



Erie County Opiate Epidemic Task Force
Webex
Quarterly Meeting
2.6.2023
Agenda

1. Sign on – (9:50 - 10)
2. Welcome, housekeeping, introduction of agenda – (10 am – 10:10)
3. Workgroup report out – 5 – 10 minutes each – (10:10 – 11:20)
 - Provider Education and Policy Reform – Dr. Burstein – (10:10 – 10:20)
 - Treatment Providers - Jen Seib – (10:20 – 10:30)
 - Hospitals and Emergency Departments – Dr. Lynch, Caleigh Loughran (10:30 – 10:40)
 - Harm Reduction (Formerly Naloxone Distribution) – Cheryll Moore (10:40 – 11:00)
 - i. Peer Coordination Updates;
 - ii. Harm Reduction Outreach;
 - iii. Cannabis Updates
 - iv. ESAP Updates
 - v. COSSAP award – increase Peers and New York MATTERS (Medication Assisted Treatment and Emergency Referrals) with local police departments (QRP)
 - vi. New DHHS SAMHSA FR Cara award to start 9.30.22 – Erie County Specific – first responder training and Narcan supply grant, linkage to MATTERS, virtual appointments,
 - Family and Consumers – Deb Smith (11:00 – 11:10)
 - Community Education – Barbara Burns (11:10 – 11:20)
 - REAP – New Drug Disposal pathway piloting
4. Partner Updates – (11:20 – 11:30)
 - COAP funding – Category 3 – Probation Opioid unit – Anita Robillard
5. Response to questions in the Chat, (11:30 – 12noon)

Thank you! – next meeting: **Monday May 1, 2023**



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ERIE COUNTY OPIOID OVERDOSE DATA

**HEALTH CARE PROVIDER EDUCATION
AND POLICY REFORM ACTIVITIES
ACTIVITIES UPDATE**



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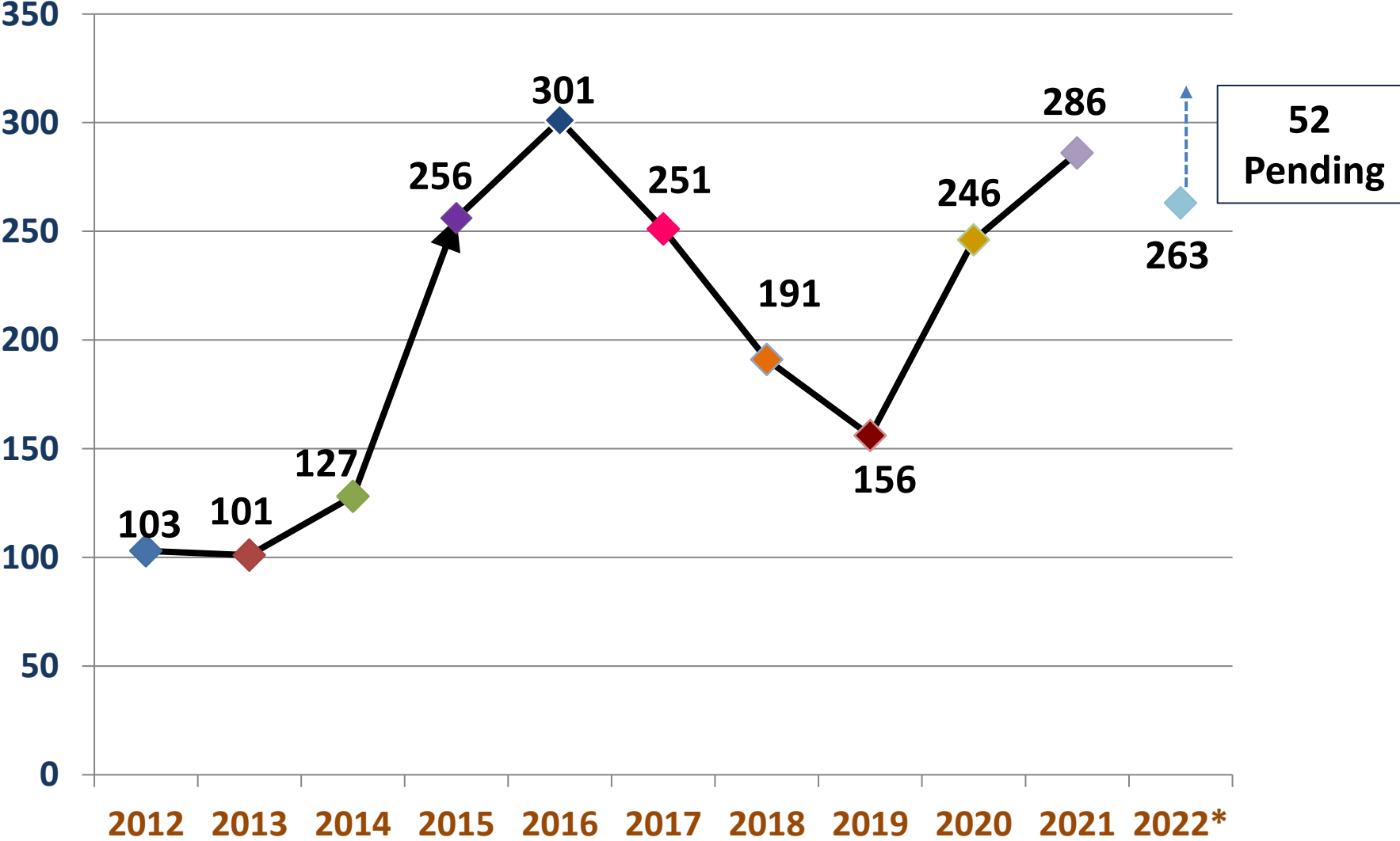


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OPIOID RELATED DEATHS ERIE COUNTY

