

Alcohol and Other Drug Addiction Advisory Council
AODAAC
January 9, 2025
7th Annual Legislative Retreat
Meeting Minutes

Voting Members: Elyse Grossman (Chair), Margaret Mattson (Co-Vice Chair), Laura Mitchell, Nick Borowski, Denyse Dillion & John Sidhom, Ed” Bunny Rich”, Isabelle Raquin (Co- Vice Chair), Michelle Scarlett

Non-Voting Members: Sara Rose (LBHA Director), Celia Serkin, Ben Stevenson II, Roddy Aguirre, Lt Pete Davidov, Man Cho, Celia Serkin, Carmela George & Stephen Murphy

Public: Patty Winters, Lillia Rose, Robin Yasinow & Sapphire Ferdousie, Carter Wheeler, Samuel Ntow, Mateo Garcia Araoz-Fraser

Call to Order: Chair called meeting to order at 6:05. December minutes will be approved at the February 2025 AODAAC Board meeting.

**Chair provided a PPT presentation and overview of the County Council system, how to write written and oral testimony.

Guest Speakers:

- Delegate Sheree Sample-Hughes HB11 **Health Insurance - Access to Nonparticipating Providers - Referrals, Additional Assistance, and Coverage**
- Delegate Joseph Vogel **Educational Institutions – Opioid Overdose–Reversing Medications – Policy 2 Requirements 3 (Protecting Our Kids from Overdoses Act). Naloxone in Schools** (colleagues expressed concern regarding liability).
- Delegate Lorig Charkoudian provided an overview of how local bills work and its process. Please see attachment MC 21-25 fact sheet emailed to members.
- Daniel Rabbitt Policy Director Behavioral Health Systems, Local Behavioral Health Authority in Baltimore city, who spoke about drug induced homicide laws.

*****Members discussed and decided on Legislation to focus on: Insurance extension, Naloxone in Schools. Writing testimony: Laura House Bill 11 (Insurance Extension), Elyse (Naloxone in Schools) if unable to get approval from Intergovernmental Relations; members can support as individuals and not as members of AODAAC. Pam will share link to access spread sheet tracking the Bills.***

Adjourned: 8:53pm.

Next AODAAC Board Meeting: February 13, 2025 on Teams

Montgomery County
Alcohol and Other Drug Addiction Advisory Council
Ex-Officio Member Report

AODAAC meeting date: 1/9/25

Department/Agencies Reporting: County Executive, Health & Human Services

Ex-Officio Member Names: Monica A. Martin, LCSW-C, Chief, Behavioral Health &
Crisis Services Sara

Rose, Director, Local Behavioral Health Authority

Agency Mission (particularly as it relates to AODAAC):

The mission of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is to promote and ensure the health and safety of the residents of Montgomery County and to build individual and family strength and self-sufficiency. The Behavioral Health and Crisis Services (BHCS) service area of HHS is committed to addressing the specialized Behavioral Health needs of Montgomery County.

Actions/updates since last report:

- Chief's Office:
 - Received approval from MDH Office of Facilities Management to utilize capital bond grant to conduct renovations at our Crisis Stabilization Unit at Piccard Avenue. These renovations will allow the unit to expand to provide lifespan services for children and adolescents (adding 4 youth recliners to the existing 4 adults recliners), and to bring that facility up to COMAR standards for licensure and billing.
- LBHA:
 - LBHA Plan in draft, will be sent for AODAAC feedback by 1/31/25. Public Behavioral Health System SUD client count increased by 5% in FY24, in comparison to FY23. Updated behavioral health data for Montgomery County available (see data section below).
 - The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) is extending its temporary moratorium for additional six (6) months on newly enrolling Medicaid providers effective 01/01/2025 for the following Provider Types and services: 1. Psychiatric Rehabilitation Programs (PRP) 2. Psychiatric Rehabilitation Programs, Health Home 3. Level 2.5 Partial Hospital Programs (PHP), and 4. Level 2.1 Intensive Outpatient Treatment Programs (IOP).
- Prevention & Harm Reduction:
 - Prevention
 - Planning and prepping some updated community awareness efforts for the BTheOne and KnowtheRisks campaigns

