

# OMRB

## **Opioid Mortality Review Board In Erie County**



# **A collaboration between...**

- Erie County Department of Health-  
Opioid Epidemic Task Force
- Erie County Medical Examiners Office
- University at Buffalo –  
Primary Care Research Institute



# Objectives

- Identify and address underlying reasons that contribute to overdose deaths.
- Learning from family members, close friends, doctors, counselors, and employers about different aspects of overdose victims lives. Finding correlation's that would help improve policy and understand risk factors.
- Creating evidence based recommendations related to primary and secondary prevention of opioid addiction and mortality.

# Initiatives

- Using a multidisciplinary team to engage in an action research approach.
- Erie County Medical Examiners office will be involved in collaboration of data sharing for further investigation on the overdose deaths.
- UB research team will use the data collected for policy analysis and detailed evaluation of major impact areas.

# Erie County OMRB staff will be tasked with,

- Initial contact with next of kin.
- Receiving consent for interviewing process.
- Setting up and conducting interviews.
- Collection of data.
- Reporting data to the UB research team.

The OMRB will be utilizing a peer to conduct the interviews.  
Making the process personal for those sharing their stories.