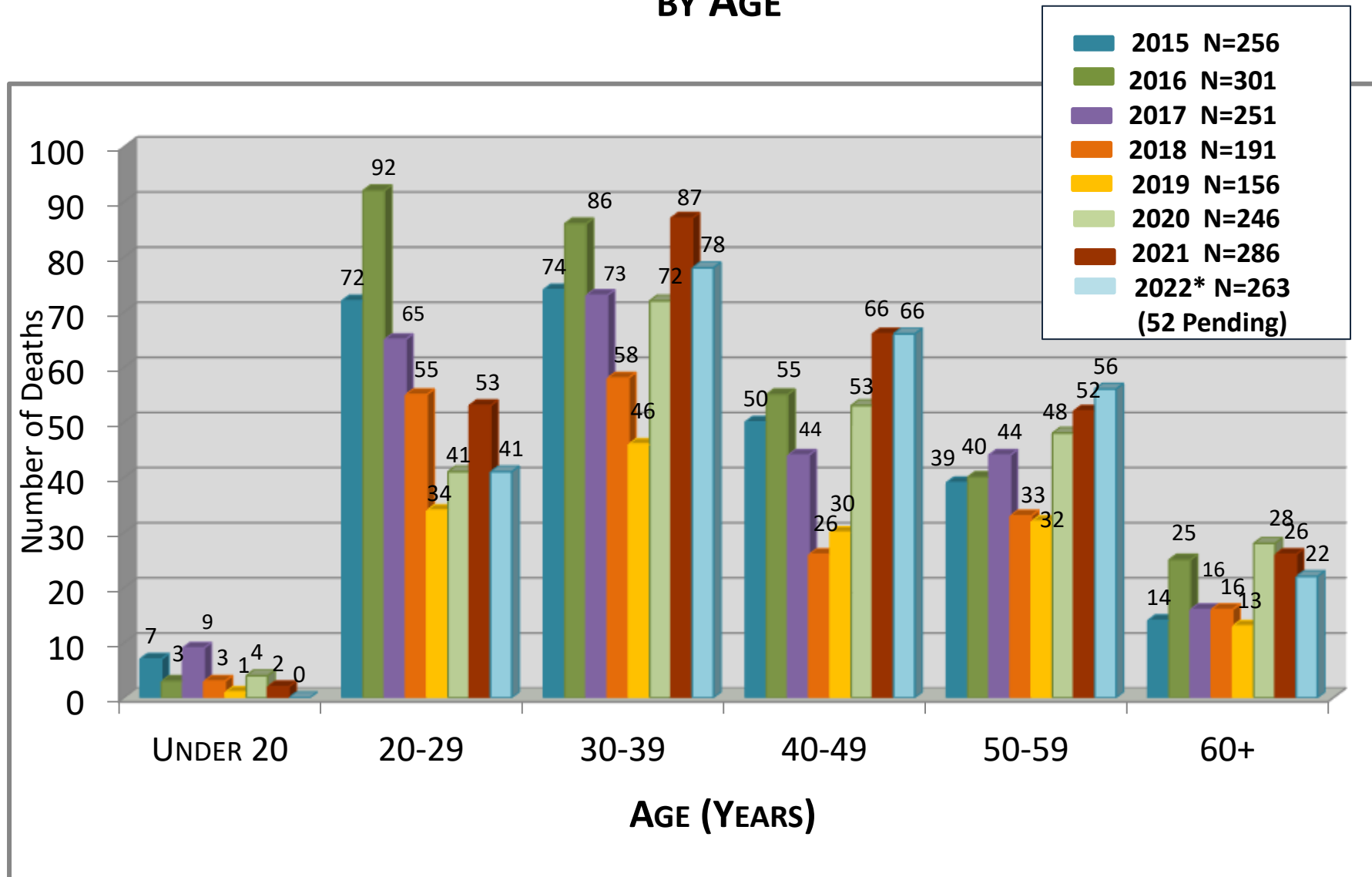
As of 2/2/2023

2012 – 2022* OPIOID RELATED DEATHS ERIE COUNTY



SOURCE: ERIE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINERS OFFICE, *CLOSED CASES REPORTED THRU 2/2/2023

2015 – 2022* ERIE COUNTY OPIOID RELATED DEATHS BY AGE



SOURCE: ERIE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINERS OFFICE, *CLOSED CASES REPORTED THRU 2/2/2023

Erie County Census Estimate

Erie County Opioid Overdoses

| | Population % (N=954,236) 2020 Census | 2018 Overdose % (N=191) | 2019 Overdose % (N=156) | 2020 Overdose % (N=246) | 2021 Overdose % (N=286) | 2022 Overdose % (N=263 52 Pending) |
|---------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Race/Ethnicity | | | | | | |
| White alone | 79% | 79% | 78% | 79% | 73% | 68% |
| Black or African American alone | 14% | 10% | 10% | 19% | 22% | 27% |
| Native Amer / Alaskan Native | .7% | N/A | N/A | 2% | 4% | 2% |
| Hispanic | 6% | 7% | 8% | 10% | 9% | 11% |
| Gender | | | | | | |
| Female | 52% | 30% | 27% | 30% | 27% | 30% |
| Male | 48% | 70% | 73% | 70% | 73% | 70% |
| Age | | | | | | |
| 20-29 | 14% | 29% | 22% | 17% | 19% | 17% |
| 30-39 | 13% | 30% | 29% | 29% | 30% | 30% |
| 40-49 | 11% | 14% | 19% | 22% | 23% | 25% |
| 50-59 | 14% | 17% | 21% | 19% | 18% | 21% |
| 60+ | 25% | 8% | 8% | 12% | 9% | 9% |

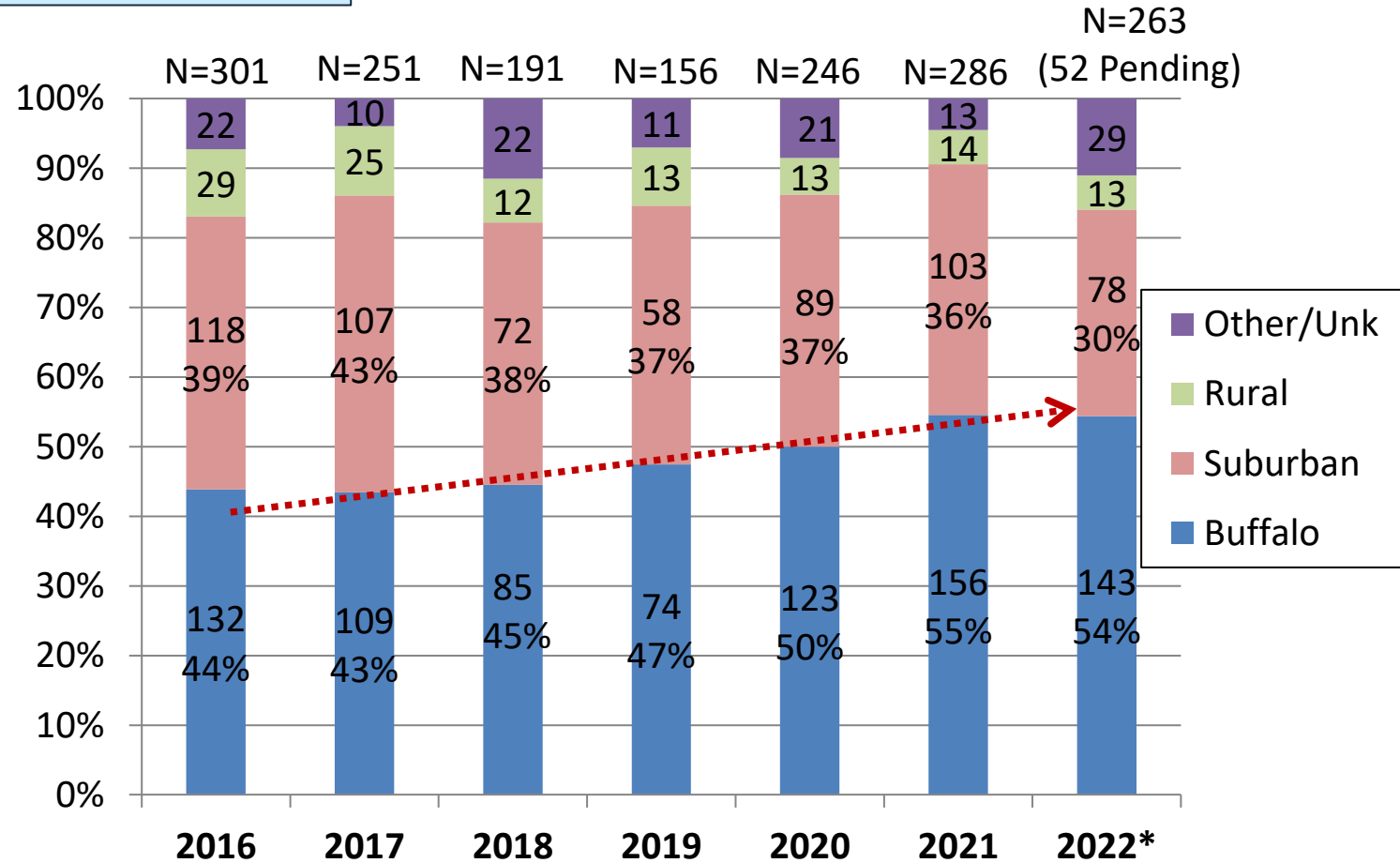


Buffalo
 28% of persons who live in Erie County reside in the City of Buffalo

2016 – 2022* PERCENT OF ERIE COUNTY OPIOID RELATED DEATHS BY RESIDENCE

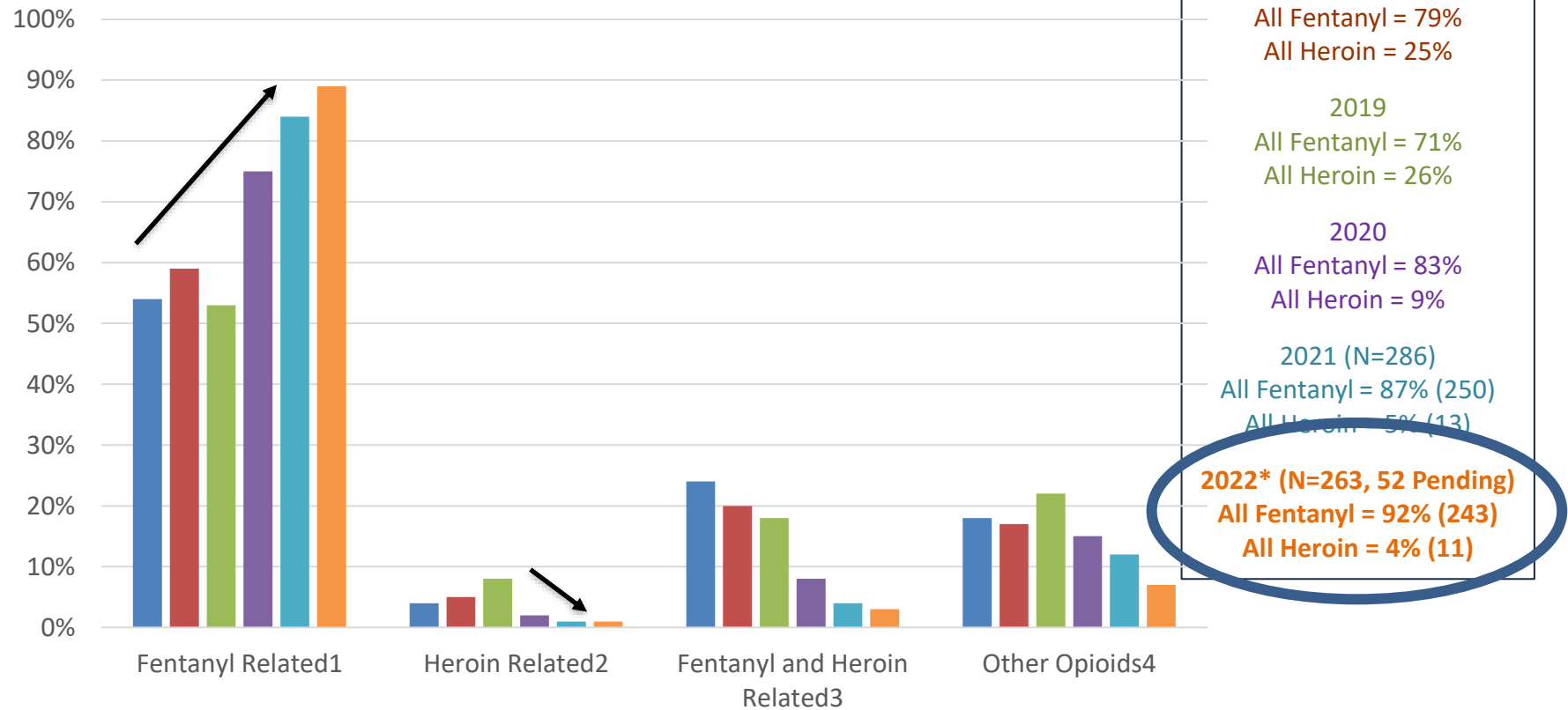
- SUBURBAN TOWNS:**
- AMHERST
 - CHEEKTOWAGA
 - CLARENCE
 - GRAND ISLAND
 - HAMBURG
 - LACKAWANNA
 - LANCASTER
 - ORCHARD PARK
 - TONAWANDA
 - WEST SENECA

