

Pinellas County

Opioid
TASK FORCE



***WELCOME TO THE PINELLAS COUNTY
OPIOID TASK FORCE MEETING***

WE WILL BEGIN SHORTLY.

AGENDA

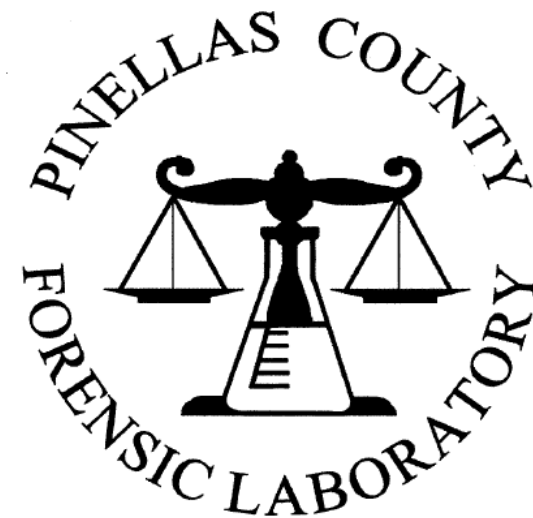
Welcome	Marianne Dean; DOH
Data Trends	Reta Newman, MA; Pinellas County Forensic Lab
Transport Trends	Chris Jordan, BSBS, NRP, Pinellas County EMS & Fire Administration
COSSUP / FR-CARA / Other Human Service Programs	Karen Yatchum, Director, PCHS
Syringe Service Program Update	Amanda Bonham-Lovett, MPH, LMSW; IDEA Exchange Pinellas
Office of Overdose Prevention	Marianne Dean; DOH
Task Force Action Planning	Marianne Dean; DOH
Open Forum	All Participants
Next Meeting: December 21, 2023	

Welcome!

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Drug Trends Update

Reta Newman, MA, ABC-DA, FD, GKE
Pinellas County Forensic Laboratory
District Six Medical Examiner Office
September 2023



