

**OPIOID
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Advisory Commission

**Opioid Abatement
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Meeting**

May 15, 2024

AGENDA

- I. Welcome and Introductions**
- II. Call to Order**
- III. Quorum Declaration**
- IV. Approval of Minutes**
- V. Office of Opioid Abatement: Director's Update**
- VI. Comprehensive District of Columbia Peer Network Planning**
- VII. Unfinished Business**
- VIII. New Business**
- IX. Public Comment**
- X. Adjournment**

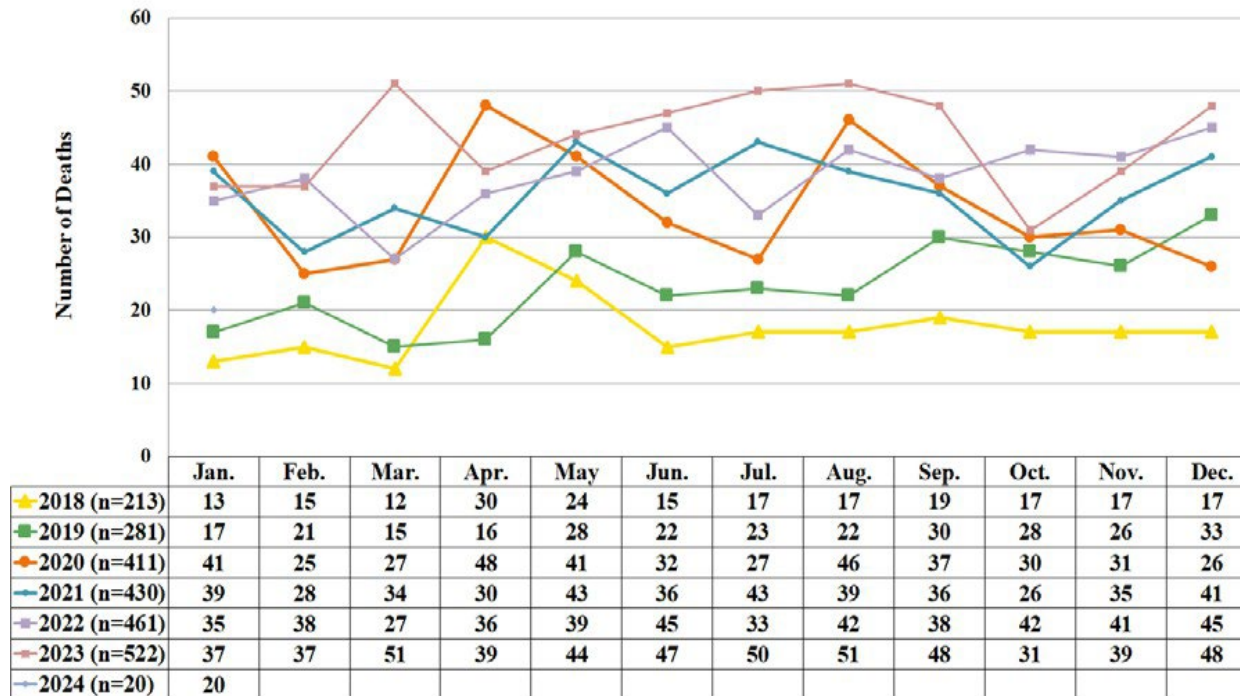
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Office of Opioid Abatement: Director's Update

Opioid-Related Death Trend

Fig. 1(b): Number of Drug Overdoses due to Opioid Use by Month and Year (N=2338)



Opioid overdoses in DC **increased 13%** from 2022 to 2023. There were 522 deaths up from 461.