- RURAL TOWNS:**
- ALDEN
 - AURORA
 - COLDEN
 - COLLINS
 - CONCORD
 - EDEN
 - ELMA
 - EVANS
 - GOWANDA
 - HOLLAND
 - MARILLA
 - NEWSTEAD
 - NORTH COLLINS
 - SARDINIA



SOURCE: ERIE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINERS OFFICE, *CLOSED CASES REPORTED THRU 2/2/2023

2017 – 2022* PERCENT OF ERIE COUNTY OPIOID RELATED DEATHS BY TYPE OF OPIOID



2017
All Fentanyl = 78%
All Heroin = 28%

2018
All Fentanyl = 79%
All Heroin = 25%

2019
All Fentanyl = 71%
All Heroin = 26%

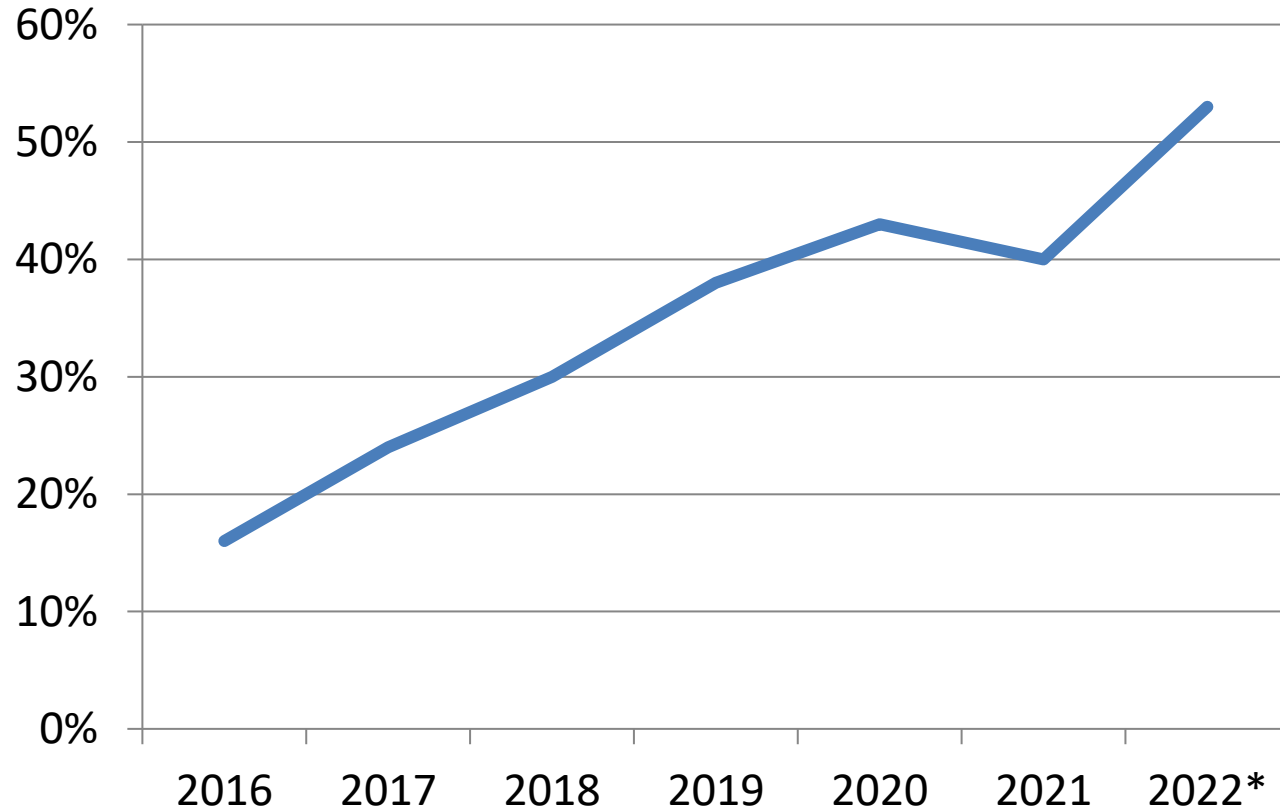
2020
All Fentanyl = 83%
All Heroin = 9%

2021 (N=286)
All Fentanyl = 87% (250)
All Heroin = 5% (13)

2022* (N=263, 52 Pending)
All Fentanyl = 92% (243)
All Heroin = 4% (11)

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 – 2022* PERCENT OF ERIE COUNTY OPIOID RELATED DEATHS ASSOCIATED WITH FENTANYL¹ AND COCAINE



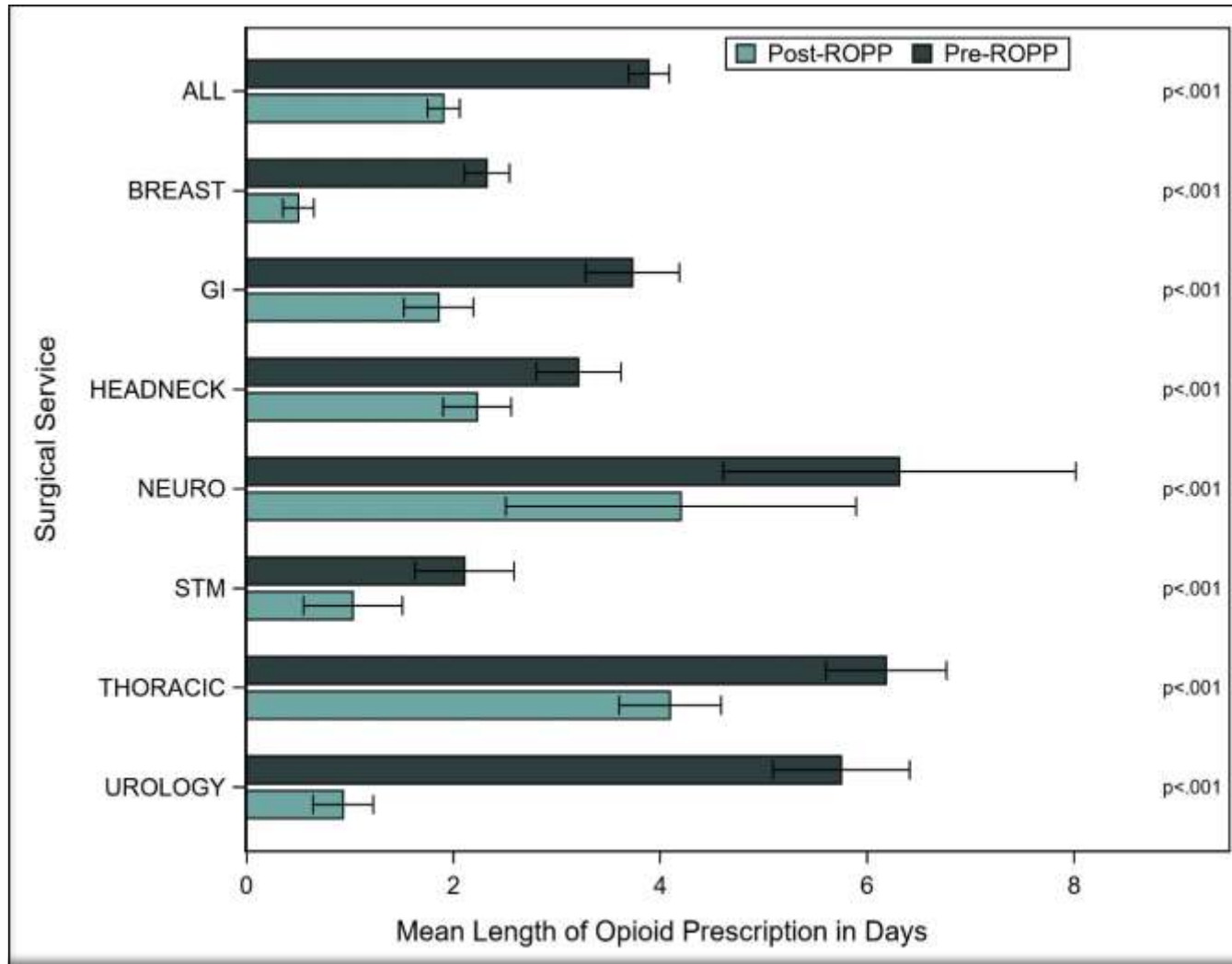
2020: 48% (118/246) of opioid related deaths involved cocaine
2021: 44% (125/286) of opioid related deaths involved cocaine
2022*: 55% (144/263) of opioid related deaths involved cocaine

¹Includes all Fentanyl related deaths.

