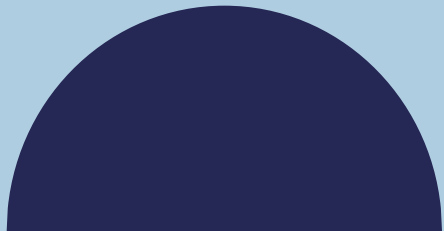


Plenary Session

Utilizing Law Enforcement Touchpoints to Connect Individuals at Risk of Overdose with Recovery Resources

Moderator: Meg Chapman, Bureau of Justice
Assistance

Speaker: Emily Dalgo, MA, King County, Washington,
Medical Examiner's Office



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Site Information

- **County:** King
- **City, state:** Seattle, Washington
- **Year OFR started:** 2023
- **Estimated number of overdose deaths per year:**
1,369
- **Size of jurisdiction:** Population in 2020 = 2,269,675
- **Funding sources:** Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Program (COSSUP)

King County Medical Examiner's Office (MEO)



- Investigates sudden, violent, unexpected, suspicious, and unnatural deaths
- Medical examiners, death investigators, autopsy technicians, **Real-Time Drug Surveillance Program staff**, and administrative support staff
 - Overdose fatality review (OFR) housed within the drug surveillance team

King County MEO “Real-Time” Surveillance Model



Purpose: To detect and report suspected overdose fatalities earlier than traditional methods that rely on post-mortem toxicology testing

How Do We Do This?

In-house testing!

- Blood toxicology
- Urine toxicology
- Drug evidence testing



2023 Overdose Count

2024 Overdose Count

ConfirmedODs

ConfirmedODs

Pending

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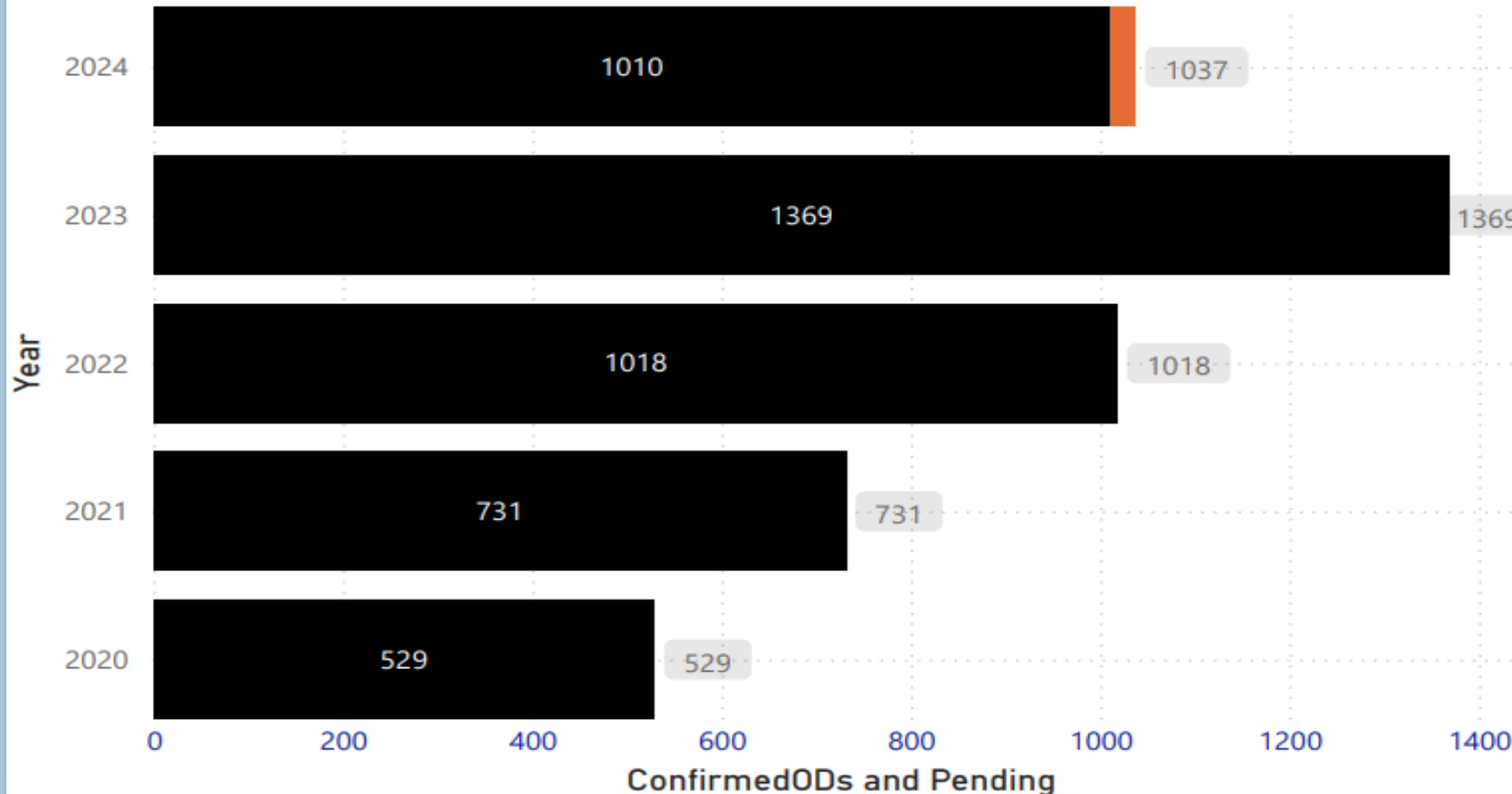
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Confirmed Overdoses and Pending 2020 to Present