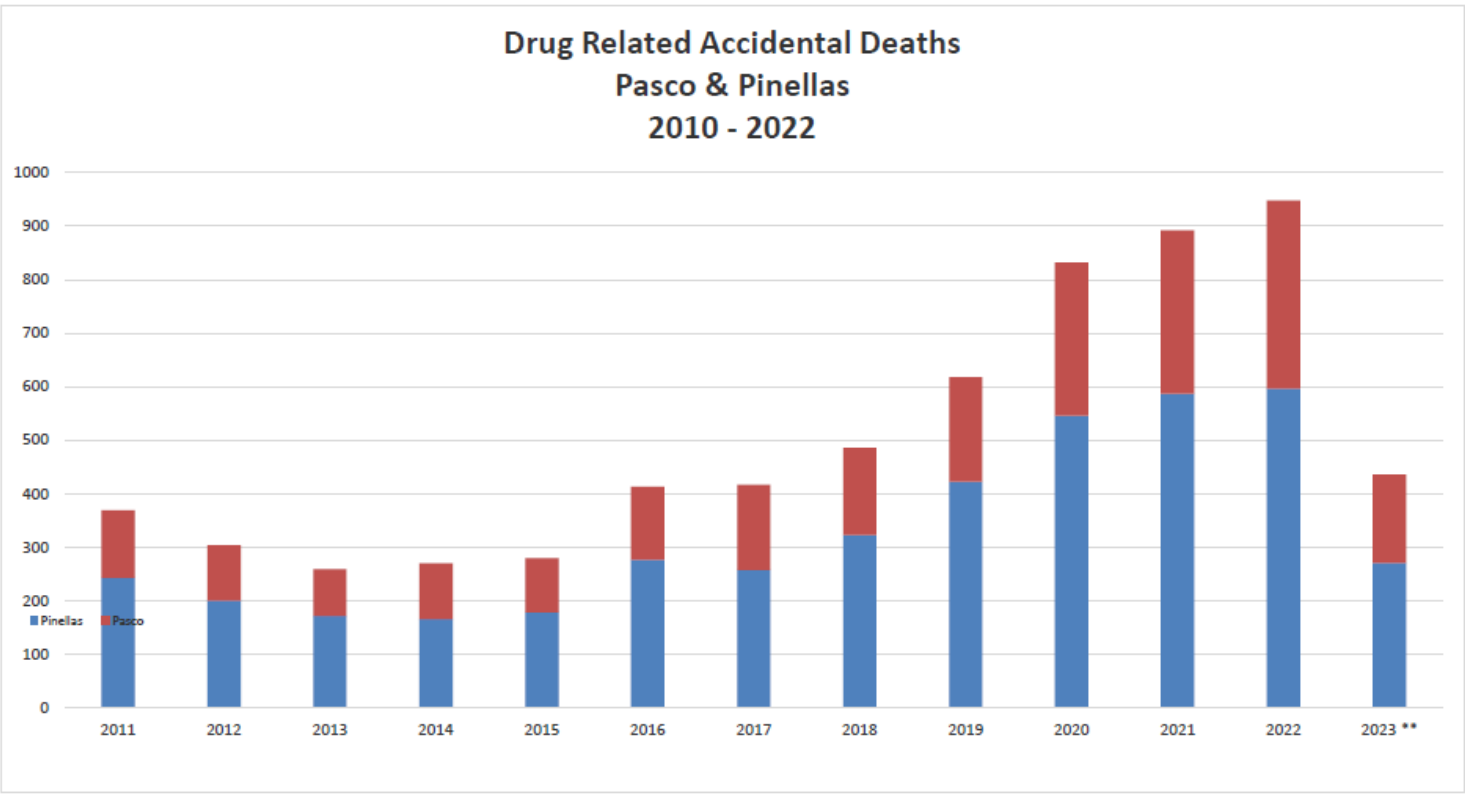
Accidental Drug Overdoses Jan-Jun* 2023

DRUGS or TOXIN RELATED CAUSE OF DEATH (Accidental Manner)

<u>Pinellas</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023 **</u>
Prescription Drug	181	135	114	109	98	106	86	59	59	47	34	29	15
Combined (Prescription & Illicit)	36	40	35	33	41	73	49	79	87	125	130	91	25
Illicit Drug	11	14	17	17	28	65	110	171	255	352	402	463	224
Alcohol (acute ethanol)	14	9	4	5	10	28	10	10	15	17	18	10	4
Inhalant	1	3	2	1	2	4	3	4	7	5	2	3	2
Chemicals/Poisons	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Total Drug Related	243	201	172	166	179	277	258	323	423	546	587	597	271
<u>Pasco</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023 **</u>
Prescription Drug	109	82	63	80	57	73	49	42	36	33	21	25	14
Combined (Prescription & Illicit)	13	14	10	15	22	30	42	39	43	83	67	60	31
Illicit Drug	0	3	7	3	13	26	62	79	111	165	208	259	119
Alcohol (acute ethanol)	2	3	6	4	7	6	4	3	4	5	7	6	1
Inhalant	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	0
Chemicals/Poisons	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Total Drug Related	126	103	87	104	101	136	159	163	195	286	305	351	165

** 6 months (Jan - June)

Accidental Drug Overdoses – Jun 2023



Seized Drugs

'Xanax' tablets (XANAX 2, Y21, G3722, S903, B707)

- Containing Bromazolam
- Continues to be non-controlled in Florida
- Commonly found in decedents with fentanyl







Chloroethcathinone

- Crystalline substance and tablets (XTC type)

NMDMSB

- Naphtalen-1-yl 3-(N,N-dimethylsulfamoyl)-4-methylbenzoate
- Powder, plant material and paper (jail introduction)
- Synthetic cannabinoid
- New chemical backbone – control status is undetermined

Post Mortem Drug ID trends



Drug	Trending
Xylazine	
Bromazepam + Fentanyl	
Substituted Fentanyl	
Fentanyl + Cocaine	
Methamphetamine	
Fentanyl Concentration	

Hmmmmm.....CBD?