- Youth Ambassador Program
 - Membership is currently at 52 youth
 - Youth Ambassadors Lead overdose response training with other MCPS youth this past weekend at the Save a Student Summit hosted at Walter Johnson and dispensed 296 naloxone kits. They also hosted a resource table and shared information about substance use and program
 - 3 youth ambassadors will be attending the CADCA National Forum in February and participating in the Youth Leadership Initiative accompanied by Ben Stevenson II.
- Montgomery County Prevention Alliance (MCPA)- plan to have a kickoff meeting later this month to re-energize the coalition and past membership. In support of this effort we have been able to fund 3 adult attendees to the CADCA National Forum (Patti Winters, Laura Mitchell, and Gelareh Bassiry)
- Harm Reduction
 - Overdose Response Program-Naloxone
 - We have trained and dispensed to 3,648 people through various avenues (e.g. trainings, outreach, and comm events, etc.)
 - Syringe Services Program (SSP)
 - Has serviced 220 unduplicated person this fiscal year.
- Opioid Abatement Funds
 - SUD Prevention Intervention RFP is in the review process and hopes to have a provider awarded and in place by March 1st.
 - Identified a vendor for the Harm reduction vending and in conversations with contract team to get things moving forward to secure the machines
 - Currently review and compiling all recommendations received for the use of opioid abatement funds.

Relevant data (i.e. overdose statistics/trends, substance use incidents in schools, etc.):

- There were 69 fatal overdoses in Montgomery County during the first ten months including 45 cases involving opiates, 40 cases involving fentanyl, 8 involving Heroin, 6 involving Rx opioids, 27 involving cocaine and 31 involving alcohol.
- Polysubstance is very commonly observed in OD fatalities in 2024 YTD. Fentanyl remains the primary driver of overdose mortality in Montgomery County.
- Montgomery County saw a decrease of 48% (64 fewer cases) in fatal overdoses during the 11 months ending November 2024, a decrease of 55% for fatal overdoses involving opioids, a decrease of 58% for fatal overdoses involving Fentanyl, a decline of 18% for fatal overdoses involving alcohol.
- In the 11 months ending in November 2024, fentanyl was involved in 58% of all fatal overdoses vs. 77% at State Level. The decline in Fentanyl involvement in fatal overdoses also indicates the possible increased impacts of other substances like Cocaine and Alcohol. The shifting pattern needs to be monitored closely.

- Cocaine-related fatal overdoses now account for 39% of total fatal cases compared to 49% for MD. Alcohol-related fatal overdoses now account for 45% of total fatal cases compared to 17% for Maryland.
- The significant decline in OD fatalities during the first eleven months was attributable to the notable decline in OD fatalities in Caucasian residents, followed by Hispanic and African American residents.
- The decline observed in 2024 YTD was mostly driven by 22-59 yrs age group. The fatalities for youth 22 and under continued to decline and now accounted for less than half of the cases reported for this age group during the same period of 2023.