● ConfirmedODs ● Pending



Updated
December 18,
2024

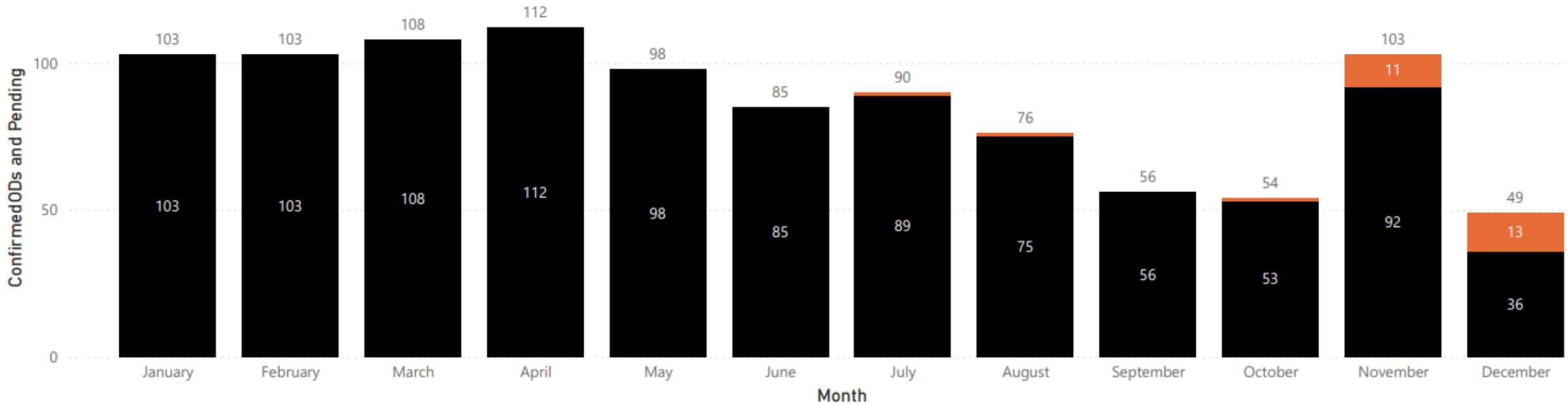
2024 Overdose Deaths to Date

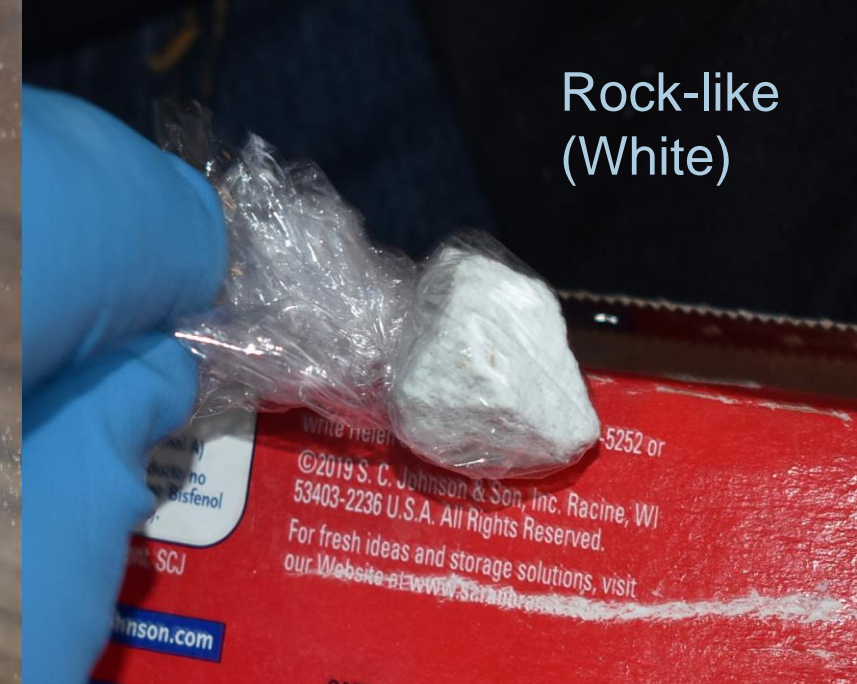
ConfirmedODs	Fentanyl	Methamphetamine	Cocaine	Heroin	Xylazine	Poly-FENT XYL	Pending
1010	746	550	262	26	10	10	27

Poly-FENT METH	Poly-Fentanyl Cocaine	Poly-FENT Buprenorphine	Poly-FENT Methadone	Poly-METH Methadone
418	200	15	36	30