- [A New Method for Reversing Fentanyl Overdoses \(forensicmag.com\)](https://www.forensicmag.com)
- Proposes use of CBD as a reversal agent for opioid overdoses
- Study/research project out of Indiana University
- Full article [Structure–Activity Relationship Study of Cannabidiol-Based Analogs as Negative Allosteric Modulators of the \$\mu\$ -Opioid Receptor | Journal of Medicinal Chemistry \(acs.org\)](https://doi.org/10.1021/acs.jmedchem.1c00001)
- **Have not completed (published) in vivo studies**
- **This should not be considered a viable option prior to further studies. These act on different receptors.**

N-pyrrolidino protonitazene

- New nitazene
- www.cfsre.org/images/content/reports/public_alerts/Public_Alert_N-Pyrrolidino_Protonitazene_230829AK.pdf
- Assumed to be more potent than fentanyl
- Not see in Pinellas (yet)

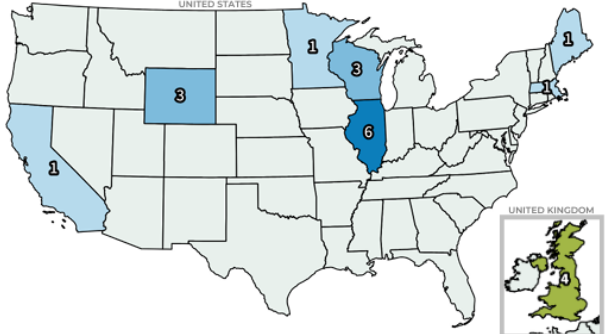
**PUBLIC
ALERT****AUG
2023**

NEW NITAZENE ANALOGUE *N*-PYRROLIDINO PROTONITAZENE IMPACTING DRUG MARKETS IN NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPE

PURPOSE: The objective of this announcement is to notify public health and safety, law enforcement, first responders, clinicians, medical examiners and coroners, forensic and clinical laboratory personnel, and all other related communities about new information surrounding the emergent novel synthetic opioid *N*-pyrrolidino protonitazene (also referred to as “protonitazepyne”).

BACKGROUND: Synthetic opioids (e.g., fentanyl analogues, nitazene analogues) are chemically manufactured drugs, often having unknown potency and adverse effects or health risks. Synthetic opioids are frequently mixed with more traditional opioids (e.g., fentanyl, heroin) and other drugs in unregulated drug markets creating additional risk and danger for people who use recreational drugs. Synthetic opioids may be distributed in powder or tablet form. In the United States, an alarming increase in the number of deaths linked to synthetic opioid use has been observed. Deaths involving synthetic opioids in Europe, Oceania, and other regions continue to increase as well. Primary adverse effects associated with synthetic opioid use are sedation and respiratory depression, leading to death.

GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF CASES



Region	Number of Cases
California	1
Nevada	1
Kansas	3
Minnesota	1
Wisconsin	3
Illinois	6
New York	1
United Kingdom (London)	1

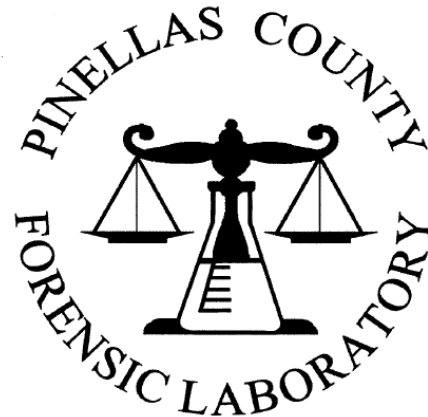
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Transport Trends

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IDEA Exchange Pinellas

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What Is Harm Reduction?

Any Positive Change

Harm reduction incorporates a spectrum of strategies that includes **education, prevention, safer use, managed use, and abstinence**, by meeting and involving people who use drugs “where they’re at.” Because harm reduction demands that interventions and policies designed to serve people who use drugs reflect specific individual and community needs, there is no universal definition of or formula for implementing harm reduction.

- National Harm Reduction Coalition



IDEA Exchange Pinellas

- 1:1 syringe exchange
- Free HIV and Hepatitis C testing and linkage to treatment
- Overdose prevention education and Narcan distribution
- Safe syringe disposal
- Wound care prevention education
- Wound care kits and treatment
- Safer sex education and supplies
- On-site vaccinations
- Referrals to Mental Health and Substance Use Treatment
- Connect to services like food assistance, street medicine, and more



IDEA Exchange Pinellas

Our Numbers

7 months
in operation

We opened our doors for services on February 22, 2023.

The program is open 3 days per week - Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 AM to 3 PM.

81 enrolled
participants

Although we encounter far more community members for ancillary services, 51 people have been enrolled for sterile syringe exchange services.

374 exchange
encounters

225 exchanges recorded to include on-site counseling on harm reduction practices, education on treatment options, wound care services, and linkage to health care services.