What's new

Restrictive Opioid Prescribing Protocols

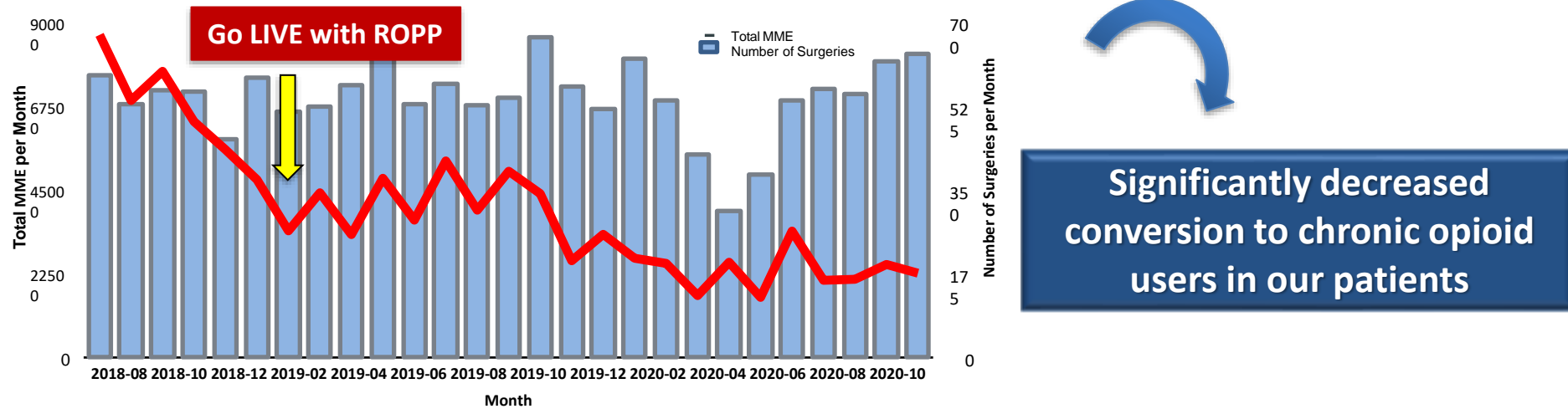
Can postoperative pain be managed appropriately after hospital discharge with ≤ 3 days of an opioid supply?



- Mean opioid meds duration in postsurgical patients: 3.9 days to 0.9 day
- 45% overall reduction in opioid RX

Prescription of a ≤ 3 -day opioid supply is feasible for most postsurgical patients

ROPP Sustained and Decreased Conversion



| | Cancer Patient Conversion Rate | | | Non-Cancer Patient Conversion Rate | | |
|--|---|--|---------|---|--|---------|
| | Unrestricted opioid use (pre-ROPP, n=1,575) | Restricted opioid (post-ROPP, n=3,163) | p value | Unrestricted opioid use (pre-ROPP, n=369) | Restricted opioid use (post-ROPP, n=702) | p value |
| Opioid naïve patients converting to chronic opioid users | 11.3% | 4.5% | <.001 | 6.1% | 2.7% | 0.017 |

Research
JAMA Oncology | [Original Investigation](#)

Postoperative Restrictive Opioid Protocols and Durable Changes in Opioid Prescribing and Chronic Opioid Use

Emese Zsiros, MD, PhD; Jason Ricciuti, MD; Steven Gallo, MS; et al.

Mainstreaming Addiction Treatment (MAT) Act

- Important changes from MAT Act:
 - Elimination of DEA X-waiver requirement to prescribe or dispense buprenorphine for MOUD
 - Elimination of limitations on number of patients a practitioner permitted to treat with buprenorphine for MOUD
 - Requires healthcare providers who prescribe any controlled substances to complete 8-hours of SUD training with DEA application/renewal
 - effective June 2023

NYSDOH Commissioner Issues Commissioner Determination for Telemedicine Use to Ensure Continued Access to MOUD and Mental Health Treatment

- Allows authorized practitioners to continue using telemedicine to treat and prescribe MOUD
 - Limited to duration of federally-declared COVID-19 public health emergency to ensure patients maintain access to buprenorphine and all schedule II-V controlled substances



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Comments and Questions



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Treatment Workgroup



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

Co-Chair:
Jennifer Seib, LMHC, CASAC
Vice President of Strategic Initiatives & Integration
BestSelf Behavioral Health, Inc.



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.



Treatment Committee 3 current workgroups

- **Increase access to SUD Housing**
- **Increase access to MAT in Community with focus on primary care**
- **Education and Training**



Committee Updates:

Increase access to SUD Housing

Facilitator: John Grieco, john.grieco@erie.gov

- Last met January 23rd
- Next meeting via WebEx [March 27th](#) at 1:00.
- **Recent Updates:**
 - [Living Opportunities of DePaul](#) has committed to include 6 beds dedicated for SUD in their planned Pan American development on Delaware Avenue. This will also include SUD related services/supports. In addition, 50 beds would be available for those in the general public making 30-40% of the AMI per household. Those with a SUD can also access these beds, though supportive services dollars would not be available. Construction started mid-November. Anticipate opening on or about June 2024.
 - Updates on two recent increases in SUD bed availability:
 - [BestSelf Behavioral Health](#) indicated that they have recently begun to accept individuals into their Mt. Aaron Project with 18 units of SUD Housing all of one of which was filled as of 10/24.
 - [Evergreen Health Services](#) all 12 Transitional Supported Housing beds are now filled. This is funded by the Erie County Department of Mental Health. Contact Erie County Housing Single Point of Access/Accountability at 716-858-8539 for availability.
 - Emerging Project:
 - [BestSelf 4 units dedicated to those with a SUD diagnosis who are returning to the community after a period of incarceration.](#) This is intended to be a 1 year transitional program and is well connected to the Service Link Stop. More information to come.



Committee Updates:

Harm Reduction Education and Support for families/community

Facilitator: Julianna Everdyke, Julianna.Everdyke@erie.gov

Meetings are the third Wednesday of the month 3p-4p

Last met 11/16/22 and 1/18/23

- 1st draft of flier completed, feedback was provided on 1/18 and updates are being made. Focusing on local options as many of the materials being distributed are statewide resources
 - Still plan to work materials that address reducing stigma, but the 1st iteration is focused on resources and locations of support/services
- Discussed the style of handout/material and what would be eye catching for people (wallet size, appropriate colors, etc.)
- Will schedule a meeting with the family group to get their perspective, collaboration and feedback
- Next meeting is scheduled for 2/15/23



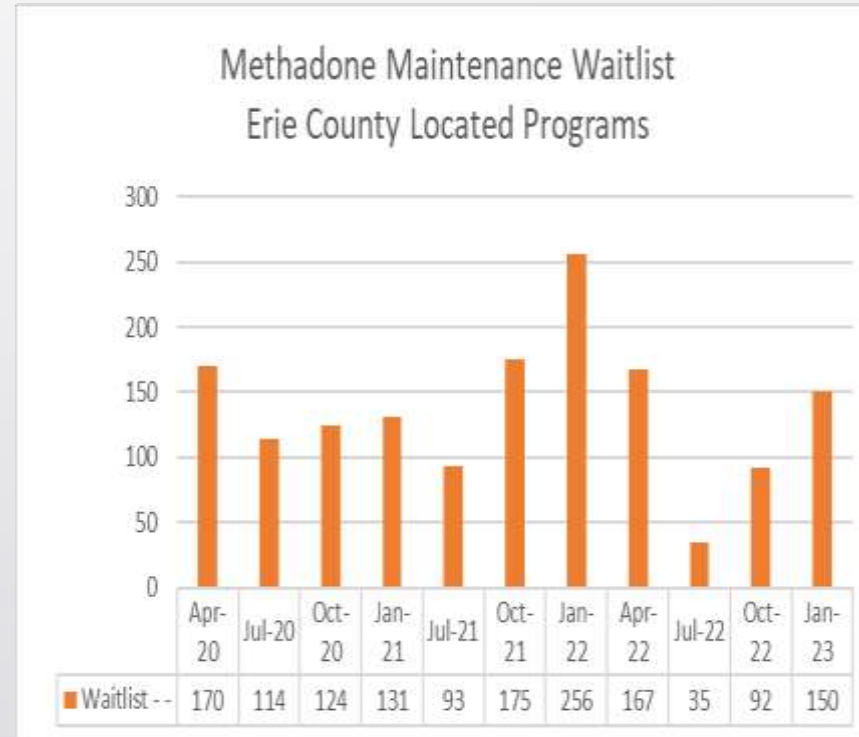
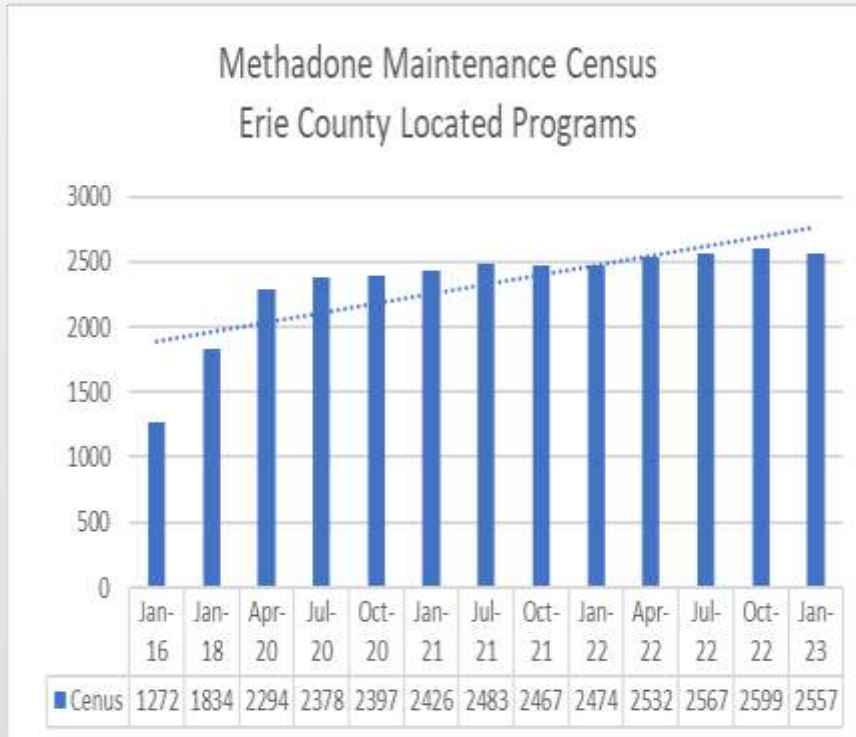
Committee Updates:

- **Improve access to Medication Assisted Treatment in the Community**
 - **Facilitator: Jennifer Seib,**
JSeib@bestselfwny.org

No new updates – group has been on a hiatus. Exploring feasibility of continuing this workgroup.



Medication for Opioid Use Disorder in Erie County: Methadone Maintenance Access Trends





Substance Use Disorder and Medication for Opioid Use Disorder Access Survey

- Conducted January 2023
- Set to providers offering Substance Use Disorder Outpatient Clinic Treatment Services, inclusive of Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics
- 9 of 10 requested provided a response
 - **Thank you!**
- Last similar survey conducted in January 2018



Survey Results

- 67% (6 of 9) offer walk-in appointments (individual can literally walk in without an appointment and be seen for an assessment)
- 100% (9 of 9) offered same-day appointments (individual can call, be given a time for that same day, and be seen for an assessment)
 - Availability for walk-in and same day appointments, as a % of survey respondents, was unchanged since 2018
 - Use of available slots were used slightly more in 2018 (note: we did not ask about the total number of slots available)
 - Continues to be some expansion of availability of such slots



Survey Results (cont..)

- Buprenorphine Slot Capacity:

| Month and Year | Number of Buprenorphine Slots | % Increase from Prior Tallied Year |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| January 2023 | 11965-12215 | 273% *based on lower # in range. |
| January 2018 | 3210 | 352% |
| January 2017 | 710 | N/A |



Survey Results (cont.)

- To what extent do you offer any of the following Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) on an outpatient basis at your locations (include all locations able to provide outpatient SUD services such as, OASAS certified, Integrated sites, CCBHC, etc.)
 - **Buprenorphine and Naltrexone (Vivitrol®)** offered by 100% (9 of 9) of respondents (was 88% in 2018)
 - 89% (8/9) offered Bup at all their locations, the other respondent offered it at between 25-49% of their locations
 - 78% (7/9) offered Vivitrol at all their locations, two indicated they offered it at 1-24% of their locations.
 - **Sublocade®** now offered by 89% (8/9) of providers (**was 0% in 2018**), of these 75% (6/8) offer it at all their locations, one provider at between 25-49% and another at between 1-24% of their locations.



Survey Results (cont..)

- 78% (7/9) indicated that they experience very little or no challenge employing a prescriber able and willing to prescribe Buprenorphine. The other 2 respondents indicated it was “somewhat of a challenge. This was still being discussed as a barrier/challenge by the majority in 2018.
- 78% offered rapid induction and one additional respondent did so only via telehealth bringing it to 89% of providers offering rapid induction. In 2018, only 55% did so.
 - 89% report failed inductions at less than a 25% rate
 - One provider or 11% report this to be between 25-49%
- 78% of providers reported utilizing low dose buprenorphine



Survey Results (cont..)

- Q20: From your perspective what is the single biggest barrier to effective treatment of opioid use disorder?
 - “Greater access to Methadone is needed”
 - “Patients engaging in MOUD but not therapy”
 - “Patient attendance/engagement” (our challenge/obligation is to determine why this is- what could our treatment/support/funding community be doing differently to positively impact this challenge)
 - “Lack of effective training for clinical staff on harm reduction and low threshold services to better engage individuals”
 - “The system often does not encourage recovery. ex. unhealthy living situation with no other options therefore return to this situation which supports use.”
 - “Unmet social needs”
 - “Resources - our provider schedules are often full- would be idea to offer more same day access, provider time to educate patients who are more contemplative, more resources for harm reduction, low threshold bup programs. More resources for peer supports to work in the community for those patients that are contemplative.”



Survey Results (cont..)

- Q21: Please offer any other comments/insights pertaining to access to SUD outpatient care in general that you wish to provide.
 - “Access to OUD treatment medications is getting better which is great. Concern is this population is not addressing underlying struggles in a therapeutic setting.”
 - “We are pleased with the continued advancements in the field on integrated, whole person care and are excited to be a part of the solution.”
 - “We offer rapid access, after hours via telehealth and we service all counties in the area. Some barriers we experience are the need for prior authorization with certain insurance plans, resources in the community such as stable and supportive housing environments with person-centered expectations and rules. We also would like more opportunity to be in the community offering these services and therefore financial and staff shortages cause issues.”
 - “Horizon offers various levels of SUD- we have an intensified outpatient program, medication only program, non-intensive OP and utilize our residential stabilization for patients who may need induction in a stable environment that is supportive, coordination between these services has been beneficial to patients and families.”



WNY Opioid Addiction Treatment
*24/7 Virtual Medication Assisted Treatment
Center*

716-463-6222

- Available to anyone in WNY
- Call to be linked to a MAT Provider for evaluation, prescription, and linkage to ongoing care at location of choice
- Opened May 16th



WNY Opioid Addiction Treatment 24/7 Virtual Medication Assisted *Treatment* Center

- 333 Unique Individuals have received medication via the program
 - 122 Erie County
 - 86 Niagara County
 - Calls from Allegany, Wyoming, Orleans, Genesee, Chautauqua, and Cattaraugus range from 4-18 per county
 - 3 callers identified as homeless
- 266 referred to prescriber for MAT eval
- 264 received prescription
- People have been referred to: REACH Medical, Helios Salina, Conifer Park, CASA, Trinity, St. Vincent, Spectrum, Horizon, BestSelf, Beacon, ECMC Outpatient, Brooks/TLC, Evergreen, Endeavor Health Services, Beacon Center, GCASA, Northpointe, and Chautauqua County Mental Health for ongoing care



ERIE COUNTY ADDICTION HOTLINE
831-7007

Operated by Crisis Services 24/7

- Provides information, referral, linkage to treatment and support.
- Education on MOUDs & Motivational Interviewing is woven into phone counselor script to facilitate referrals for callers.
- Integrate into Substance Use Disorder Treatment system
- Year to Date Call Volume: **736 for Calendar Year 2022**



Next meeting:

2/27, 10:30-12 via WebEx



Thank you for
your support
& dedication





MATTERS

Medication for Addiction Treatment & Electronic Referrals

Harm Reduction Vending Machines

15 Vending Machines will be
placed across NYS

Vending machines will contain:

- Fentanyl test strips
- Naloxone



Narcan Training Session



Clarence Central Library



- Educated participants on opioid use disorder and how to recognize an overdose
- Trained how to use Narcan and the importance of harm reduction resources
- Provided everyone with 2 doses of Narcan

How do I order fentanyl test strips?

1

Go to www.mattersnetwork.org and click on

Request Fentanyl Test Strips

2

Individuals click on 'I am a patient' and Clinic and Hospital partners click 'I am a network partner'



3

Fill out a name and address for shipping purposes and your order will be on its way!



