

September 16, 2021 – 2 to 4pm

Brief welcome from Marianne Dean prior to recording commencement.

Medical Examiner's Office Update: Presenter Reta Newman

- We are at 206 drug related months for a six-month period
- We are on track to be over 600 cases this year
- Most of the drug-related deaths were illicit drugs
- 74% of Overdose Deaths were positive for Fentanyl
- Fentanyl is prescribed for surgeries and sometimes for end of life so it could be a factor for cases that were seen.
- Methamphetamine was the number 1 seized drug last year
- No medical use for methamphetamine
- Metonitazene is not controlled so we are expecting to continue to see more deaths associated with it
- There are currently no tests for Metonitazene; therefore, they are being developed.
- They are seeing a combination of Fentanyl and Pentobarbital in two cases in August 2021
- Pentobarbital is not normally seen in the crime lab, so the two cases could lead one to assume the drugs came from the same source.
- The ME office is seeing a lot of pressed tablets that are being mixed with different drugs.
- Suggestion of keeping up with the trends and informing us of what they are seeing so that we can help solve the problem.

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Review: Presenter Craig Queen

- We are on track to surpass the number of transports related to an overdose that were seen last fiscal year.
- A downward trend of transport has stated to occur beginning in August
- The downward trend could be due to the pandemic and school starting
- First time overdose numbers are starting to go up
- In the past month, there have been 17 cases that COSSAP have reached out too, and none have had repeat visits
- The amount of NARCAN used on site has started to trend downward.

PCOTF Survey- Dr. Joshua Barnett

- 10-minute survey
- Review Responses during the survey

Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program (COSSAP) Update: Presenter Joshua Barnett

- Update on their partnership with EMS that focuses on engaging individuals who have just overdosed.
- EMS has created an alert system that signals Operation PAR that an individual has overdosed

- EMS then makes a referral on Operation PAR's behalf
- They are then linked to a peer specialist who is an advocate on their behalf
- Highlighted the importance of NARCAN education
- DOH can supply places with NARCAN boxes
- Randi Whitney from Tampa said in the chat that he also said he had a COSSAP grant as well and wanted to compare and collaborate programs.

Northwestern University: Presenter Wouter Vermeer

Wouter Vermeer – Northwestern University

- Process of resubmitting their center application which would provide resources for continued efforts for the next 5 years.
- Still in the integration of data stage in the modeling process
- Looked at NARCAN data from FDCF
- The Narcan distribution numbers have gone up drastically since the beginning of the pandemic.
- Currently trying to model interventions in their whole simulation model.
- Want to incorporate data from EMS and the survey that was taken in the meeting.
- Models are all geography based so they can have location-based interventions
- Needed is a cross-tabulation of different sources of information.
- Want to know all the different layers and how they interact before they speak on an intervention
- Jim Fogarty- wants to dive into why we keep seeing the same zip codes appear.
- Include several support areas including analysis, linguistics & transcription, communications, and illicit finance. The DDRO is a multifaceted organization that can supply many skillsets to organizations that could benefit their services.

Pinellas County Human Services Strategic Information Partnership (SIP)- Presenter: Meghan Westbrook

- They have started to regularly obtain data from EMS, ME, and PDMP
- They are developing and drafting a public dashboard to inform the community of what goes on with opiates.

HOME Project -COOCLI Grant- Meghan Westbrook

- Red Boxes are still available and are leveraging COSSAP and OD2A to continue to distribute those to the community

Pinellas County-Substance Use Data Reporting Dashboard-Presenter: Krista McIlhaney-Isaacs

- Filters will allow you to look at different cities in Pinellas County
- Filters will allow you to look at specific points in time
- EMS will have their own page on the dashboard
- There will be Biospatial maps using GIS
- There will be zipcode data available- see population, racial, and income makeup.
- Have yet to start building the jail system out – Demographics, Booking Date, Arrest Location/Charge

Overdose Data to Action Update / EIS Update – Presenter: Marianne Dean

OD2A Update – Marianne Dean

- Opioid Toolkits are still available!
- Focused our outreach events alongside DOH's immunization team, and we got involved with Not My Son.
- Present Substance use prevention materials to health educators in Pinellas County Schools
- Reprising role as role models for USF undergraduates
- Starting up our Explorer Programs (Stop the bleed, CPR, Narcan administration)
- Starting to look for student peers
- Invited partners to send a blurb about themselves to go on our new DOH site. We want to link our partners directly
- Trying to get Red Narcan kits out there. NOT Narcan itself.

DCF Guest Presentation- Presenter: Shelby Meaders

- Runs the Overdose Prevention Program
- At least 222 participating Narcan distributors in Florida.
- Reversals are often under-reported
- Are willing to provide data to anyone who asks for distribution and provider data
- Working on Leave-Behind Programs (None in Hillsborough or Pinellas). There are 30 throughout Florida
- Important to distribute Narcan because of the increase in Fentanyl
- Wait a few minutes after first dose of Narcan before administering second dose
- Can get Narcan at Walgreens and CVS under a standing order-self pay or insurance

Marianne Dean: How could someone in the general public get connected to Narcan from DCF- Give someone a kit with your information or give them a brochure/card with the My Families Website on it

Survey Discussion – Joshua Barnett

- 65% completed
- Mitigate ACEs by reaching out to the youth population that is the most at-risk for developing a substance use disorder
- A large portion of the respondents did not feel comfortable contributing to the PCOTF meeting
- Suggestion of break out rooms at the next meeting

End of presenter portion of the PCOTF meeting. Opened for questions.

Marianne Dean- Mentioned the 1-million-dollar grant given to Westcare and Pinellas County

Karen Yetchum- SAMHSA grant that the county applied for. It is a first responder grant.