Confirmed Overdoses and Pending by Month of 2024

● ConfirmedODs ● Pending





Fentanyl Forms and Route of Administration in King County



King County MEO Response



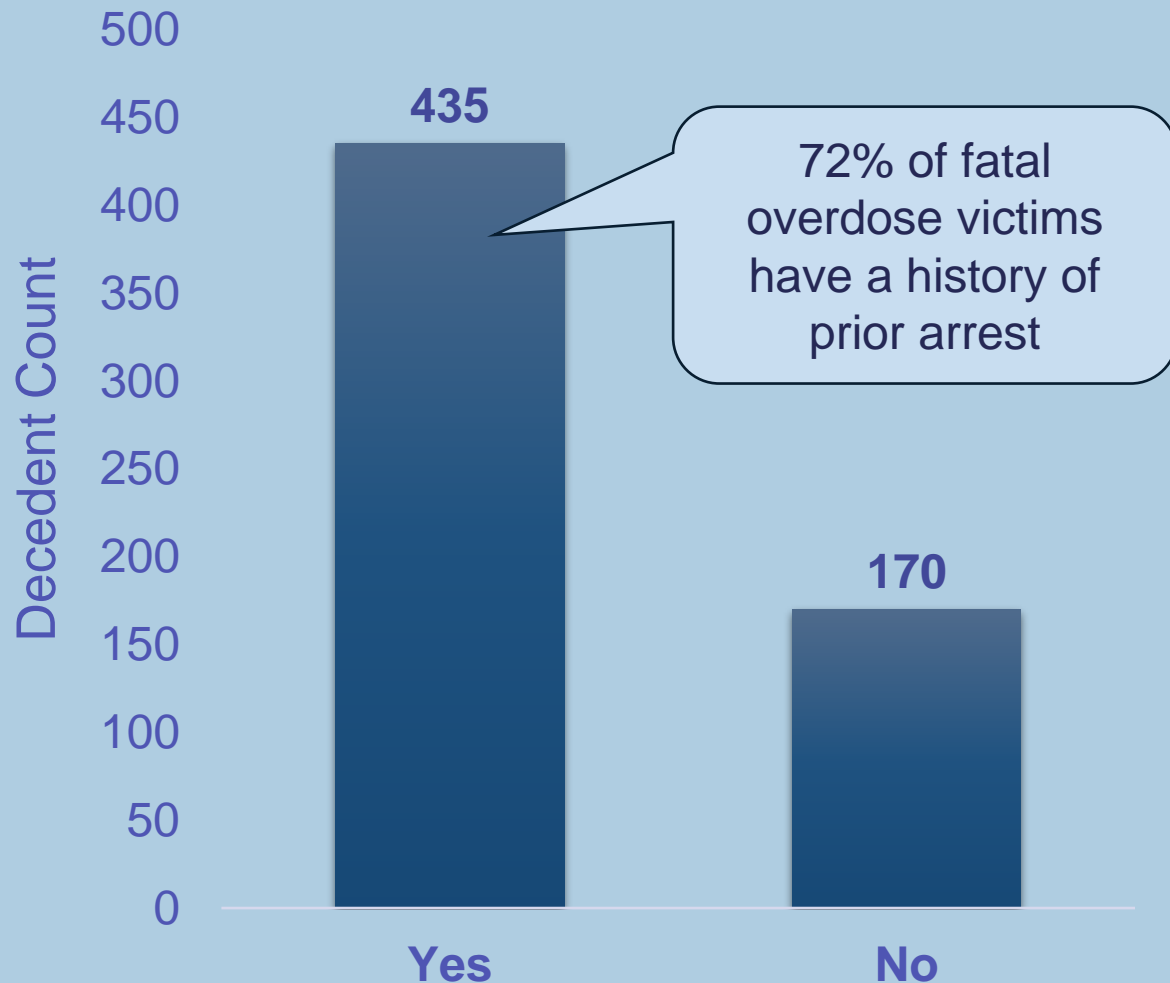
- **Our real-time overdose data allows** us to identify patterns.
- **Those overdose patterns then direct our OFR efforts and open communication with community partners.**
 - High Emergency Medical Services/Emergency Department contact
 - *Health 99 Program with Seattle Fire*
 - While on a medication for opioid use disorder (MOUD)
 - *Office Based Opioid Treatment (OBOT) Clinic*
 - On public transit
 - *King County Metro and Sound Transit*
 - After jail release
 - *South Correctional Entity (SCORE), Jail Health Services, Seattle Police Department (SPD)*

