

Erie County Opiate Epidemic Task Force Meeting

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Chat Q&A

How much money is being spent on direct peer support?

In Erie County Health and Probation departments there will be 8 peer positions directly supported by settlement funds. Agencies will be able to apply for funding to support similar activities through the RFA process.

Are the clients tracked in the treatment provider presentation duplicated or unique?

It is largely duplicated admissions. Meaning unless someone is transferred to a same program w/n a provider during the same episode of care then if someone is admitted elsewhere they would count again. Still gives a picture of what admissions look like however, even if not perfect.

What are the raw numbers on admissions?

Slightly over 10K at 10,014 in 2021. Note that the previously stated issues appear to be decreasing the number of reported admissions via the OASAS reporting system. Therefore, Its believed the number being admitted is higher, but not appearing in the OASAS data/reporting system.

How is Opioid Court doing? Federal evaluation report shows positive outcomes, decreased deaths, increased connections to care. Jeff Smith, Drug Court Coordinator will share official report tomorrow with me and I will forward to all.

Should Opioid Court be replicated in other areas? Yes