Community Overdose Action Team

Working Together To Combat Overdoses and Drug Abuse

Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS)
Private Psychiatric Hospital Conference

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Objectives

• Describe the benefits of responding to a community wide behavioral health emergency using a public health perspective

• Identify key system partners needed to implement an incident command system response to a behavioral health emergency

• Articulate the principles of collective impact & its importance to community collaboration

• Describe the components of an Incident Command System and how it can be applied to a behavioral health emergency
2017 State of Ohio Overdose Death Rate
Opioid Crisis Alignment Challenges

Many centers of excellence in the community BUT were struggling to align countywide efforts to change the trend

- Existing coalitions
- Hospital systems
- 30+ treatment providers
- Recovery support providers
- Prevention providers
- Harm reduction programs
- Business community
- Other community agencies
City of Dayton and Montgomery County Joint Working Session

April 2016

Agency Organizing Meeting

September 2016

Implementation of the COAT structure

November 2016

Sequential Intercept Mapping

February 2017

Presentation of concept to community partners

COAT Launched

Collective impact progress

2019

Exercise to identify gaps in services

Joint Working Session

49% Death Reduction

Joint Working Session

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What Led to the Development of the COAT?

In late summer of 2016, Montgomery County Commissioners approached ADAMHS and Public Health to create and lead a unified county-wide response to organize system partners.
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Goal
Reduce the number of fatal overdoses

Response
Collective Impact Approach
Health Improvement... Through Collective Impact
Incident Command System Structure

Used to manage complex multi-agency, multi-jurisdictional incidents / events

• Eliminates duplicative efforts
• Allows for shared decision making
• Requires constant communication
• Uses an Incident Action Plan
• Scalable to meet the needs of the incident / event
Membership

There are 200+ individuals and 150+ organizations involved in the COAT. Membership is comprised of individuals from:

- Businesses
- Private non-profits
- Governmental agencies
- Faith-based organizations
- Grassroots organizations & efforts
- Healthcare
- Media
- Citizens
- Individuals in recovery
- Friends and family members affected
Incident Action Plan
Community Overdose Action Team (COAT)

Operational Period: March 1, 2019 to April 30, 2019

Situational Status Report
Community Overdose Action Team (COAT)

1. Situation to date
   - For the Montgomery County Coroner’s Office, there were 566 accidental overdose deaths for calendar year 2017.
   - For the Montgomery County Coroner’s Office, there were 299 accidental overdose deaths for calendar year 2018 (death data for December still preliminary).
   - This is a 45% decrease in accidental drug overdose deaths from 2017 to 2018.
   - For the Montgomery County Coroner’s Office, there were 24 accidental overdose deaths as of January 31, 2019.
   - The 2018 COAT Annual Report and 2018 COAT Data Report are in the final stages of revision. Both documents should be ready for public distribution by the end of this operational period.
   - COAT leadership presented to and met with multiple organizations from across the county to present on successes of the initiative. Organizations include: Executive Director of National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA); Ohio Department of Health; local government officials from Madison, OH, Grove City, OH, and Lower Grand, OH.
   - COAT members met for a roundtable discussion with Governor Mike DeWine.
   - COAT members met with Mayor Whalen and individuals from Detroit Ohio.
   - Operational period currently ends at 66 days.

2. Actions to date
   - Starting Committee:
     - Ongoing meetings held October 24, 2017
     - Provided feedback to the Backbone Support and Operations Branch.
   - Backbone Support:
     - Last meeting held January 8
     - Provided feedback on the Operations Branch and the Data Unit.
   - Operations Branch:
     - Met on February 25
     - Branch leads provided a verbal update on progress to date, actions and shared information among members.
     - Discussed the need to maintain completed actions for Branches.

   

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COAT Progress
Unintentional Overdose Deaths
Montgomery County, Ohio

As of Sept 30 2019: 205

Overdose Deaths
Decreases in Overdoses and Deaths from 2017 to 2018

- Law Enforcement Overdose Calls: ↓54% (3,637 to 1,686)
- Overdose Emergency Department Visits: ↓53% (3,920 to 1,845)
- Naloxone Doses Administered by EMS: ↓50% (3,203 to 1,586)
- Drug Overdose Deaths: ↓49% (566 to 289)
Accomplishments

- Enhanced funding opportunities
- Improved data sharing
- Increased community education
- Expanded outreach efforts
- Increased naloxone distribution
- Expanded syringe services
- Increased coordination of law enforcement and fire/EMS

- Increased training opportunities
- CDC prescribing guidelines implemented in hospitals
- Increased Peer Recovery Supporters
- Increased treatment services
- Developed school prevention curriculum
- Aligned recovery club organizations
TIMELINE OF INNOVATION

FALL 2017
Partnership Began

SPRING 2018
GetHelpNow Launched

SUMMER 2018
Overdose Notification Pilot

FALL 2018
Data Platform Created

2019
Ongoing Innovation
360° Addiction Database Project

- Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office
- Public Health – Dayton & Montgomery County
- Greater Dayton Area Hospital Association
- Miami Valley Crime Lab
- Montgomery County Coroner’s Office
- Montgomery County Office of Criminal Justice
- Montgomery County ADAMHS
What’s next?
New Challenges

- Responding to changing drug trends
- Personnel turnover and partner response fatigue
- Sustaining the COAT structure over time
Any Questions?