**OR scan me for
FREE FTS!**

MAT-PDOA

Since May 2022 we have received more than 300 calls



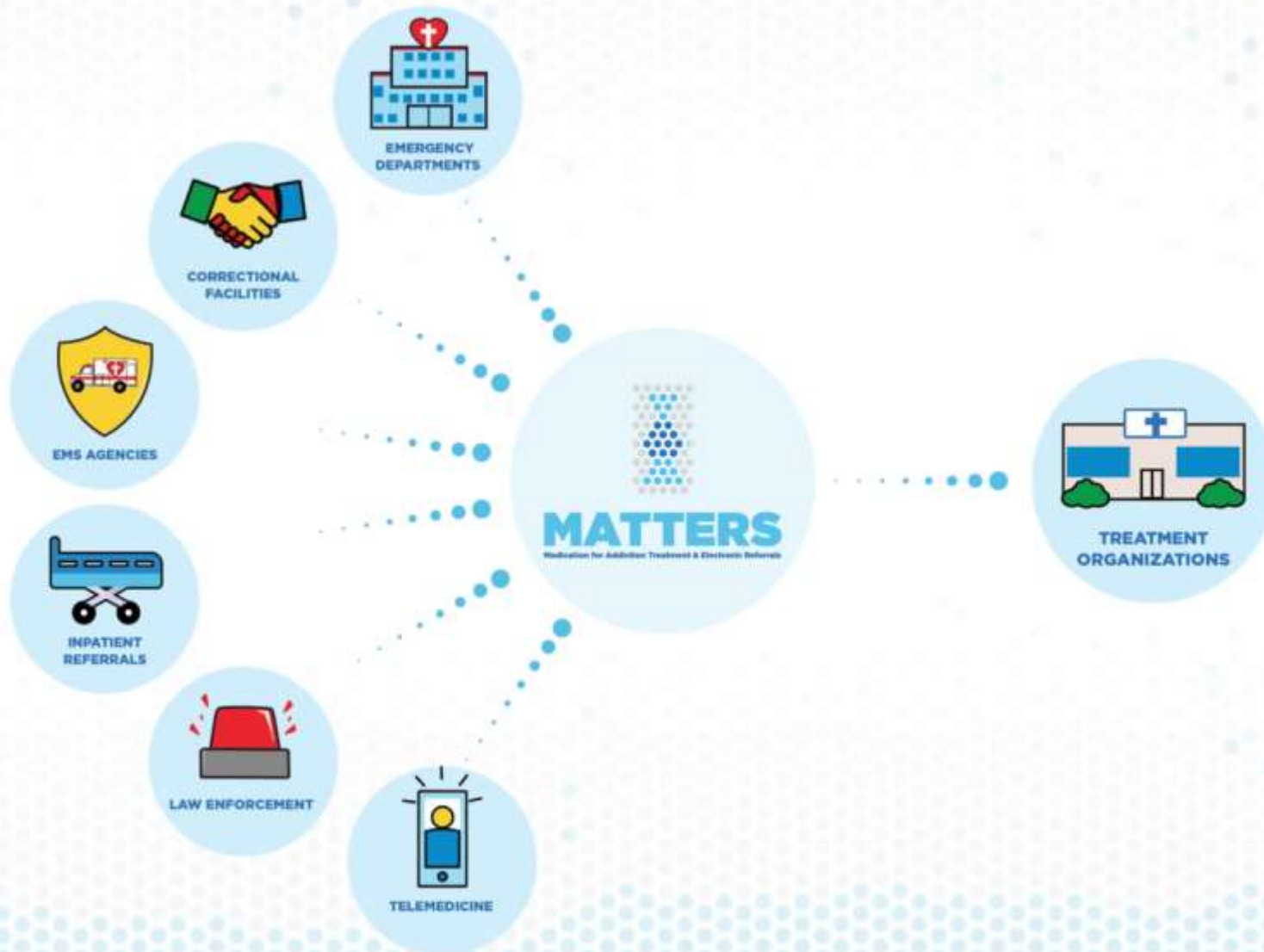
Patient calls
hotline number



Patient is
promptly
connected with
telemedicine
provider



Patient is
prescribed
buprenorphine (if
appropriate) and
linked to treatment
via MATTERS



**Feel free to reach out with
any further questions!**

info@mattersnetwork.org



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Opiate Epidemic Task Force: Naloxone Workgroup

Erie County Health Department

February 1, 2023



Narcan Trainings and deployment this quarter Office of Harm Reduction overall (10.1.2022 – 12.31.2022)

- Continued naloxone trainings and medication deployment conducted by the department, many are virtual or on the spot:
 - Law enforcement – 36
 - Fire fighters – 18
 - EMS/Healthcare Providers – 16
 - School Personnel – 285
 - Library Staff - 73
 - Business Staff – 134
 - Individuals released from prison - 236
 - Community outreach including EC Fair – Opioid grant staff reach – 802
 - Virtual trainings, partner trainings– 1151
 - Total kits distributed this quarter including mailing, virtual trainings and refills – 3436 kits



PEER UPDATE

Elizabeth Terranova, MPH

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Case management

- Outreach
- Referral
- MATTERS
- Overdose reports



*Contact a peer in recovery
for support*

| | |
|---|---|
| Antonio Estrada 716-510-1613 — cell (call or text) 716-858-7629 — office | Kendyce Rupe 716-858-1724 — office |
| Abby Muck 716-220-4284 — cell (call or text) 716-858-7476 — office | RoseAnn Valenti 716-220-2847 — cell (call or text) 716-858-2739 — office |

Community of Peer Enrichment (COPE)

- WNY peer group
- Training and skills
- Networking and support
- Self-care





MAT SUPPORT GROUP

STARTING FEBRUARY 2, 2023

**THIS IS A PEER-LED SUPPORT GROUP
A PLACE WHERE LIKE-MINDED PEOPLE
COME TOGETHER TO UPLIFT AND
SUPPORT EACH OTHER ON THEIR
RECOVERY JOURNEY.**

**Every 1st and 3rd
Thursday of the
month
6 – 8pm
Sparks of Hope
Recovery Support
Center
107 Main St
Hamburg, NY
14075**

**Every 2nd and 4th
Wednesday of the
month
6 – 8pm
Spirit of Truth
Urban Ministry
115 Gold St
Buffalo, NY 14206**

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Office of Harm Reduction Outreach Update

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Outreach Activities

New

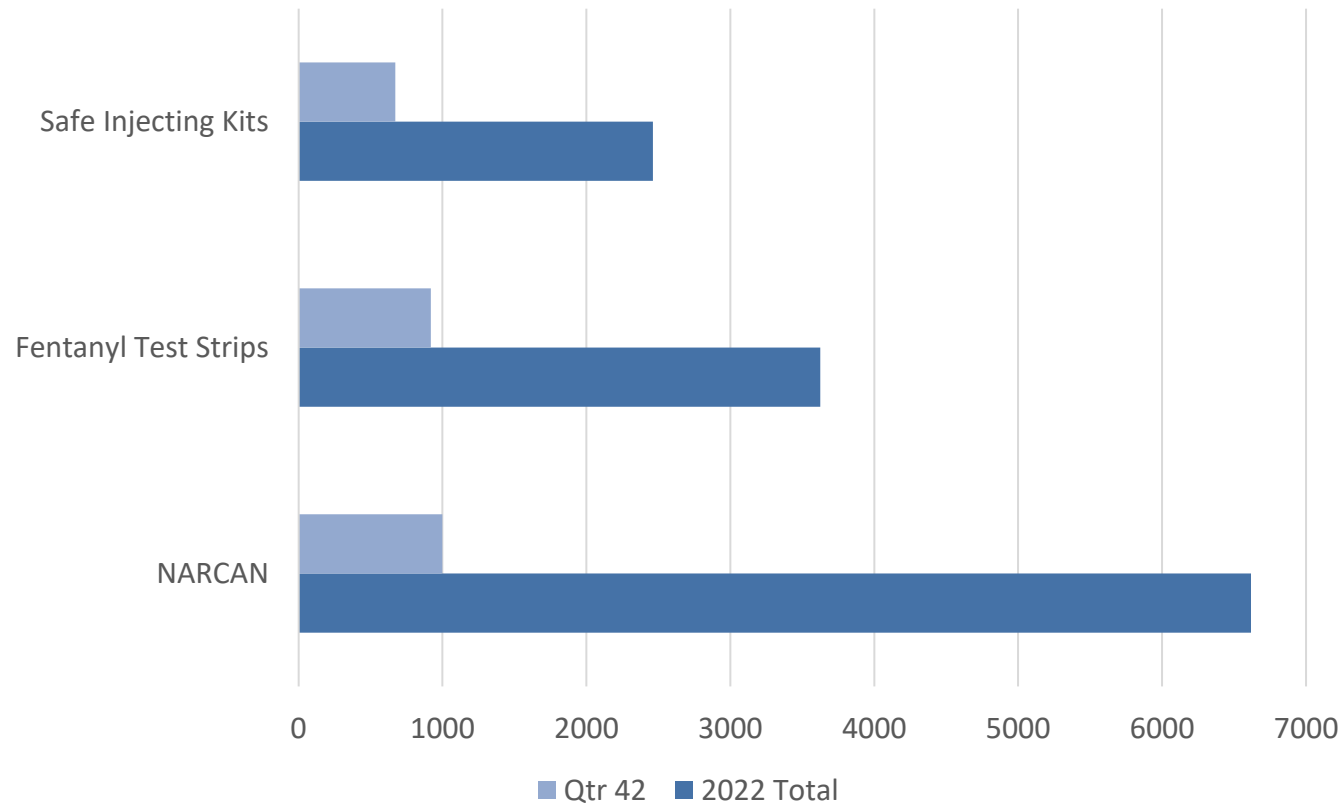
- Saturday Academy with Buffalo Public Schools

Continued

- Tuesday, Pearl Street Tabling
- Thursday, St. John Kanty Church
- Friday, Grant/Ferry & Riverside (rotating)



Harm Reduction Supplies



Number of Events
Qtr 4 - 40
Total 2022 - 128

STI TESTING

Chlamydia

Gonorrhea

HIV

Syphilis

Trichomoniasis

Finger prick & urine sample

Mail in



Harm Reduction Outreach

- New outreach responses due to isolation, disconnection from public interactions, new homeless populations
- Pop up community events as requested by the community, outreach to social venues such as bars and restaurants due to changing drugs and overdose profiles
- Live Well Erie Van Outreach Weekly
 - Tuesdays – Curbside Care, 158 Pearl St, 11am – 5pm
 - Thursdays – 12 – 4pm, St. John Kanty, corner of Broadway and Swinburne St.
 - Fridays – assorted sites based on data



CURBSIDE CARE EXAMPLE OF SERVICES

Curbside Care

**Health & Harm Reduction
Services, Screenings & Supplies**
Every Tuesday, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
158 Pearl Street, Buffalo
(Rath Building, East Side)

Clean Syringes Hep C Testing COVID-19 Vaccines

Free Condoms STI Testing Flu Vaccines

Sexual Health Services Smoking Cessation

HIV Testing Free Narcan & On-the-Spot Training

Look for the
Live Well Erie
van!