Utilizing Internal and External Data Sources

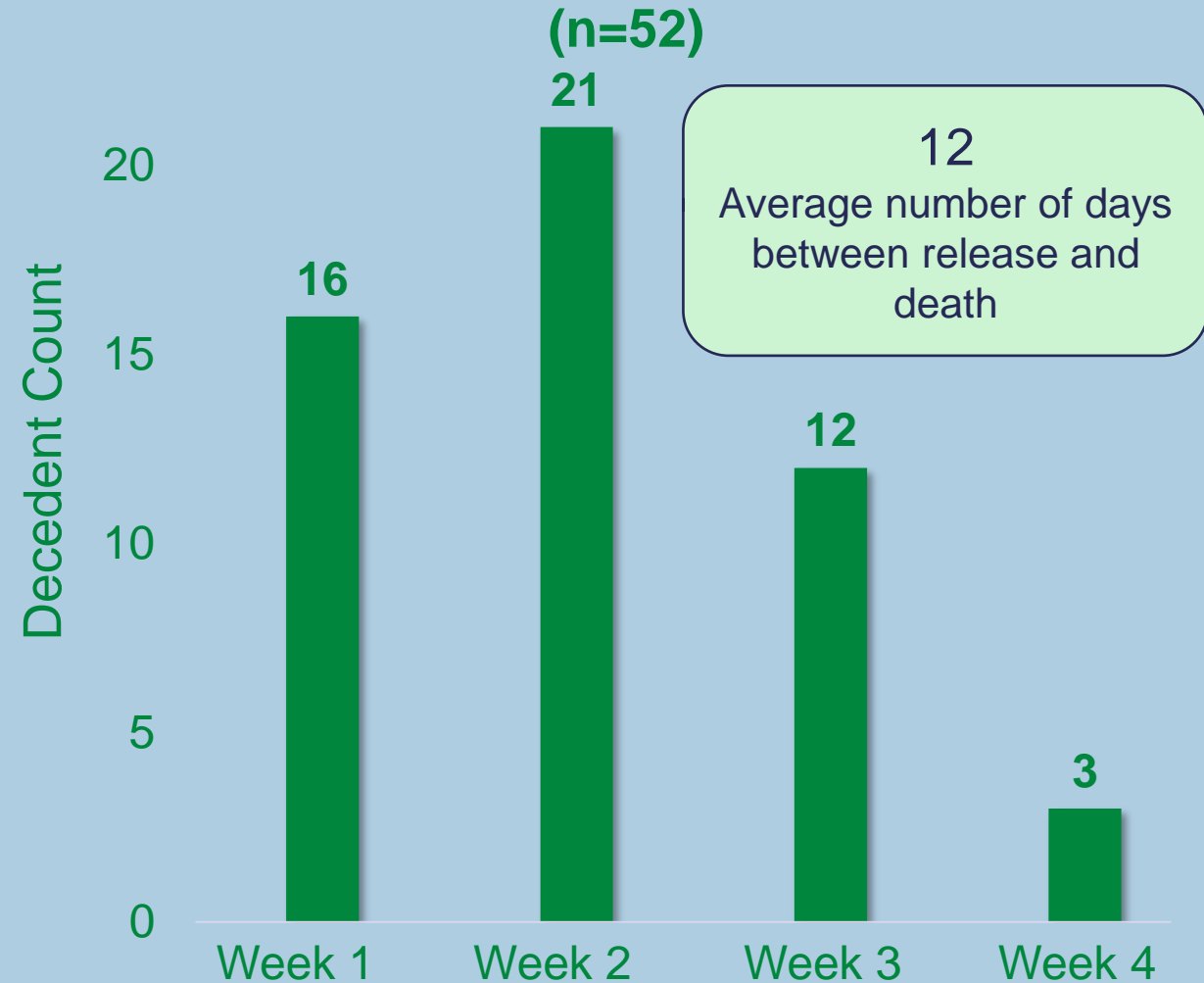


Touchpoints with the criminal/legal system are high among those who die from an overdose.

Fatal Overdose Victims With a JBRS Record



Week of Fatal Overdose Post-Jail Release



From: Stevens, Shilah <Shilah.Stevens@seattle.gov>

Sent: Sunday, July 28, 2024 4:09 PM

To: Dalgo, Emily <edalgo@kingcounty.gov>