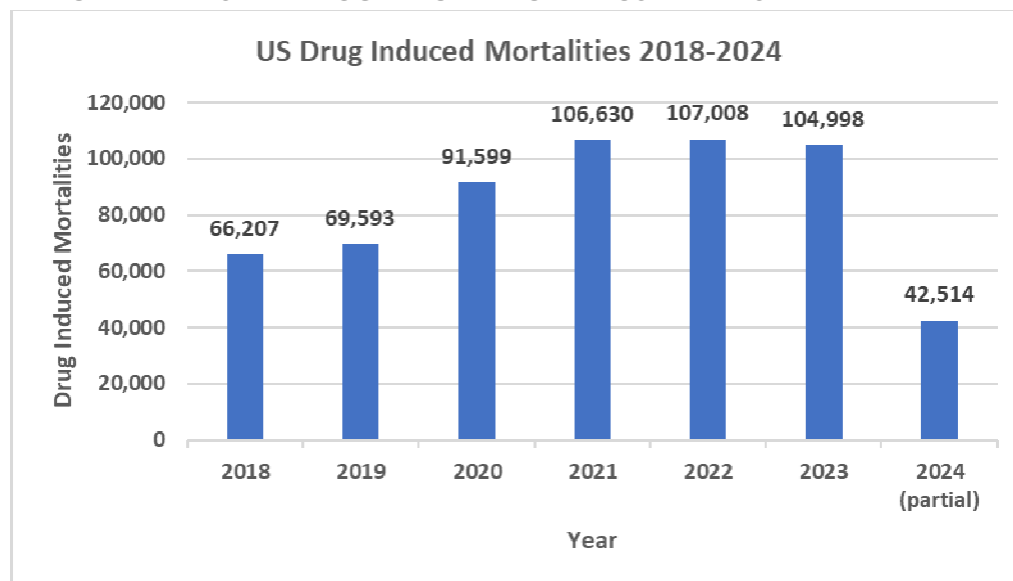
MONTGOMERY COUNTY FATAL AND/OR NON-FATAL DRUG/OPIOID OVERDOSES

JANUARY 2025

Substance Use -Youth Safety

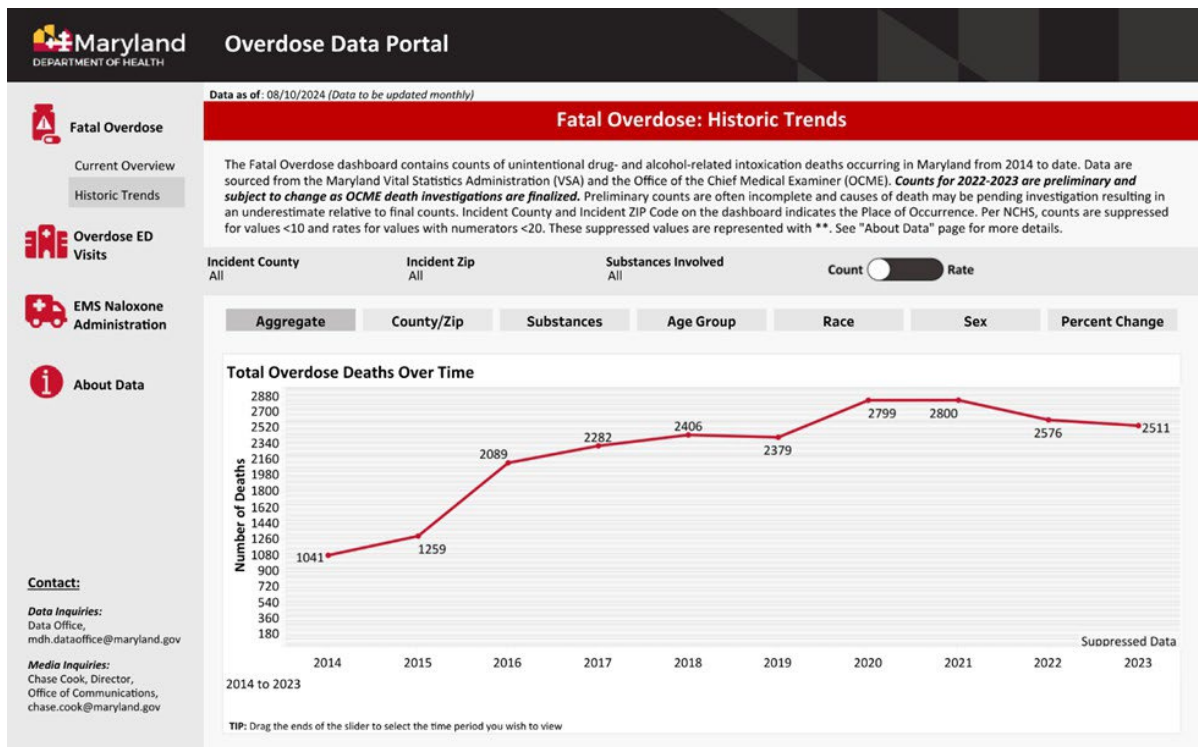
- Data and trend information for 2022, 2023, and 2024:
- National and State Drug-Involved Overdose Deaths;
- State overdose deaths by substance;
- County Stats on naloxone administration and distribution (by age and location);
- Opioid Poisoning, Overdose and Mortality data for youth 17 and under and 18-21.

NATIONAL AND STATE DRUG-INVOLVED OVERDOSE DEATHS.