13,115
collected

13,115 used syringes and needles collected and safely disposed. 12,159 sterile syringes and needles provided.

*Data as of 9/20/23



IDEA Exchange Pinellas

Outcomes

- 100% of participants receive onsite counseling
- 100% of participants received wound care prevention education and supplies
- 22 participants linked to PCO Health Program
- 15 referrals to Primary Care Services
- 9 participants linked to MAT Services
- 5 participants linked to detox
- 4 participants linked to residential treatment
- 11 participants linked to HCV treatment

*Data as of 9/20/23



IDEA Exchange Pinellas

Overdose Response Efforts

- 1,392 Narcan kits distributed
- **90 Overdose Reversals reported**
- Attended Mt. Zion's Recovery Sunday service and provided 72 Narcan kits and education to congregation



Ongoing Partnerships

Pinellas County Human Service's **Street Medicine** on-call and on-site as available to assist with health program enrollment, primary care services, and complex wound care cases.

Metro Inclusive Health provides HIV/HCV testing every Wednesday.

Florida Harm Reduction Collective provides technical assistance, outreach, hygiene kits, and bus passes for participants.

Pinellas Community Foundation provides funding for wound care services.



Ongoing Partnerships

Operation PAR provides PARBOT on site for direct linkage to treatment.

WestCare provides direct link to MAT services.

Pinellas County Vaccine Ambassador every Friday until the end of September - provides access to COVID-19, Flu, Pneumonia, HPV, Hepatitis A & B, Monkeypox, and TDAP.

Love the Golden Rule located in the same plaza and provides HIV/HCV and PCP services to participants



IDEA Exchange Pinellas

Open Monday, Wednesday, & Friday

10 AM- 3PM

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Questions?

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Office of Overdose Prevention Update

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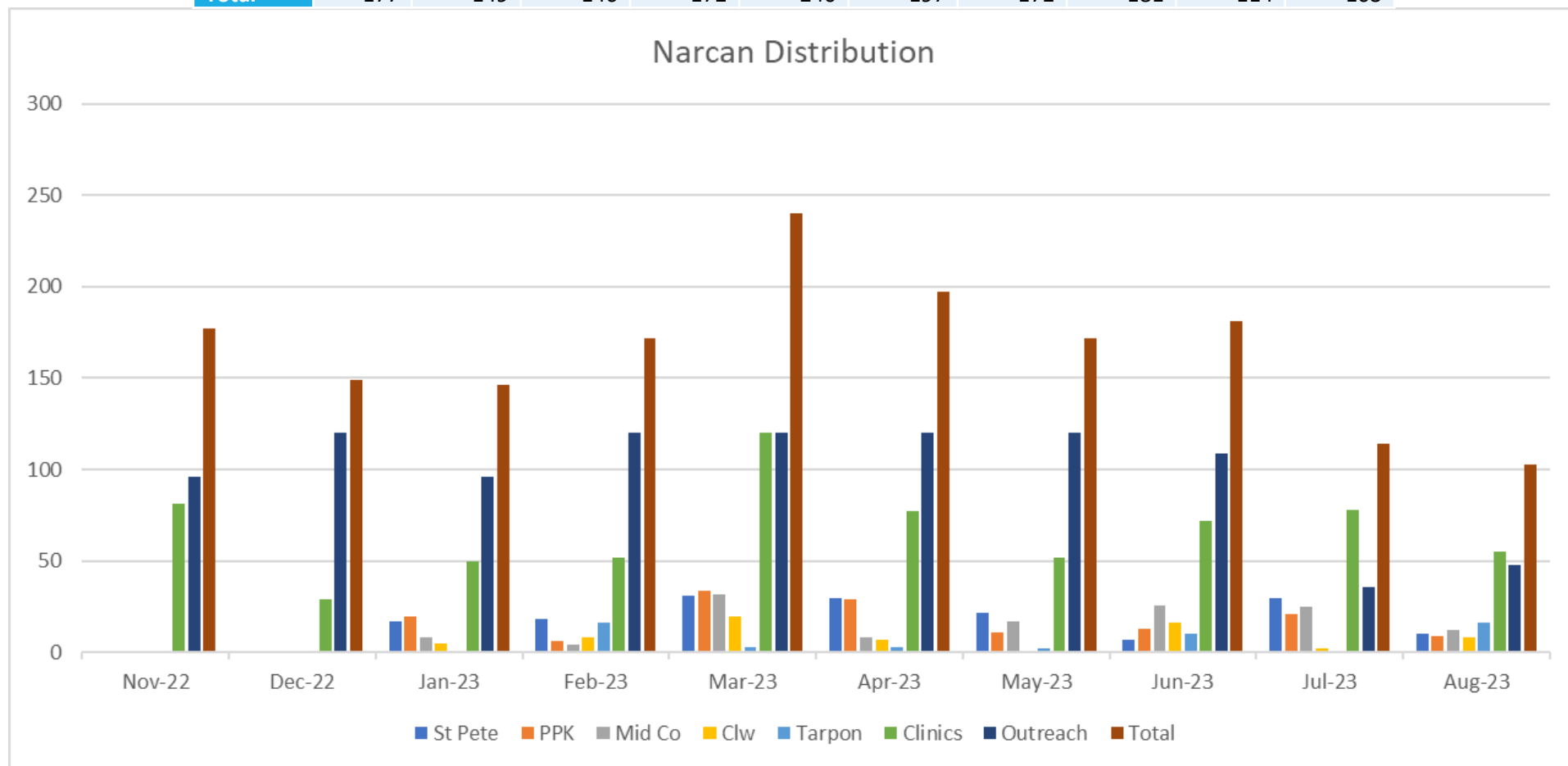
Program Manager

Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County

CORe / OOP

- **Coordinated Opioid Response (CORe)**
 - Funding extended through 06/2024
 - DCF to pickup role beginning October 1
 - Program assists with weekend prescriber for hospital bridge in collaboration with Operation PAR
 - Additional opportunities of expansion of CORe services
- **OOP Outreach**
 - 23 for 2023
 - 35 Year-end goal

Month	Nov-22	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23
St Pete			17	18	31	30	22	7	30	10
PPK			20	6	34	29	11	13	21	9
Mid Co			8	4	32	8	17	26	25	12
Clw			5	8	20	7	0	16	2	8
Tarpon			0	16	3	3	2	10	0	16
Clinics	81	29	50	52	120	77	52	72	78	55
Outreach	96	120	96	120	120	120	120	109	36	48
Total	177	149	146	172	240	197	172	181	114	103



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Questions/Comments?

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Pinellas County Opioid Task Force Steering Committee

Dan Zsido – Naloxone Initiatives

Will Atkinson – Recovery Initiatives

Amanda Bonham-Lovett – SSP Initiatives

Alexa Mutchler – Harm Reduction Initiatives

Mattie Velasco – Several Areas Support Initiatives

Julieta Santagostino – Prevention Initiatives

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Interested in an active role in the steering committee?

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Updates

The Task Force
Needs You!

Task Force Co-Chair Needed!

Ideally, any interested individuals would be from an organization that would not have a conflict of interest regarding future funding opportunities, such as the Opioid Abatement Funds.

If you would like to have a working part of the task force in creation of goals and opportunities, please email me (marianne.dean@flhealth.gov).

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Current Pinellas County Opioid Task Force Steering Committee Members

2023-2027 PCOTF Strategic Plan

- 5-year plan
- Uploaded to the task force page at:
<https://pinellas.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/wellness-programs/substance-use-prevention/pinellas-county-opioid-task-force/index.html>

Treatment & Recovery

Goal	Strategy	Objective
Encourage Effective Treatment	Increase medication assisted treatment (MAT) accessibility in recovery	Increase of MAT accessibility in non-traditional spaces by December 31, 2025.
	Increase warm hand-offs to treatment	Increase the number of warm hand-offs from IDEA Exchange Pinellas to treatment facilities from 0 (2022) to 10 by December 31, 2024.
Advocate For Effective Recovery	Increase recovery community organization (RCO) presence	Increase the number of recovery community organizations from 1 to 5 by 2027.
	Increase capacity of certified peers	Increase number of certified peer supervisors employed within new or established recovery community organizations from 0 to 1 by December 31, 2027.
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Maternal & Child Health