Subject: Ride along

Hello Emily,

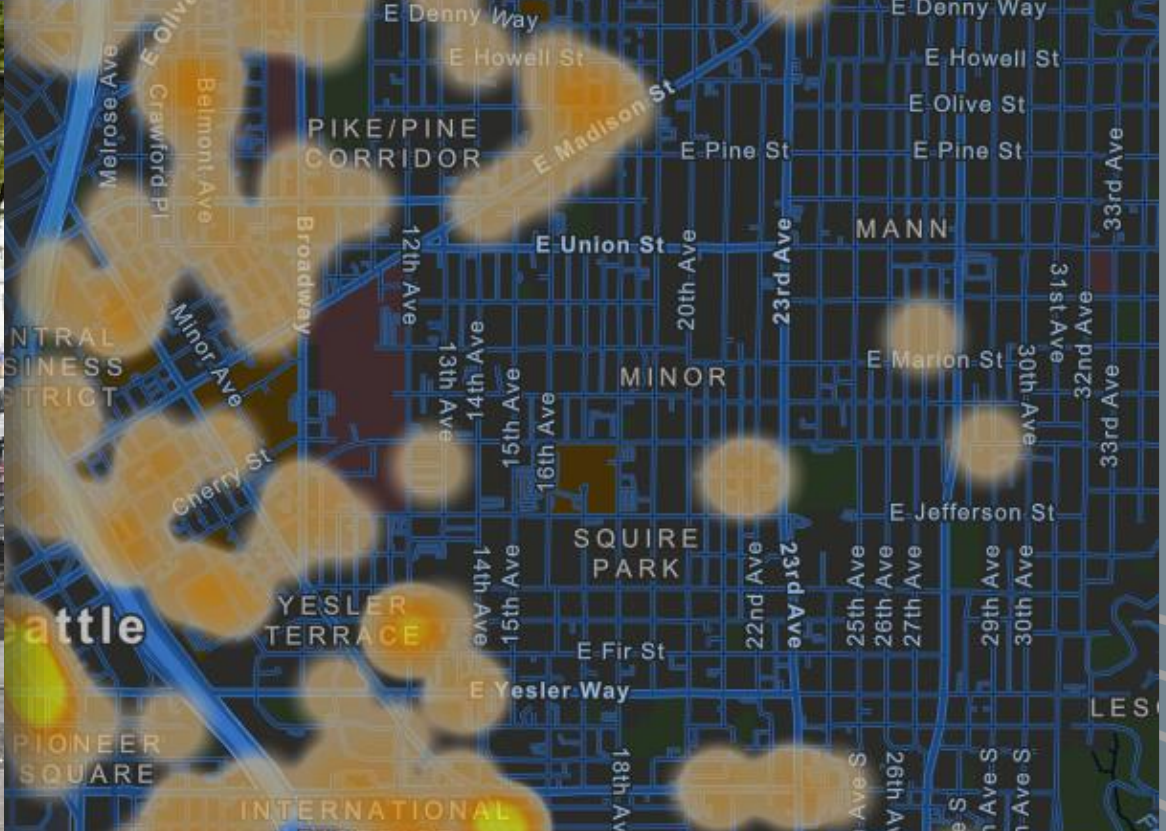
My name is Shilah and I work at the West Precinct and am a member of the OFRB and was contacted by LT Haynes about you possibly wanting to do a ride along. I'd be happy to show you around and take you on calls! I currently work in King sector which includes parts of the downtown core and the CID.

