

Overdose Fatality Review Team Meeting Minutes

Date: March 11, 2021

Attendees: Jordan Crummett, Karen Pershing, Sgt. Phil Major, Sam Lee, Darinka Mileusnic, Candace Allen, Brian Winbigler, Greg Roberts, Ron Hanaver, Stephanie Strutner, Nicole Ogle, Lauren Allard, and Amy Dolinky

- Call to order and introductions
- Approval of minutes—February meeting minutes approved
- Set the agenda
- Open Meetings information
 - Public and media can attend the monthly OFR Team meetings
 - Using the chat feature or directly unmuting of participants for asking questions and discussion
- Case selection criteria
 - Current selection criteria is the age range of 25-44 years of age as primary data pool
 - Case selection criteria is based on data from TBI, the Knox County Sheriff's Office, initial search criteria suggestions, as well as information from other groups working on similar projects and reporting
- Presentation of data analysis
 - November and December 2020 cases
 - Areas of data discussed: basic demographics, location, evidence of administration, substances at the scene, toxicology results, bystanders present, Naloxone, mental health and suicide, Substance Use Disorder, substance use history, co-occurring disorders, criminal justice history, recent justice involvement, and current gaps in data
- Brainstorming and discussion
 - Discussion on specific toxicology combinations that might be indicative of different illicit substances—Darinka to follow up with more information
 - Discussion on providing Death Certificate information to the team and other extra information from RFC for review
 - Trend: incarceration timeline information—trend on increased risk for overdose after incarceration
 - Ideas/suggestions:
 - Naloxone distribution data possible avenue for gathering further insight on historical case information

- Developing and increasing support for services for people released from incarceration or treatment facilities
- Moving upstream with data—utilizing information and trends for primary prevention and assessing the “pathway” people take before reaching substance use and Substance Use Disorder
- Possibly cross-referencing OFR Case information with identified naloxone data gathered by KCHD
- Connecting with contact at UT Medical Center re: follow-up/care coordination for patients, possibly bringing them to the table or gathering information

Action items: Sign and return Data Sharing Agreements, return data from this month (if fully approved agreement has been returned), reach out with any questions or comments regarding meeting and action items

Upcoming events: April OFR Team Meeting- April 8, 2021 at 3:00PM EST