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Services and supplies provided at events:

COVID Vaccines

Flu Vaccines

Narcan Kits

Condoms

Treatment Referrals

Safe Injection Kits

Smoking Cessation

Erie County Cannabis Update 2023

based on updates from the NYS Office of Cannabis Management

- ▶ An injunction is holding up opening of regulated cannabis dispensaries in five regions of New York State including WNY
 - ▶ License applications are still being reviewed and scored so that locations and businesses can be identified once the injunction is lifted.
- ▶ There are operational dispensaries on Native land unaffected by this injunction which continue to distribute both medical and recreational cannabis
- ▶ In Western New York there are currently:
 - ▶ 25 licensed cultivators
 - ▶ 3 processor licenses issued
 - ▶ 1 Laboratory licensed to test cannabis products
- ▶ [NYS OCM Annual Report 2022](#)



There is talk of cannabis being tainted with fentanyl

This is NOT correct

Per our crime laboratory, medical examiner and the DEA we are NOT seeing this in any of our data. Fentanyl will not be present in products sold at dispensaries and products will be regulated and controlled from point of cultivation to point of sale.

So what is happening?

- ▶ THC concentrations in cannabis have increased drastically over the last decade¹
 - ▶ Edible packaging may contain more than what one person should consume as a serving prompting educational materials advising “Start low, go slow.”
 - ▶ Each method of ingestion metabolizes at different rates per each individual.
- ▶ New York State has laid out strict packaging requirements for edible products to prevent use in minors including restricting character advertisement, labeling as an already existing product and catch phrases.
 - ▶ Childproof packaging will be available for purchase or provided with each sale
 - ▶ Cannabis in the home should be locked and out of sight of children

1- Freeman, T. P., Craft, S., Wilson, J., Stylianou, S., ElSohly, M., Di Forti, M., and Lynskey, M. T. (2021) Changes in delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and cannabidiol (CBD) concentrations in cannabis over time: systematic review and meta-analysis. *Addiction*, 116: 1000- 1010. <https://doi.org/10.1111/add.15253>.



ESAP Drug and SHARPs Drop Off Kiosks

• Sheriff Maintained Locations

- Akron; Alden; Brant; Clearance; Colden; Elma; Grand Island; Holland; Lackawanna; Marilla; Springville
- Erie County Facilities at ECC North; ECC South; ECC City; Rath Bldg; Jesse Nash Health Ctr; EC Sherriff's @ 10 Delaware;
- Kaleida Health locations- Buffalo General; John R. Oishei Children's Hospital, Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital
- Canisius Collage;
- Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center

Local Municipality Kiosk Locations

- Amherst Police Dpt.
- Cheektowaga Police Department
- Orchard Park Police
- Evans Police Dept.
- University of Buffalo- North Campus @ Bissell Hall
- All Buffalo Police Departments

Outside of Erie County

- Albion Police Department (Orleans Co.)
- Orleans County Sheriff's Office (Orleans Co.)
- Batavia Police Department (Genesee Co.)
- LeRoy Village Police (Genesee Co.)
- Medina Police Dept (Orleans Co.)
- Wyoming County Sheriff (Wyoming Co.)



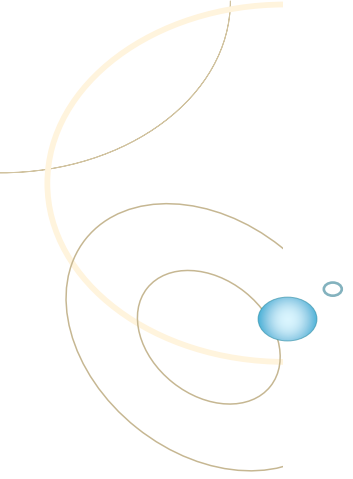
Totals Collected

Drugs Destroyed

- 2022 – 8000 lbs
- 2021 - 7160 lbs
- 2020 - 16520 lbs
- 2019 - 34720 lbs

Sharps Collected

- 2022 – 10404 lbs
- 2021 – 11676 lbs
- 2020 – 9629 lbs
- 2019 – 8809 lbs



Family and Consumer Advocacy and Support Group

February 6, 2023



Memorial Tree 2022, Rath Building Lobby, Buffalo





Perspective Changes


- Death rate continues to be a concern to the community at all levels
- Messaging of ‘Words Matter’ and Disease Management will have an impact



Education and Information are Lacking

- Families and consumers are exposed to immediate death with little awareness of fentanyl distribution in their area

- We need Your Help to spread the message to our community that saving lives are key measures



Families are the first line of defense in any disease and the main support system

We can not accept labels of 'enabler' and 'co-dependent'

Families need to be included in efforts to save lives



Families are Not Victims

- In traditional Substance Use Disorder, the people affected are confused, scared and hurting.
- Symptoms are identified as a biological response, not a choice!
- Resources need to address Disease Management education for every family



Disease Management Includes Empathy

- Every interaction can be an opportunity to express low impact help and personal care
- In many cases, the person developing a problem doesn't know what is happening to them
- Food, shelter, clothing and medical care are basic human needs



Change the Message

No One Deserves to be Poisoned

Fentanyl Dealers are Predatory

We are Not Helpless and we don't have
to Wait for Anything to develop a plan
to save Lives

When the Message Changes,
Community Response will Change



Our Goals

- Increase efforts to Save Lives
- Change the Language, Words Matter
- Humane Treatment for Addiction/ Mental Health
- Consequences for convicted drug dealers
- Encourage 'good medicine' research standards



New Survey, Hilbert College

•Hilbert College graduate student, Marissa Kleinsmith, has a short survey to further our efforts in research.

•Link

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdN0D6E2R_0qIKM937p0jeRNZPJjLnnOdAARekkJnhze_Dq9A/viewform?usp=sf_link

•All research should be verified by several, non competing sources. It's good to do.



**Don't hijack the funding
intended to Help those in
Need**



Upcoming Event

Black Balloon Day

March 7, 2023

Details to Follow



Support Groups

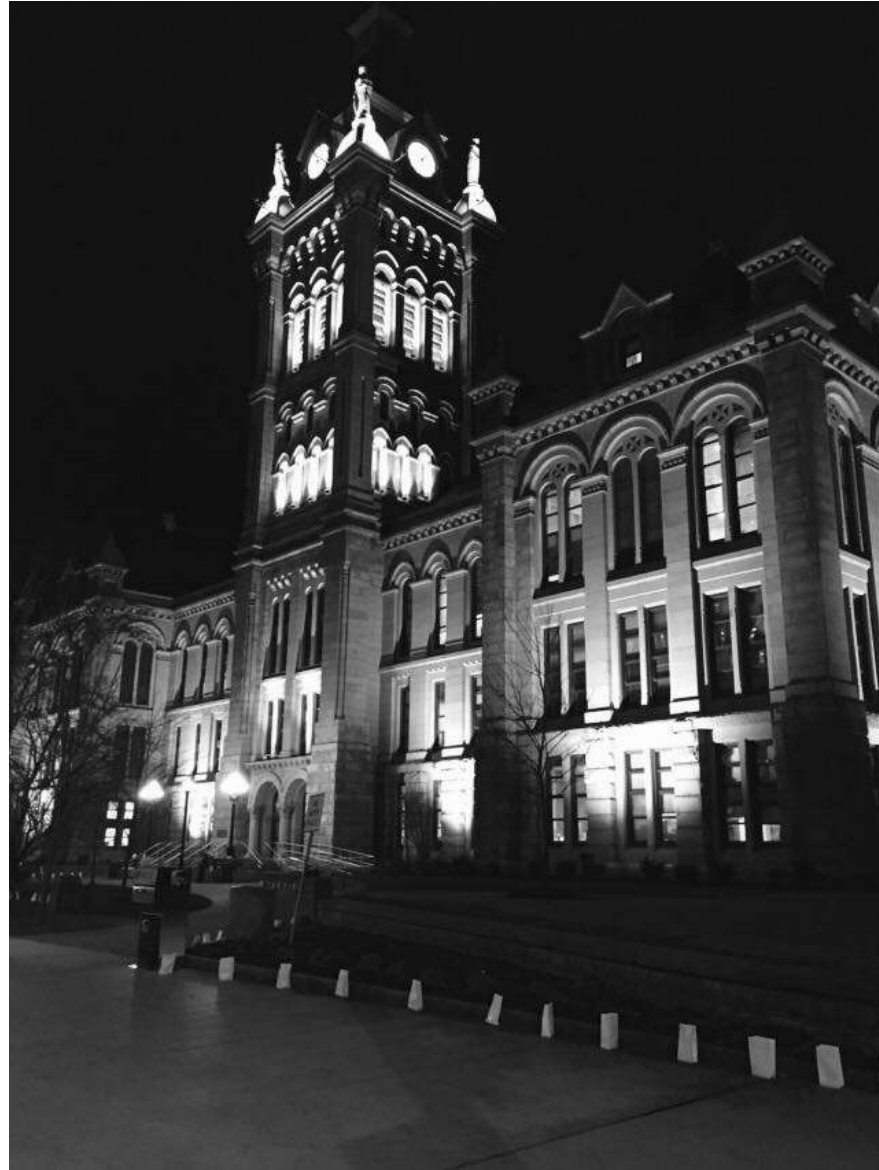
- New- Grasp Grief Group

69 Linwood Ave every other Saturday @10:30am

New- Meet and Greet

1404 Abbott Rd monthly Dec 8 @6pm

We have a
long way to
go in this
crisis.