I currently work Fridays through Mondays at the West Precinct from 11 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. I do have a vacation coming up from 8/13-8/22 but other than that, I should be available!

Looking forward to meeting you!

Ofc. Shilah Stevens

2nd Watch West Precinct – King Sector



ODMAP

**OVERDOSE DETECTION
MAPPING APPLICATION PROGRAM**

US Coast Guard

Sam Smith Park





NO ADMITTANCE
ALL ACCESS TO THIS AREA IS RESTRICTED
TO THE PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW
UNAUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ARE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING
THIS AREA

SPRINKLER SYSTEM
FIRE DEPARTMENT

fresh! lunch to go

KITCHEN

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Recommendation



Utilize high-touchpoint systems:
Provide a training and resource to criminal/legal system employees on substance use disorder (SUD) and MOUDs to recognize and connect people in the community who could benefit from available services.

Design

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AI image generator

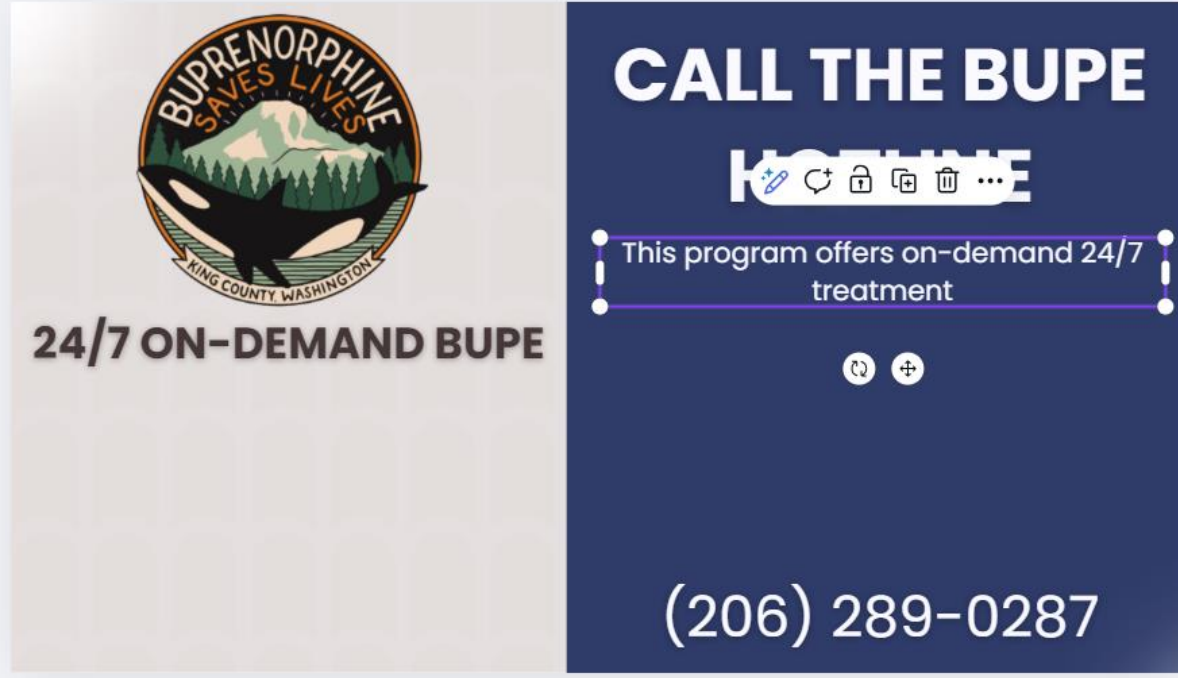
+ Generate your own

“A cute anime cat in a forest with flowers”

“Gothic castle surrounded by dinosaurs”

Stickers See all

Poppins - 6 + A B I U S aA Effects Animate Position



