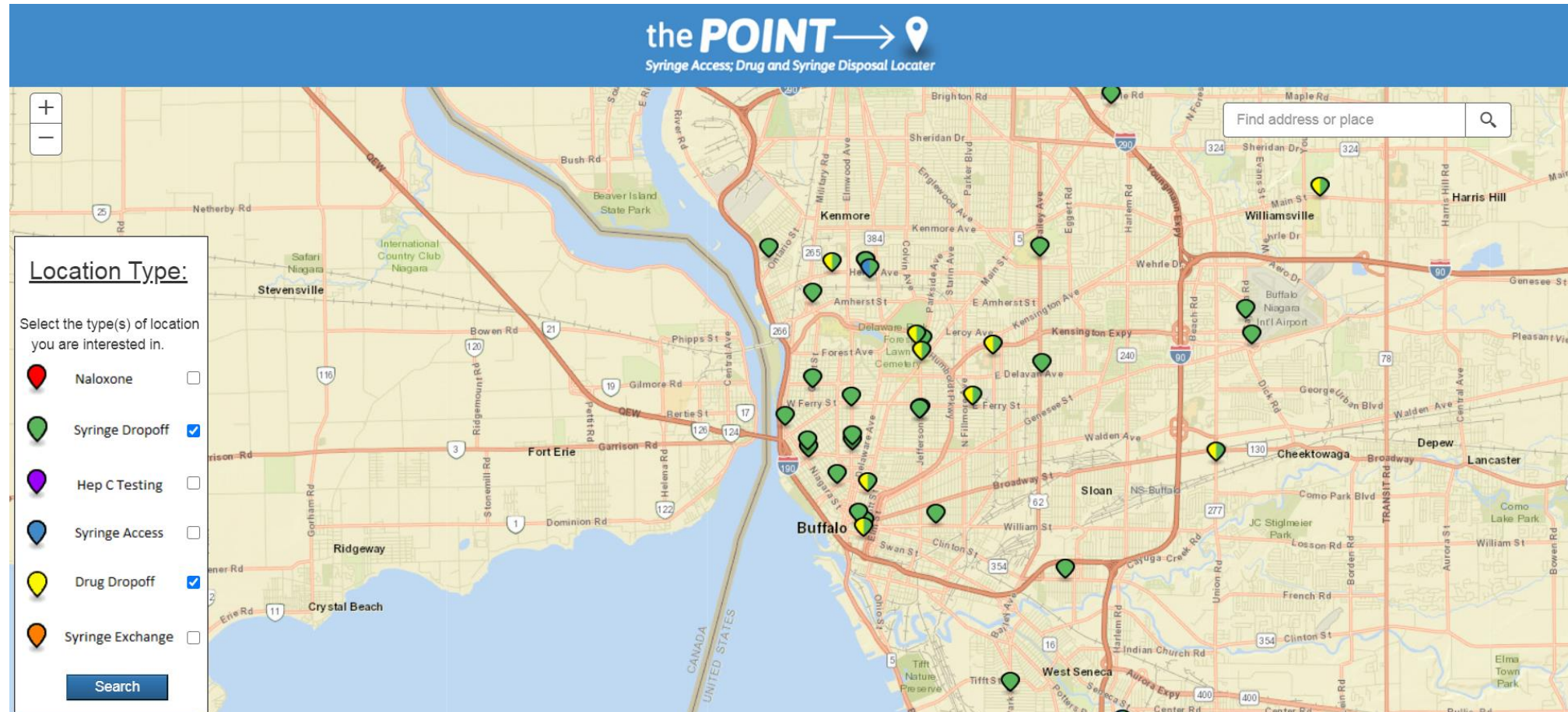
Process to Identify HEAL Strategies



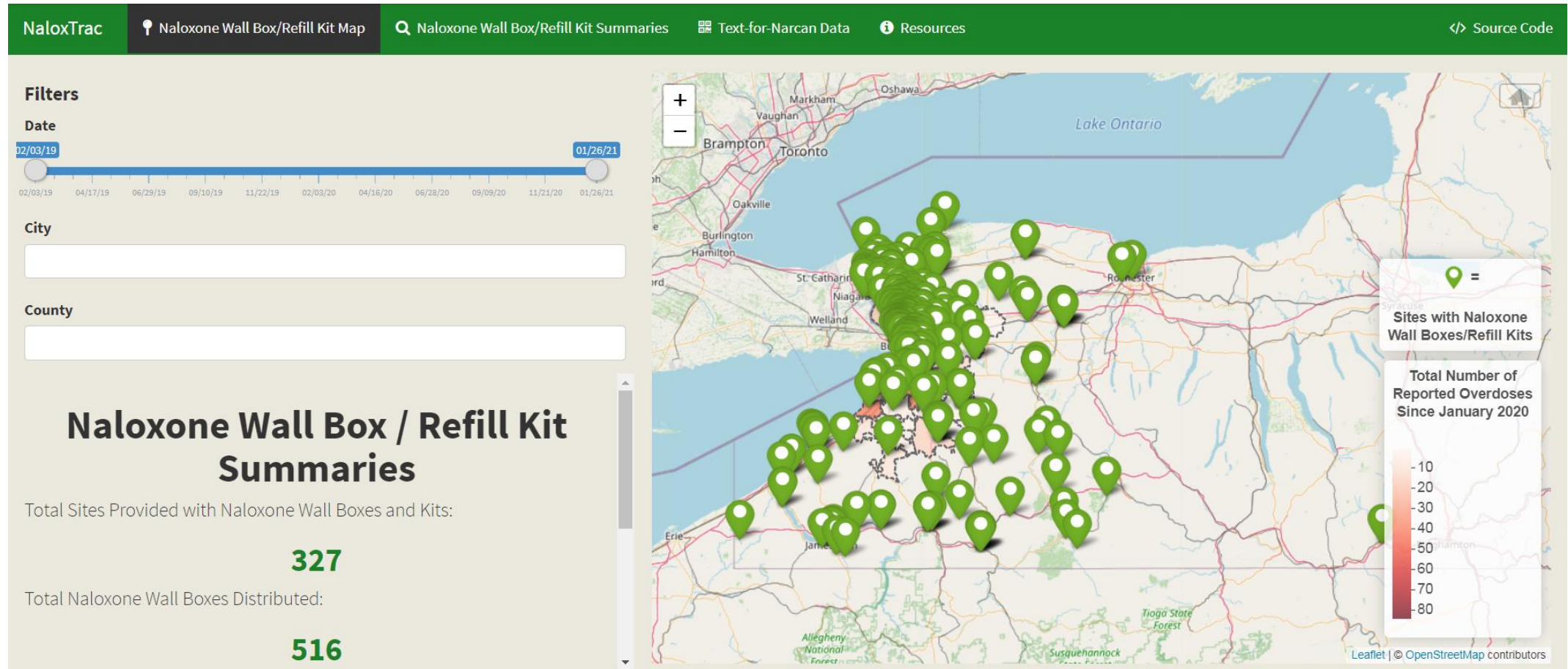
HEAL Buffalo Strategies

Narcan Distribution	Medicated Assisted Treatment	Safer Prescribing & Disposal
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Text for Narcan• Narcan Wall Boxes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SUD Peer embedded within Buffalo Police Department• Expanding Rapid Access to MAT through Buffalo Police	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Hard Conversations</i> Family Video• Drug & Needle Disposal Kiosks

HEAL Buffalo Dashboard



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