Erie County Opiate Task Force

Community Education and Prevention Committee

Goals

- Educate the community about the current status of the opioid epidemic in Western New York and addiction in general
- Provide awareness, guidance, and direction to those directly and indirectly impacted by the crisis
- AND promote, encourage and educate the community about prevention

What's Going On?

- Who's doing what?
- Promote

What's Going On?

- PSA update
- Press Conference
- Distribution
- Media

Coming up...

- Brainstorming new projects...



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Safely dispose of syringes and needles in secure, anonymous kiosks
Safely dispose of unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medications

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Erie County Probation Department

OPIOID TASK FORCE MEETING
02/06/23



Current Status of Opioid Unit

Currently, we have 30 probationers on the Opioid Unit Caseload

- **Our PNs are providing extra support to 74 probationers in total**

2 probationers rearrested

10 active VOP

4 probationers at an inpatient facility

4 probationers in jail

0 Fatal/2 non-fatal Opioid OD (Same person)

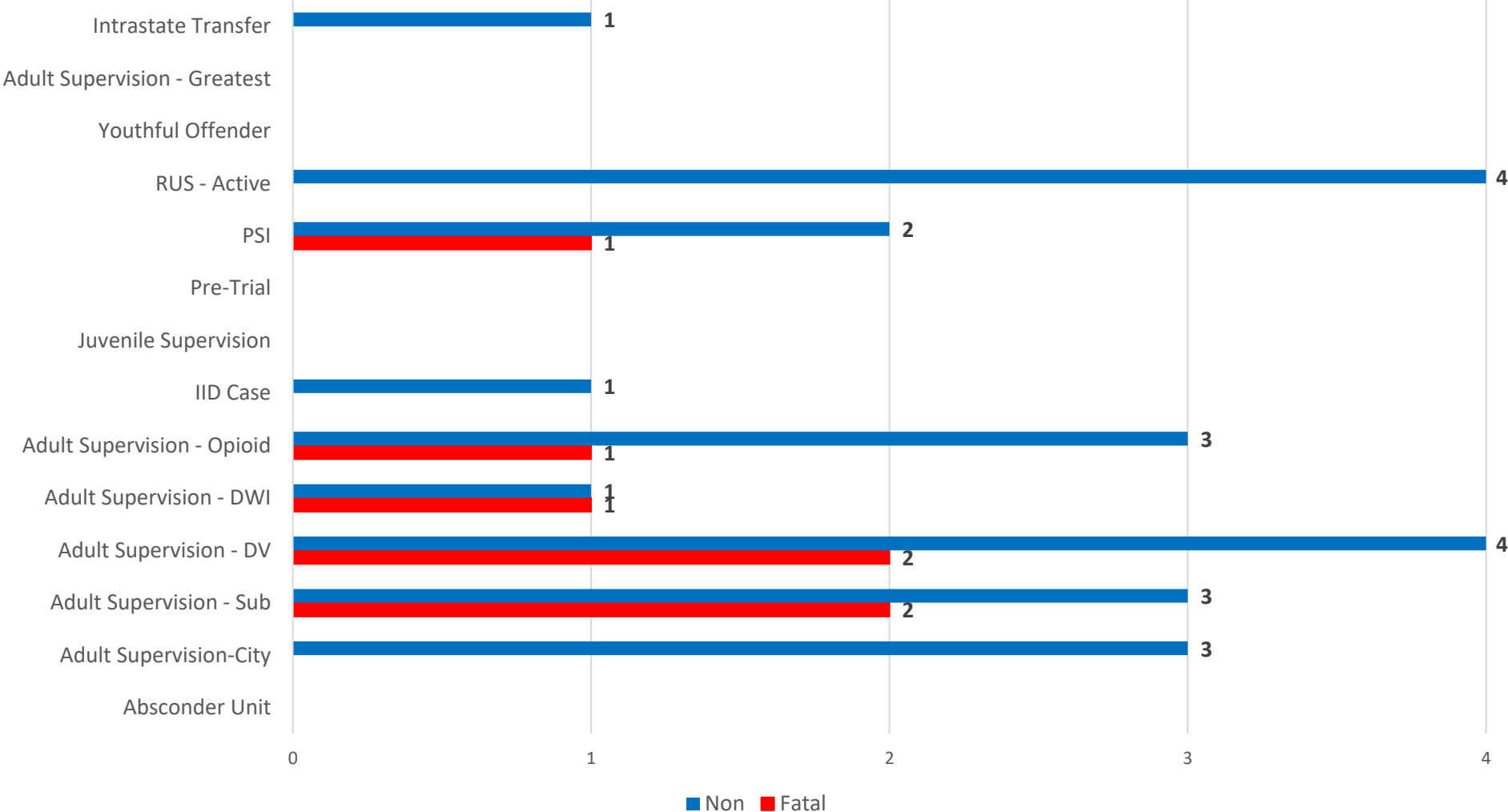
Department Opioid Response General Information



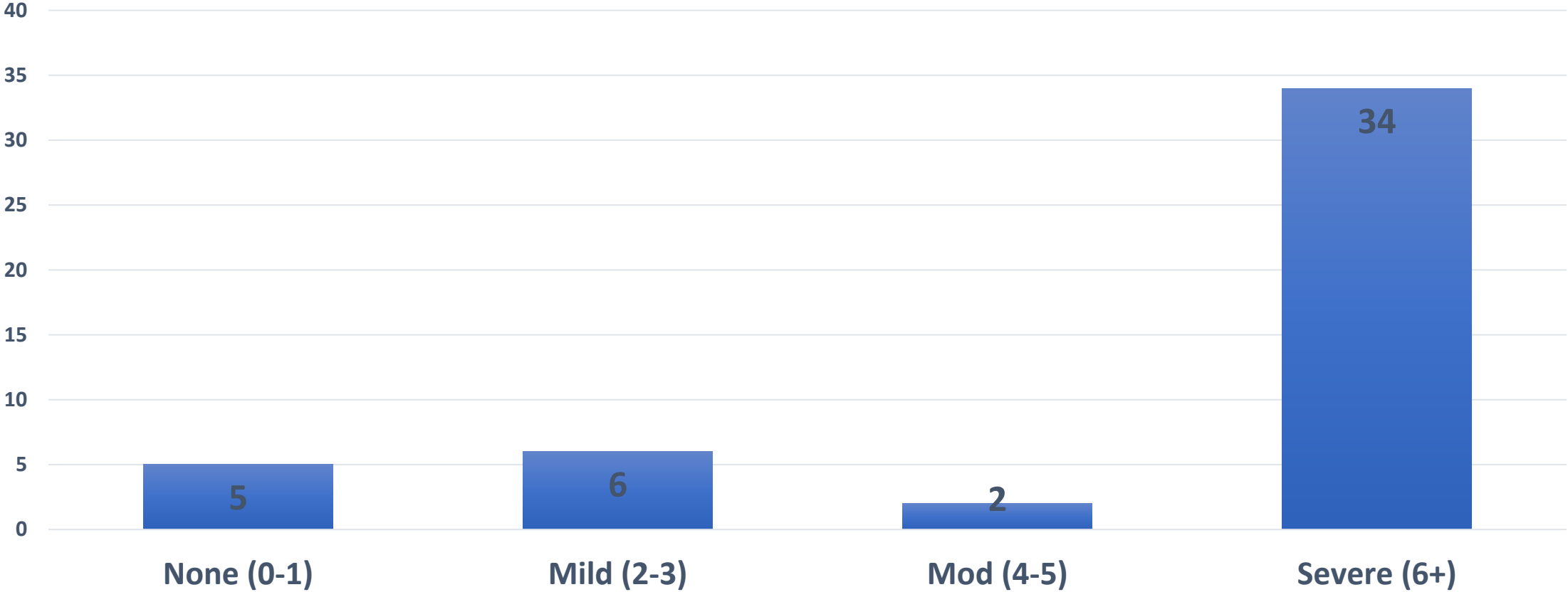
- The department distributed 105 Narcan kits to probationers and their families in 2022.
- A new department Peer Navigator starts later this month.
- One Peer is taking her Certified Recovery Peer Advocate classes.

Erie County Probation Department Overdoses 2022

Fatal = 7
Non-Fatal = 21



TCU July - Dec 2022 Just Opioids



Thank You

Erie County Probation Opioid Unit

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Probation Officer: Melissa Mayhew

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