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24/7 ON-DEMAND BUPE

Buprenorphine (Suboxone) is a medication used to treat opioid use disorder. It is one of the best available treatments to alleviate withdrawal, reduce cravings, and significantly reduce overdose risk.

CALL THE BUPE HOTLINE

This program offers on-demand 24/7 treatment through a free telehealth visit with an Emergency Medicine physician

A buprenorphine prescription will be sent to the pharmacy of your choice

A Care Navigator will follow up with you to connect you to ongoing medication

(206) 289-0287

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use, problem
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www.waRecoveryHelpLine.org

**Free and Confidential
Support**

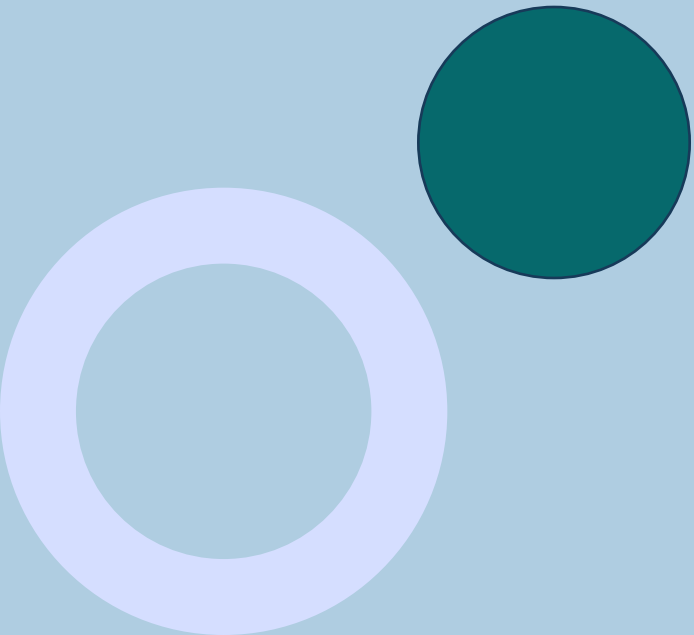
**Linkage to Local
Treatment Providers**

**Medication Referrals for
Opioid Use**

**DSHS Benefits
Application Assistance**

Result

- **All SPD precincts are now receiving SUD and MOUD training and Bupe Hotline resource cards**
- **Narcan leave-behind programs have been implemented in high-risk areas in Seattle**



Seattle Police Department West Precinct Roll Call





- Seattle Police Department (West, South, North Precincts)
- Community Crisis Responders
- Community Service Officers

