

Working Together to Leverage Multidisciplinary Partnerships to Implement Recommendations



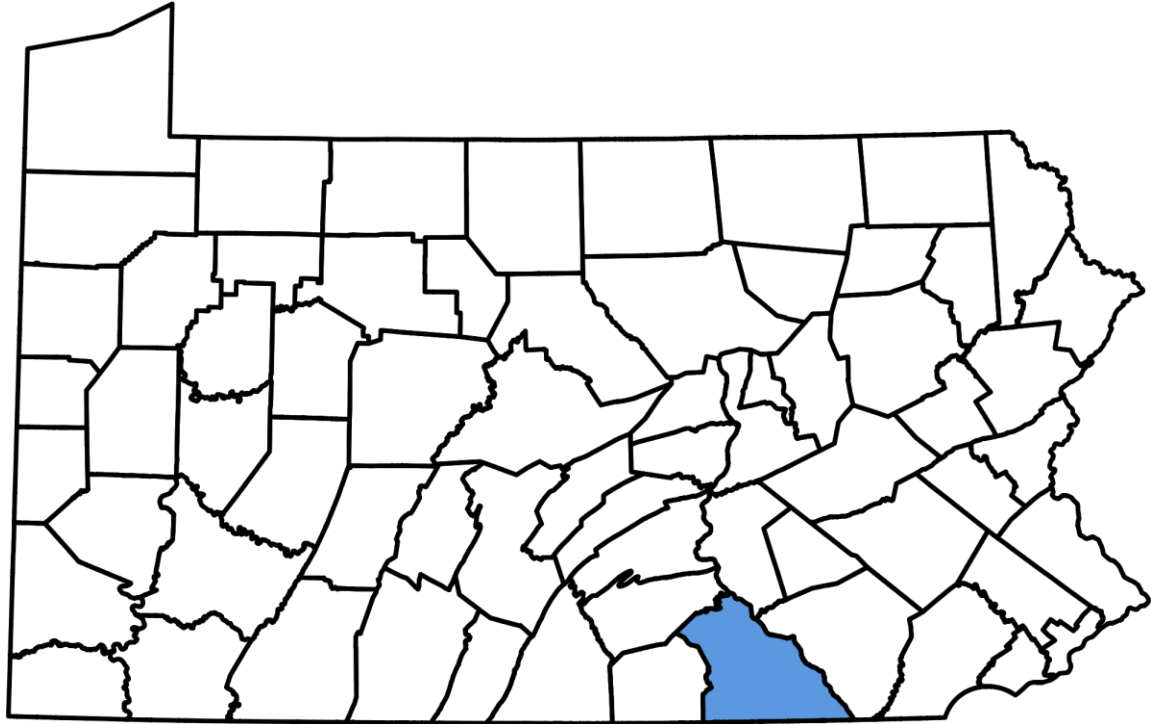
Speakers: Samantha Zahm and Brittany Shutz
York County, Pennsylvania

Learning Objectives

1. After participating in the session, attendees should be able to describe how to implement effective recommendations with the convergence of Overdose Fatality Review and the Public Health and Safety Team (PHAST)

2. Identify the benefits of building strong partnerships to implement innovative recommendations

York County Overdose Fatality Review Team



- York County, Pennsylvania
 - 8th most populous county in PA
 - 72 different municipalities, 13 different police departments
- Urban jurisdiction
- Population, Census, April 1, 2020 = 456,438
- [House Bill 220](#) signed by Governor Tom Wolf on November 3, 2022; the new law will take effect in 60 days (January 2, 2023)

A Framework for Multisector Public Health and Safety Teams

York County, PA, was the first pilot site for the CDC Foundation and the CDC's PHAST Framework in late fall 2019 – spring 2020.

The PHAST framework uses guiding principles to improve multisector engagement, data sharing, and coordinated overdose prevention.

PHAST focuses on using multisector data/information, partnerships, and an established infrastructure to drive action and results.

Public Health and Safety Team

North Star – Reduce overdoses and impact of substance use

What do you know?

What do you need to know?

What can you do?

What are you doing well?

How can you do better?

