





Investigative hearing - Developing a Coordinated Response to Baltimore City's Overdose Crisis

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Topics to be covered

- Overview of the City's stakeholder committees
 - Opioid Intervention Team (OIT)
 - Strategic planning framework
 - Local Overdose Fatality Review Team (LOFRT)
 - Purpose, recommendations, and trends
- Partnerships
- Funding
- BCHD Program Highlights
 - Overdose Prevention Program (ORP)
 - Leave Behind Program
 - Hub and Spoke model
 - Levels of Care
 - Healthcare on The Spot
- Overdose Prevention Site (OPS)
- Opioid Treatment Provider (OTP)
 - BCHD's role



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Opioid Intervention Team (OIT)

- Helps focus and invigorate efforts to combat overdose deaths
- Composed of governmental, medical, and community-based partners
- Charged with development of a citywide response plan that reflects the needs of the citizens of Baltimore city
- The Strategic Plan intentionally aligns with the priority areas put forth by the Opioid Operational Command Center (OCCC)
 - Prevention and Education
 - Enforcement and Public Safety
 - Treatment and Recovery
- Ensuring the three year (2021-2023) Strategic Plan made sense for Baltimore City
 - Three listening sessions with people with lived experience
 - Open to the public for comment
 - Several OIT planning sessions



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Local Overdose Fatality Review Team (LOFRT)

- A diverse group of stakeholders made up of medical providers, city agencies, and CBO's
- Conduct case review of overdose deaths with the goal of better understanding why people overdose in Baltimore City and how future overdose deaths can be prevented
- Make recommendations to address systematic gaps in service



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LOFRT

- Family and Friends interviewing
 - Modeled after fetal infant mortality review (FIMR)
 - Baltimore City's LOFRT will be the first jurisdiction to conduct friends and family interviewing
 - Intended to bring a better understanding to the individuals



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Program Partners

- City agencies; Baltimore City Fire Department, Department of Planning, Baltimore City Public School System, Mayors Office of Homeless Services
- Behavioral Health System Baltimore (BHSB)
- Young People in Recovery/More Than a Shop
- Maryland Peer Advisory Council
- IBR-REACH
- Johns Hopkins University



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Funding

State

- Opioid Operational Command Center (final year of five-year funding FY22)
- Overdose Data to Action (Final year of three-year funding FY23)

Federal

- SAMHSA (final year of four-year funding FY22)

Total funding in FY22: \$2,227,619



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City's Response

BCHD's Overdose Response Program (ORP)

- Continued services throughout COVID-19
- *July 1, 2021-September 30, 2021*
 - *884 residents trained and provided Narcan*
 - *11 educational events have been held (virtually and in-person)*

Leave Behind Program

- January 2020- October 2021; 905 residents trained and provided Narcan
- OIT supports the expansion of distribution criteria by BCFD; pending



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City's Response

Hub and Spoke Model

- IBR-REACH serves as a “hub” in the City’s “hub and spokes” network of buprenorphine treatment
- This model offers
 - Same- or next-day intake for residents with opioid use disorder
 - Buprenorphine induction and stabilization
 - Referrals into spokes for long-term, community-based treatment
 - Transfers between hub and spokes are bidirectional and patients may transfer back and forth as needed
 - Offers support and medical consultation to prescribing providers in the community (currently there are eight major spoke partners)



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Levels of Care

- The goal to standardize humane, evidence-based care of patients with opioid use disorder in the City's emergency and hospital institutions
- All 11 hospital systems have been ranked 3, 2, or 1—with a level 1 hospital offering the most comprehensive response
 - 2021 applications are currently being reviewed



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City's Response

| HOSPITAL | CURRENT LEVEL |
|---|---------------|
| Grace Medical (previously known as Bon Secours) <i>*will be excluded as of 2021</i> | 3 |
| Johns Hopkins Bayview | 2 |
| Johns Hopkins Hospital | 1 |
| Sinai | 3 |
| Medstar Good Samaritan | 2 |
| Medstar Harbor Hospital | 2 |
| Medstar Union Medical | 2 |
| Mercy | 3 |
| University of Maryland Medical Center | 1 |
| St. Agnes | 3 |
| University of Maryland Mid-Town Campus | 1 |



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City's Response

- Healthcare on The Spot
 - Provides low threshold treatment to Substance Use Disorder (SUD)
 - Confidential services such as: STI/HIV testing and treatment, PrEP and PEP for HIV prevention, Hepatitis C testing and treatment, Buprenorphine, wound care, and case management
 - During COVID, SUD treatment and case management provided through telemedicine visits
 - Currently manage 130 patients with opioid use disorder
 - Retention rate since March of 2020 is approximately 80%
 - To compare, our treatment retention was approximately 50% at one month, and 25% at three months when doing in-person visits.



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What is an OPS?

- Defined as a harm reduction intervention that helps to mitigate the harms of drug use, through onsite monitoring and rapid intervention by trained staff in the case of an overdose
- This model provides a harm reduction program aimed at reducing harm to a client's health while connecting them to care and recovery.
- The harm reduction program is part of a continuum of care for people with substance use challenges who often have complex medical needs including severe mental illness, HIV/AIDS, and Hepatitis C



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Services Provided at an OPS

- Safe consumption and observation rooms staffed by medical professionals
- Education and Access to Medicated Assisted Treatment
- Recovery Counseling
- Basic medical services
- Referrals
- Support services such as housing, public benefits, and legal services



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Active OPS Locations

- Approximately 120 OPS in 11 countries and 2 in the planning phase
- Switzerland, Germany, Netherlands, Sydney Australia, Canada, Spain, Denmark, Norway, France, Australia, Luxemburg, Ireland (1 planned), Scotland (1 planned)



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OPS Status in the United States

- No active sites to date
- Philadelphia and Rhode Island have made significant progress towards opening
- Several other states support the idea but have barriers to work through
- Baltimore City based advocacy groups work tirelessly to gain support
 - BCHD supports the efforts to bring this concept to Maryland



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Opioid Treatment Providers (OTP)

- Defined as: A Program or practitioner engaged in opioid treatment of individuals with an opioid agonist medication
- 32 OTP's in Baltimore City
- BCHD supports treatment providers by addressing training needs, ensuring access to Narcan, and coordinating through stakeholder workgroups
- BHSB provides general oversight and licensing



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Thank you for your time! Questions?



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