Impact



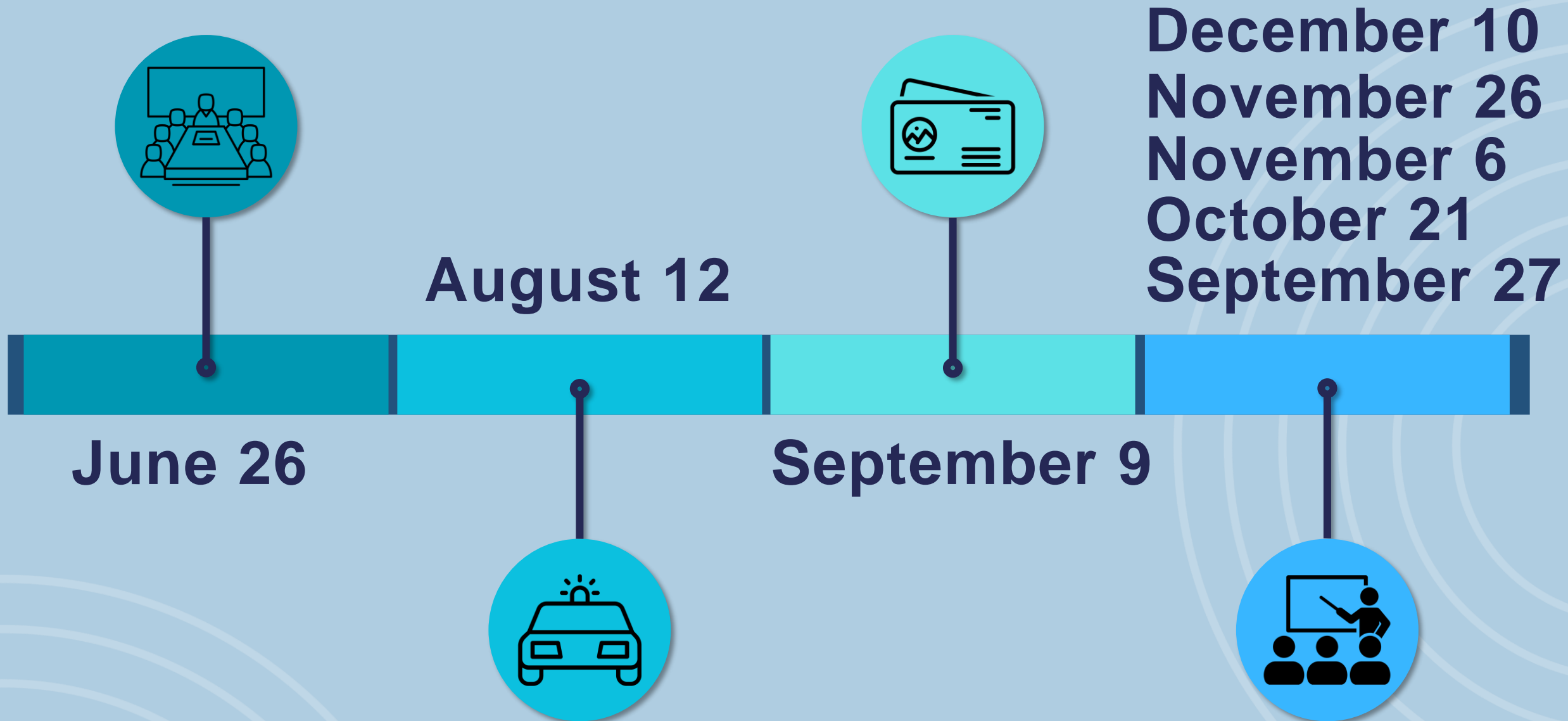
Hi Emily,

I just wanted to reach out and say thank you So much for coming to talk to the team, everyone had nice things to say about it and we already gave away a whole box of leave-behind Narcan!

I don't want to take too much but just know that if you ever have more you want to offload the team can do it expeditiously. We even talked about possibly slipping fentanyl test strips and a hotline card in the boxes before we hand them out.

Either way I'm sure we'll be in touch in the future for more cards, thank you again!

2024 Recommendation Timeline



Key Takeaways



- Identifying “champions” is critical
 - One OFR member played a pivotal role in advocating for the initiative, securing access for our presentations, and facilitating its expansion
- Direct community engagement is key to identifying needs
 - By shadowing the police, we discovered gaps in knowledge and resources, leading to the development of actionable solutions
- Routine encounters can be transformed into meaningful opportunities for overdose prevention and recovery

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