Shared Understanding – Developing a comprehensive, common understanding of substance use disorders, risk factors, and evidence-based practices for prevention, rescue, and recovery

Optimize Capacity – Leverage multisector resources and opportunities that mutually support and strengthen the community's capacity to reduce overdoses and impact of substance use

Shared Accountability – Shared responsibility for monitoring and achieving desired outcomes collectively



York County Overdose Fatality Review Team

Steering Committee

- Pam Gay**
OFR Co-Chair
- DA's Office**
OFR Co-chair
- Dr. Matthew Howie**
OFR Facilitator
- Brittany Shutz**
OFR Coordinator
- Samantha Zahm**
OFR Coordinator
- Tamar Wallace**
Data Manager

Partner Agencies Team Members

- Casey Darling-Horan**
York/Adams MH-IDD
- Dr. Mitchell Crawford**
WellSpan Health
- Erin Kraska**
York County District Attorney's Office
- Rhys Kershaw**
York County Probation Services
- Audrey Gladfelter**
York/Adams Drug and Alcohol Commission
- Clair Doll**
York County Human Services
- Tanya Stauffer**
York County Children, Youth and Families
- Tia Neal**
York County Department of Emergency Services, 911 Communications
- Becky Lockner**
Lived Experience/CRS
- Theresa Sellers**
UPMC in Central PA
- Adam Ogle**
York County Prison

OFR Guest Members

Governing Committee – Public Health and Safety Team (PHAST): Supports and provides resources to implement recommendations generated by case reviews

Steering Committee: Supports the core leadership roles – York County Coroner's Office, York County District Attorney's Office, York Opioid Collaborative, and City of York Bureau of Health

OFR Coordinators:

- Samantha Zahm (City of York Bureau of Health)
- Brittany Shutz (York Opioid Collaborative)



OFR Chairs:

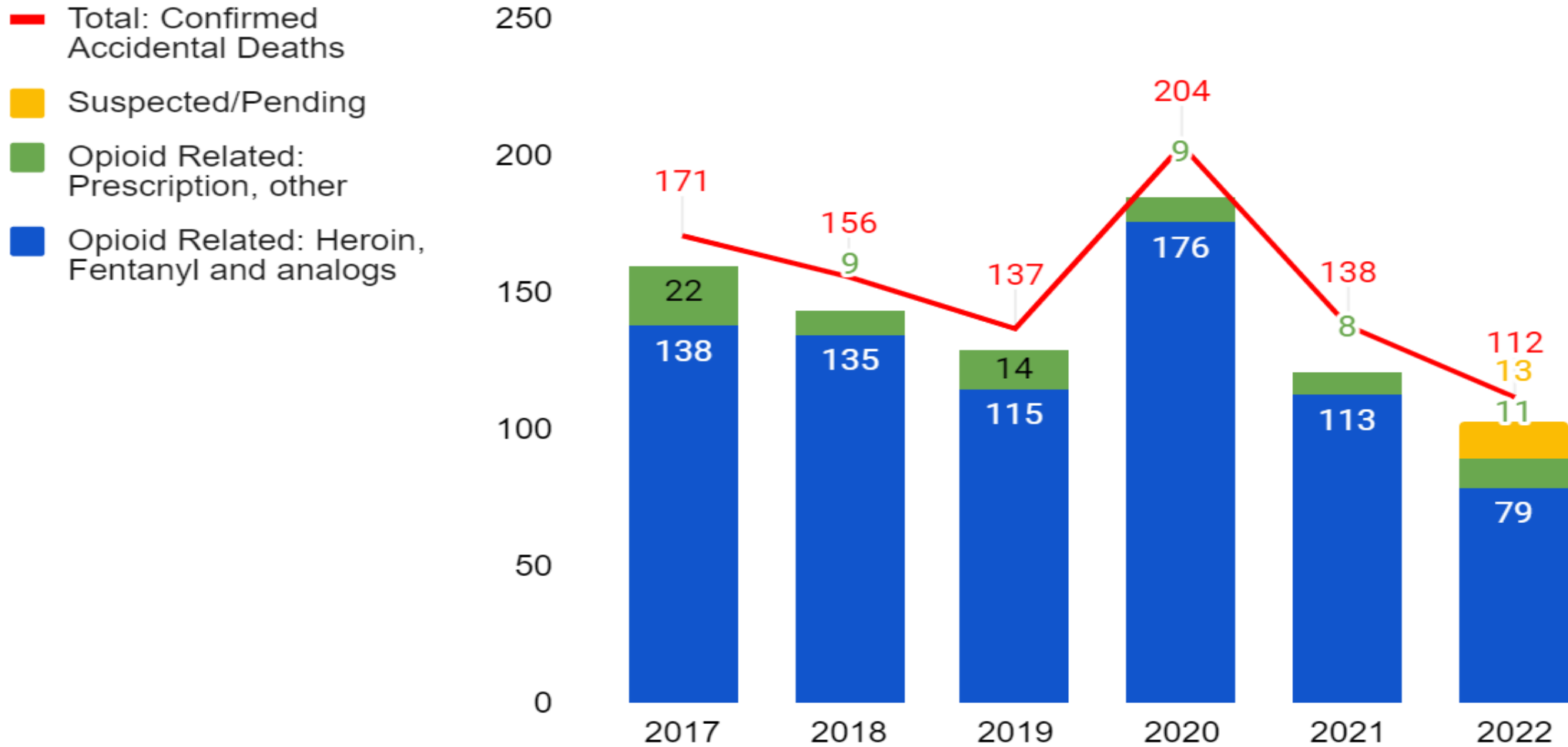
- Pam Gay (York County Coroner's Office)
- A representative from the York County District Attorney's Office

