



2025 National Forum on Overdose Fatality Review: Turning the Tide

Saving Lives, Supporting Recovery, and Honoring Those We Have Lost

AGENDA

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

- 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.** **Check-in Available**
- 8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.** **Welcome and Housekeeping** (Grand Ballroom)
Speaker: Melissa Heinen, Institute for Intergovernmental Research (IIR)
- 8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.** **Federal Welcome** (Grand Ballroom)
Moderator: Mallory O’Brien, Johns Hopkins University (JHU)
Speaker: Meg Chapman, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)
- 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.** **Plenary Session—Turning the Tide: Collaboration and Data for Prevention**
(Grand Ballroom)
Moderator: Mallory O’Brien, JHU
Speakers: Heather Coia, Rhode Island Department of Health; Pam Imm, Lexington County, South Carolina, Overdose Fatality Review Team; Sara Jesse, Sauk County, Wisconsin, Public Health; Robin Kichler, One Community One Family
- 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.** **Break** (on your own)
Feel free to stop by the tables in the Ballroom Foyer and learn more about resources available to support your efforts.
- 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.** **Plenary Session—Utilizing Law Enforcement Touchpoints to Connect Individuals at Risk of Overdose with Recovery Resources** (Grand Ballroom)
Moderator: Meg Chapman, BJA
Speaker: Emily Dalgo, King County, Washington, Medical Examiner’s Office
- 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.** **Lunch** (on your own)
Feel free to stop by the tables in the Ballroom Foyer between 12:00 Noon and 12:45 p.m. to learn more about the resources available to support your efforts.

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Tuesday, February 11, 2025 (Continued)

12:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Breakout Session 1

Breakout Session 1A—From the Field: Overdose Fatality Reviews’ Successes Using Next-of-Kin and Evaluation to Drive Prevention (Grand Ballroom)

Moderator: Lauren Savitskas, IIR

Addressing Loss: A Unique Partnership to Support Loved Ones Affected by Overdose

Speakers: Melanie Gibboney and Jacob White, Hamilton County, Ohio, Public Health, and Peggy Schneider, Hamilton County Heroin Task Force

Expanding the Horizon: The Value of Next-of-Kin Interviews and How They Affect the Participant

Speakers: Kelsey Tambasco and Carina Havenstrite, IIR, Formerly Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, District Attorney’s Office

Breakout Session 1B—Skills Training: Essential Elements for Facilitation (Pavilion Ballroom East)

Moderator: Melissa Heinen, IIR

Breakout Session 1C—Partnering with State, Local, and Tribal Communities: Conversations and Considerations (Pavilion Ballroom West)

Moderators: Morgan Kramer, IIR, and Mallory O’Brien, JHU

2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Break (on your own)

2:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Breakout Session 2

Breakout Session 2A—From the Field: Rural and Small Jurisdictions’ Successes Implementing Recommendations (Grand Ballroom)

Moderator: Melissa Heinen, IIR

Building a Vision Through Collaboration

Speakers: Kimbra Reynolds and Stephanie Patterson, Jay County, Indiana, Drug Prevention Coalition

Success in Small Places: Using Overdose Fatality Review Recommendations to Address Stigma in Rural Communities

Speakers: Chance VanDover and Victoria Maurizio, Salem County, New Jersey, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services

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2:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Breakout Session 2B—Skills Training: Next-of-Kin Interview with Grieving Loved One
(Pavilion Ballroom East)

Moderator: Lauren Savitskas, IIR

Speakers: Megan Broekemeier, Office of the Medical Examiner, Utah Department of Health and Human Services; Michael Smith, Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County, Ohio; and Melissa Weisel, Hamilton Healing Arts, LLC

Breakout Session 2C—State Infrastructure: New and Improved Overdose Fatality Review National Standards Assessment for States (Pavilion Ballroom West)

Moderators: Mallory O'Brien, JHU, and Morgan Kramer, IIR

Speakers: Indira Giri, Illinois Department of Public Health and CDC Foundation, and Brenda Schell and Tamar Wallace, Overdose Response Strategy

3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Break (on your own)

3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Breakout Session 3

Breakout Session 3A—From the Field: State and Local Overdose Fatality Reviews' Successes Turning the Tide (Grand Ballroom)

Moderators: Morgan Kramer, IIR, and Mallory O'Brien, JHU

Making Recommendation Implementation Work for Your Jurisdiction: Collaboration, Community, and NaloxBoxes

Speaker: Heather Coia, Rhode Island Department of Health

Turning the Tide: Building Bridges to Navigate the Waves of the Opioid Crisis

Speakers: Twyla Crain and Amy Stahley, Lincoln Trail District Health Department

Breakout Session 3B—Skills Training: Case Selection (Pavilion Ballroom East)

Moderator: Melissa Heinen, IIR

Breakout Session 3C—Mentorship in Action: Overdose Fatality Review Site Mentee and Mentor Matching (Pavilion Ballroom West)

Moderator: Lauren Savitskas, IIR

Speakers (Mentors): Melanie Gibboney, Hamilton County, Ohio, Public Health; Andrew Jimenez, Riverside University Health System—Public Health; and Jennifer Skolaski, Winnebago County, Wisconsin, Overdose Fatality Review Team

Speakers (Mentees): Emily Dalgo, King County, Washington, Medical Examiner's Office; Marilyn Lenus, Erie County, New York, Department of Health; Rachel McGinnis, Monroe County, New York, Research Strategy and Development; and Steve Norris, Alliance of Coalitions for Healthy Communities

5:00 p.m.

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Wednesday, February 12, 2025

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Check-in Available
8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Meet and Greet with Mentor Sites (Grand Ballroom Foyer)
8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.	Welcome (Grand Ballroom) Moderator: Melissa Heinen, IIR Speakers: Savanna Santarpio, Oregon Health Authority; Isabelle Cisco, Overdose Response Strategy
8:45 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Plenary Session—Leveraging Overdose Fatality Review Data to Bring Multilevel Changes in Cuyahoga County, Ohio (Grand Ballroom) Moderator: Melissa Heinen, IIR Speakers: Vaishali Deo, Begun Center for Violence Prevention Research and Education, and Manreet K. Bhullar, Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner’s Office
9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Break (on your own)
10:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.	Mock Review: Collaborative Innovation Lab—Simulated Overdose Fatality Review (Grand Ballroom) Speakers: Melissa Heinen, Lauren Savitskas, and Morgan Kramer, IIR; and Mallory O’Brien, JHU
11:50 a.m. – 12:00 Noon	Closing Remarks (Grand Ballroom) Speakers: David Pelletier, BJA
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