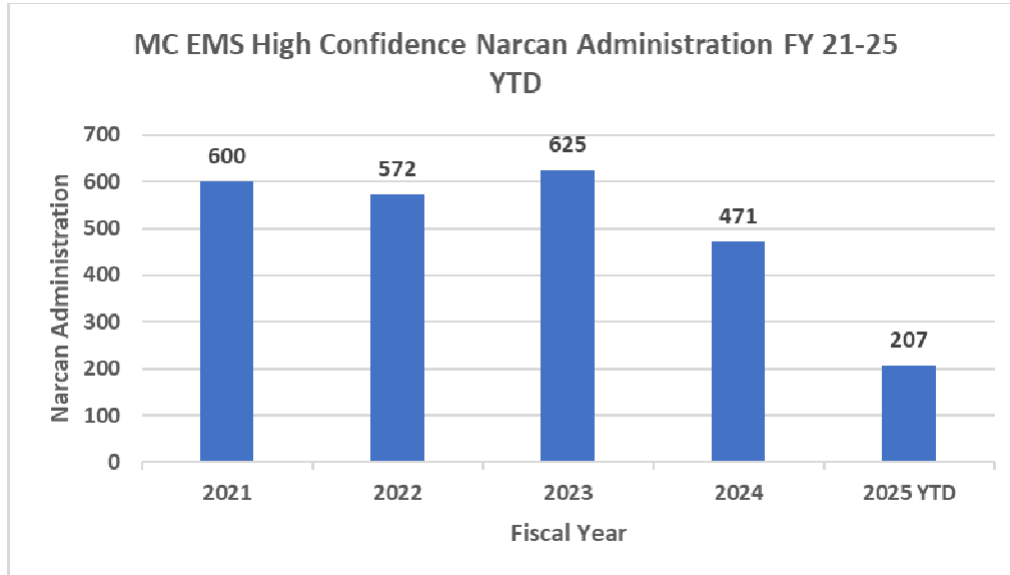


Data Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. National Vital Statistics System, Provisional Mortality on CDC WONDER Online Database. Data are from the final Multiple Cause of Death Files, 2018-2023, and from provisional data for year 2024, as compiled from data provided by the 57 vital statistics jurisdictions through the Vital Statistics Cooperative Program. Accessed at <http://wonder.cdc.gov/mcd-icd10-provisional.html>

MARYLAND STATE DRUG-INVOLVED OVERDOSE DEATHS



COUNTY STATS ON NALOXONE ADMINISTRATION AND DISTRIBUTION (BY AGE AND LOCATION)



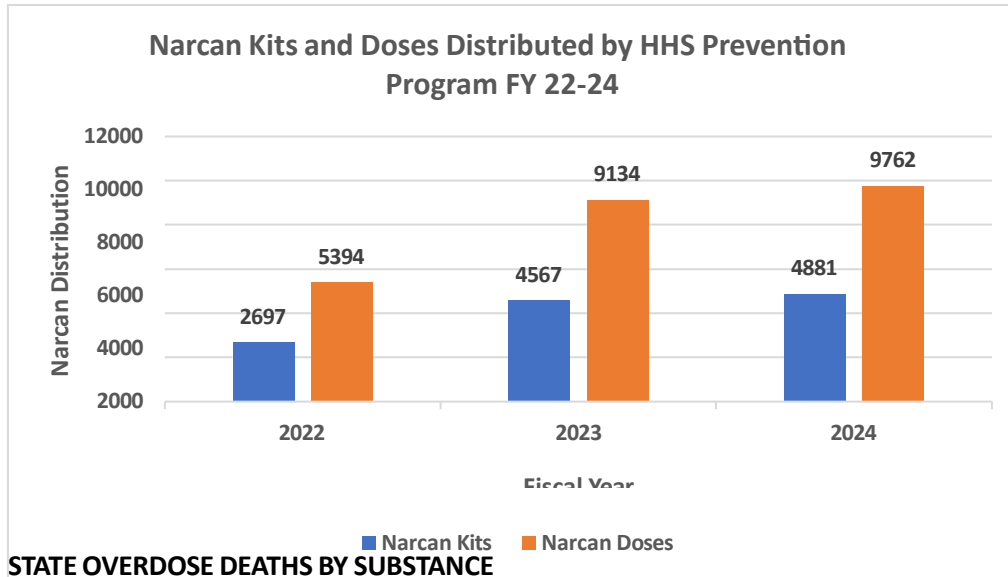
EMS HIGH CONFIDENCE NARCAN ADMINISTRATION BY AGE GROUP DURING FY24-25YTD(AS OF DEC. 14TH 2024)

