

June 17th, 2021 – 2 to 4pm

Brief welcome and opening statements from Dr. Dianne Clarke, and Dr. Ulyee Choe

Medical Examiner's Office Update: Presenter Reta Newman

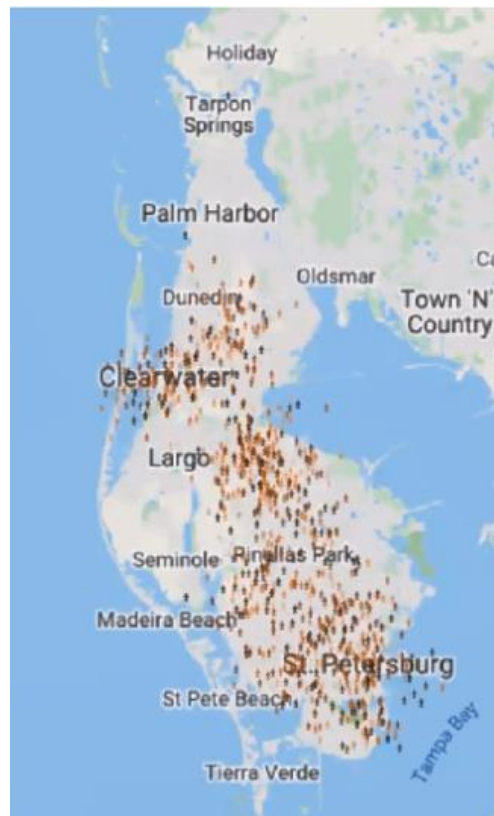
- 27% increase in 2020 for non-natural deaths
- Drug deaths up 35% in 2020
- Fentanyl most seen drug in OD deaths, meth is on major rise (huge increase over last decade)
- 52% in fentanyl deaths 2019-2020
- 372 deaths in 2020 Pinellas
- Fentanyl and fluorofentanyl most common over past 3 months, not many other analogs during COVID
- Benzimidazole opioids
 - New class of highly potent opioids
 - 39 analogs
 - Schedule I in FL
 - Identified in Pinellas: metonitazene, etodesnitazene
 - 10 cases, most mixed with fentanyl
 - Can screen but can't confirm right now – working on test methods
- Etonitazene
 - 1000x more powerful than morphine
 - Related to bromphine class
 - More common in north, hasn't been seen in FL
 - No analog testing – unknown potency
- New synthetic opioids to circumvent standards for fentanyl
- FL Statute 893 for drug scheduling
- DPAC team to address legislation
- Kratom – not scheduled, attempt 3 years ago
 - Seen regularly in descendants, not normally the cause of death but alongside other drugs
 - Possibly use in treatment
 - Xanax with opioids frequent – increase in the last few years (Xanax)
 - Benzos boost opiate effects

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Review: Presenter Craig Queen

- 442 repeat cases (of 2428 individuals, 3852 total calls)
- 33713 lead the week of 4/4 spikes
- Lead calls through Ma
- Delay in transportation of drug chain supply so there is a slight downturn in cases currently
- Many huge busts locally and nationwide
- Comparing apprehended supply to ME data
 - Difficult to test apprehended supply because of lack of QC
 - No assumptions to make, but can be made with unusual components

Northwestern University: Presenter Wouter Vermeer & Holly Hills

- Modeling process:
- Gained understanding of system dynamics
- Priorities for intervention by doing stakeholder interviews
- Built simple model to explore prioritized intervention – Narcan distribution model
- Working on expanding simple model to cover full system
- Identified critical modules
- Identified data sources for modules
- Collecting and incorporating data into model
- 8 core modules: Demographics, social interaction, usage, OD, Narcan, care/treatment, jail, intervention
- Expert interview update:
 - Interviews in Nov. 2020 and Jan. 2021
 - Changes in access and services with COVID
 - Impactful changes: move to telehealth, take home dosage, and loss of face-to-face contact
 - Should telehealth be sustained?
 - Challenges: training staff/clients, access to technology, acclimating to virtual delivery
- Largely positive changes, but is it sustainable? Able to reduce burden and access but was highly dependent on collaboration/implementation
- Operation PAR working with NIDA clinical trial – 250 client files reviewed
- 2019/2020 data: retention, drug screening, etc. to look at difference in data and predictions for future treatment program operations



COSSAP Update: Presenter Joshua Barnett

- 3 components
 - Quick response team – meet with OD survivors and families to bring into treatment; Operation PAR
 - Increasing to EMS, training for staff to start referral process
 - Overdose Fatality Review – deeper investigation of descendants to understand barriers, engagements, etc. for better engagement and messaging
 - Naloxone Distribution – working with DOH to get kits into community and with EMS partners
- Evaluative efforts for the grant

SIP White Paper Update: Presenter Meghan Westbrook

- Service connections to SU/MH services
- Time from release of incarceration to OD death
- Ends 9/30/21, looking for 18 month no-cost extension

Overdose Data to Action (OD2A) Grant Updates: Marianne Dean

- 2500 toolkits will be delivered 6/18/21
- App is still under construction and going through legal process, ETA is TBD

Q&A

1. Sunstar – First There, First Care outreach – request information regarding topics presented
OD education, Narcan, CPR

Next meeting: 9/16/21