OFR Facilitator: Matthew Howie (City of York Bureau of Health)

York County OFRT Overview

- Established by a joint initiative among the City of York Bureau of Health, the York Opioid Collaborative, and the County of York Offices of the Coroner and District Attorney
- Planning: January 2020 – May 2021
- Onboarding meeting held in May 2021
- First case review meeting on June 1, 2021
- Case review meetings held bimonthly (first Tuesday of the month)
 - 10 case review meetings held since June 2021
 - Number of cases reviewed: 19
 - *11 Accident, 5 Suicide by Drug*

Accidental Overdose Deaths In York County



Recommendation	Lead Agency/ Supporting Agencies	Timeline	Activity/Action Steps
Create a referral-to-help card that partner agencies can share with at-risk individuals and their loved ones (based off Winnebago County We Heart You Initiative)	York County Probation Services & York Opioid Collaborative	Ongoing	“We Care York” cards are available. Request cards and/or the PDF version to print at your convenience from York Opioid Collaborative
Crisis intervention should follow up after certain patient encounters	MH-IDD	Complete	Crisis intervention does have a follow-up and protocol
Offer training and support to first responder agencies in York County	York Opioid Collaborative	On Hold	Need to explore further
Naloxone distribution to motels/hotels (Hospitality Initiative Workgroup)	York City Bureau of Health, YADAC, York Opioid Collaborative	In Progress	Letters sent out to motels/hotels to set up having naloxone on-site; so far, no responses from hotels; working on scheduling some targeted outreach
Naloxone distribution to patients via health care system	WellSpan Health	In Progress	Connecting with other hospital systems to learn practices for Narcan distribution to patients; WellSpan Health – Opioid Stewardship Steering Committee (naloxone one of the focus areas, best-practice alert for co-prescribing)
Grief support/resources: Increase grief support for surviving family members, especially children, that goes beyond support groups	York City Bureau of Health & York Opioid Collaborative & Coroner’s Office & YADAC	In Progress	Connection/support/engagement Explore further next steps in 2023
Post-overdose Response Strategy: expanding linkages to care for those who do not go to the hospital post-overdose	YADAC/RASE Project and co-responder oversight	In Progress	Developing procedures for referral to CRS via co-responder program within police departments

Recommendation: “We Care York” Card

June 1, 2021: Recommendation identified during first case review

- *Create a referral-to-help card that partner agencies can share with at-risk individuals and their loved ones*
- Lead Agency: Probation
- We Heart You Initiative from Winnebago

June 17, 2021: First version developed and presented at Public Health and Safety Team (PHAST) meeting

August 2021: Probation created and purchased 2,000 cards; plan to educate and distribute at staff meeting

- Discussion with police departments for additional funds
- York Opioid Collaborative to assist sharing countywide with partner agencies

September–October 2021: Card was edited to include both English and Spanish, request PDF form created and distribution expanded to all PHAST partners

- Printed 12,000 cards in October 2021



YORK CARES RESOURCE CARD

DIAL 211: 24 hour health and human services information and referral source hotline

Crisis: Wellspan-1-800-673-2496 / TruNorth-1-866-325-0339 (24/7)

Substance Use- White Deer Run Support Center-1-866-769-6822 (24/7)

Suicide Prevention Hotline- 1-800-273-8255

Food-York County Food Bank-254 –W. Princess St. York PA
717-846-6435

Our Daily Bread-331 S. George St. York, PA
717-848-1674

Shelter-Life Past Ministries- 373 W. Market St. York PA
717-845-5947 ext 1402

Housing- York County Housing Authority
717-845-2601

York County Assistance-
1-800-692-7462



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- Distribution to Community Partners
 - York County Probation
 - York County Human Services
 - York County Prison
 - York City Bureau of Health
 - York City Police Department
 - Downtown York Businesses
- Cards are distributed through community partners, at community events, and utilized within our medication storage and disposal education materials

Hospitality Initiative: Naloxone Access in Hotels/Motels

Initiative to provide free resources and training to address substance use in our community

Free Narcan and treatment resources to place for staff and customers to access

Free consultation to address your needs

Free Narcan replacement throughout the year

Free trainings for staff on how to recognize and respond to an overdose

Ultimate goal – Naloxboxes for easy access to Narcan in public places



Comments/Questions



THANK YOU!



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