Age Group	Narcan Administration	Percent
18-21	43	6%
22-64	495	73%

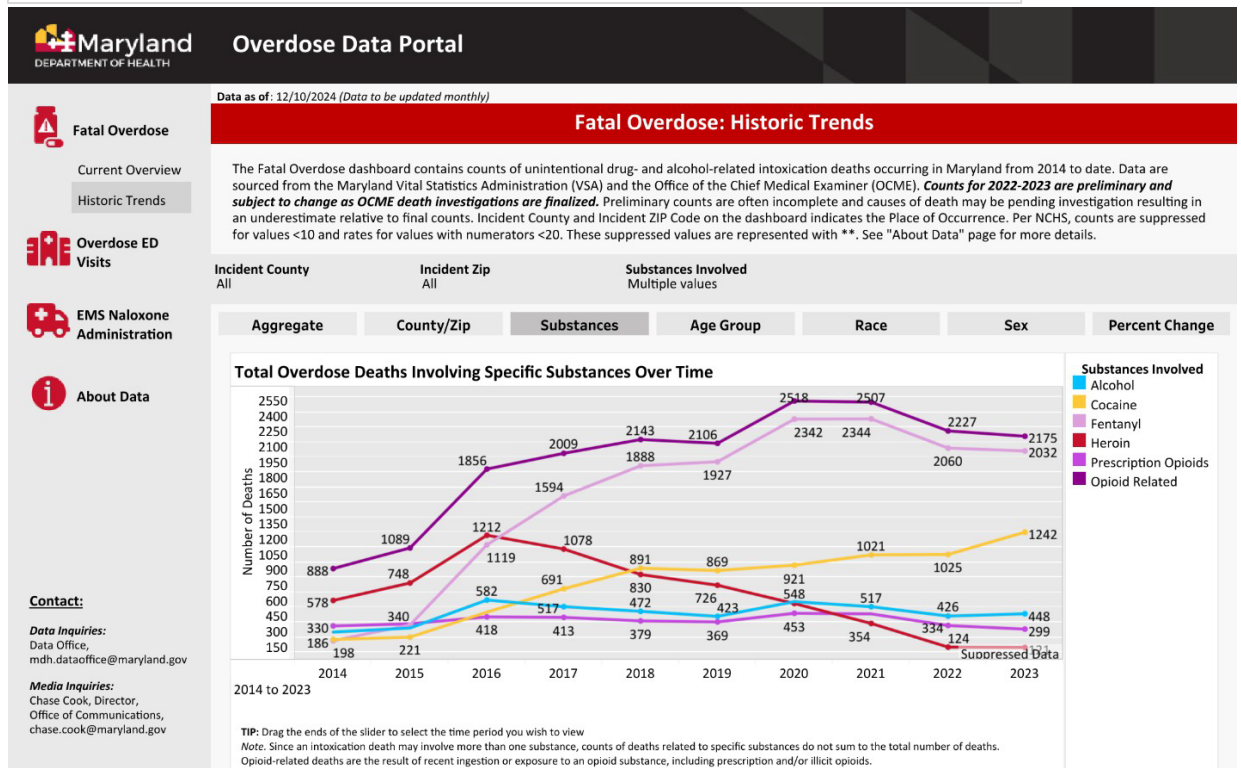
65+	67	10%
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<18	53	8%
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- The top five zip codes for EMS High Confidence Narcan Administration during FY24-25 YTD are 20910 20902 20906 20850 20877
- The top five zip codes for EMS High Confidence Narcan Administration during FY24-25 YTD for 5-21 yrs age group are 20910 20902 20904 20906 20854
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STATE OVERDOSE DEATHS BY SUBSTANCE



STATE OVERDOSE DEATHS BY AGE GROUP