Goal	Strategy	Objective
Support Pregnant & Post-partum women	Increase the number of maternal & child health (MCH) staff trained on naloxone	Increase the number of naloxone trained MCH staff from 10 to 25 by December 31, 2025.
Support Pregnant & Post-Partum Women	Increase support systems for pregnant & post-partum mothers	Increase number of harm reduction training opportunities for pregnant and post-partum mothers from 0 to 1 by December 31, 2023.
Reduce Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome	Increase support systems for at-risk infants	Increase the number of pregnant mothers opting-in for treatment services through BayCare partner hospitals by 5% by December 31, 2027.
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Prevention

Goal	Strategy	Objective
Reduce Community Stigma	Develop anti-stigma training for college students	Increase students trained about stigma from 0 (2022) to 100 by December 31, 2024.
Increase Mental Health Resources	Expand trauma informed care communities	Expand trauma-informed communities from 1 to 4 by December 31, 2027.
Improve Youth Prevention	Increase the number of educated youths	Build community youth advocacy group from 0 to 1 by December 31, 2024.
Introduce Continuing Education Opportunities	Increase training opportunities for SUD/ODU education for first responders	Increase first responder event interventionalist certification from 0 (2022) to 25 by December 31, 2024.
Expand Multi-Lingual Materials	Increase Spanish-language educational materials	Provide Spanish-language opioid toolkit by December 31, 2025.

Harm Reduction

Goal	Strategy	Objective
Improve Naloxone Education	Increase naloxone trainings in the community	Increase organizational naloxone training from 4 (2022) to 20 by December 31, 2023.
Increase Syringe Exchange Utilization	Increase SSP utilization in substance use & opioid use disorder populations	Increase syringe exchange service utilization from 0 (2022) to 300 by December 31, 2023.
Increase Syringe Exchange Accessibility	Increase SSP locations in Pinellas	Increase operational syringe exchange sites in Pinellas from 1 (2023) to 2 by December 31, 2025.
Improve Financial and Economic Stability	Increase job training and referrals for employment	Increase individual referrals to CareerSource job training program from 0 to 100 by December 31, 2025.
Improve Naloxone Education	Increase naloxone trainings in the community	Increase organizational naloxone training from 4 (2022) to 20 by December 31, 2023.

Integrated Data & Research

Goal	Strategy	Objective
Expand Data Sharing	Increase information and data sharing surrounding substance use & opioid use disorder	Schedule one guest speaker at each quarterly task force meeting, or 4 per year, throughout the life of the strategic plan ending December 31, 2027.
	Develop and launch data dashboard	Develop comprehensive data dashboard to define opioid trends in Pinellas County by December 31, 2024.
Increase Data-Informed MAT Accessibility	Define barriers of medication assisted treatment (MAT) accessibility through data analysis and modeling	Determine policy barriers to MAT access by December 31, 2027.
		Determine key demographic barriers to MAT access by December 31, 2027.
		Determine geospatial barriers to MAT access by December 31, 2027.

Action Planning - Questions

- How does my organization fit into these objectives?
- What steps can we take to move these objectives forward?
- What areas can my organization/agency/institution contribute?
- Stakeholders – where do you see opportunity?
- Data and recordkeeping – do we have a good system to track progress?

Real Example

- **Goal**: Improve Financial and Economic Stability
- **Strategy**: Increase job training and referrals for employment
- **Objective**: Increase individual referrals to CareerSource job training program from 0 to 100 by Dec. 31, 2025.
- **How can you accomplish this?**
 - Utilize CareerSource as an available resource, and track individuals sent to their program for training.
 - Maintain an approved record of individuals referred.
 - Report to the task force steering committee of totals quarterly!

Collaboration & Networking

- Future funding opportunities include emphasis to collaborate.
- Collaborator's meeting to be scheduled based on interest.
- Central collaboration document can be drafted listing those willing or needing to collaborate, and the contact information for a central contact for the individual to follow up.
- What info is helpful:
 - WHO you are
 - WHAT org/agency/facility/etc. you represent
 - PROGRAM you are highlighting (if any)
 - NEED in a collaborator
 - CONTRIBUTIONS can you provide

Open Forum

- ❖ Please use this time to engage task force members
- ❖ Any questions not addressed online will be answered to the best of our ability and an email response will be provided.

Questions on today's topics?

A copy of this presentation, including meeting notes, will be provided within the next week.

Please make sure to add my email to your SAFE list.

Next PCOTF meeting December 21st!

Please direct questions to Marianne @ marianne.dean@flhealth.gov