

2023 National Forum on Overdose Fatality Review

Intended and Unintended Outcomes of Building Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Overdose Fatality Review Teams

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Michigan Public Health Institute

- Established in 2020
- Six active OFR teams across the state
- Six additional teams in various stages of development
- State Advisory Group



Michigan-based and nationally engaged nonprofit that has managed and supported various fatality projects for more than 25 years



Michigan currently has no OFR legislation in place
SB 1080 was introduced in summer 2022



2,738 lives lost to an overdose in 2020*
19 overdose cases reviewed since September 2021



Initial Funding: MDHHS, Vital Strategies
Current Funding: MDHHS, NAACHO, MSP

Muskegon Michigan

- 37,000 people
- Urban county on Lake Michigan
- 26 miles of sugar-sand beaches
- Three lighthouses and towers
- 14 museums filled with experiences rich in maritime history, arts, and culture
- 65 miles of trails
- www.visitmuskegon.org



The OFR Muskegon Team

- In 2020, there were 53* overdoses in the community
- Meets monthly via Zoom
- Has conducted 10 deidentified case reviews since September 2021
- Has 12 disciplines represented
- Has crafted 20 recommendations and infographics for their county



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Intended and Unintended Outcomes of Building Muskegon's OFR Team

- We reviewed a veteran who died because of an overdose
- The OFR team was left with unanswered questions regarding the services and resources available to this particular population
- We sought feedback and surveyed teams on what information gaps to prioritize

As a Result:

A Muskegon OFR team member connected us with a representative from Veterans Affairs who presented to the team about the services and resources they offer



VA | U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Health Administration
Battle Creek VA Medical Center

Veterans Affairs ended up joining the OFR team after presenting

Veterans Affairs then presented to other OFR teams and the Michigan OFR State Advisory Group

Increasing teams' awareness of the various resources available in their communities is crucial to ensuring a robust review process that produces better-informed recommendations to prevent overdoses in Michigan communities

Grand Rapids Red Project

- Narcan access and administration
- Services that their agency provides



Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

- Naloxone administration
- Post-overdose SUD treatment resources provided by EMS
- Treatment for non-opioid overdoses
- Whether the need for naloxone reversal is increasing over previous years



Child Protective Services (CPS)

- Education on policies and procedures of what happens when children experience the loss of their parents/caregivers due to overdose





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