Fentanyl is driving the increase. **96%** of deaths in DC involved fentanyl compared to **88%** nationwide. *

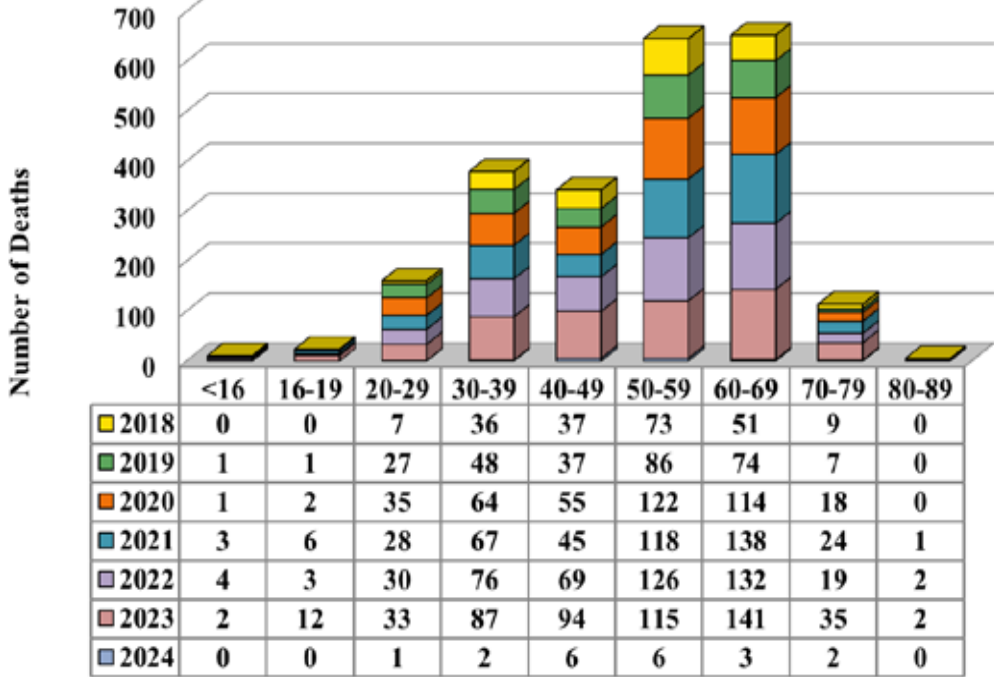
The consistent demographic trend is middle-aged African American males living in wards 5, 7 and 8. The majority died in their own homes or the homes of family or friends.

Source: Office of the Chief Medical Examiner 2023 Report
Dated: April 17, 2024

*CDC, 2022

Emerging Population Trends

Fig. 5: Drug Overdoses due to Opioid Use by Age



1) Youth

The number of deaths **ages 19 and below doubled to 14** in 2023 **from 7** in 2022. 2.7% in 2023 up from 1.5% in 2022.

2) Older Populations

Within the 60-89 age group, the highest increase was among **ages 70 to 79**. There were **35** deaths in 2023 up **from 19** in 2022—an increase of **56%**.

Opioid Abatement Fund Update

- ❑ **Starting Balance:** \$18.6M

- ❑ **Grantmaking Schedule** (awards are consistent with the Advisory Commission's adopted 14 areas of focus.)
 - \$2.7M: awarded to date
 - \$500,000- Octane (Prevention Media Campaign)
 - \$830,076 for FY24 and FY25- Children's National Medical Center (Youth Treatment Services)
 - \$120,000- CenterPoint Baptist Church, Good Success Baptist Church, and Care and Progress Development (Faith-based Prevention)
 - \$999,049 for FY24 and FY25- FEMS (Overdose Response Team)
 - \$305,640 for FY24 and FY25- Samaritan Inns (Abstinence-based Housing)

Opioid Abatement Fund Update

- ❑ **Grantmaking Schedule** (awards are consistent with the Advisory Commission's adopted 14 areas of focus.)
 - \$2.8M: Proposed by May 31
 - Training Youth Peers
 - Peer-Led Centers
 - Opioid Remediation Services
 - \$7M: June 22-July 12 (RFA released on May 1)
 - \$6.1M: 2nd round of grantmaking in the fall and targeted awards

The Public Emergency will be used to award the grants by May 31 and to expedite the awards under the RFA.

Transformers (East of the River Opioid Abatement Initiative)

- ❑ **Who:** Transformers are a coalition of over 60 community leaders with organizations based in Wards 7 & 8. For this project, Anacostia Coordinating Council (ACC) will serve as the fiscal sponsor.
- ❑ **What:** ACC and the Transformers implement the following initiatives:
 - ❑ Transformers Rite of Passage Program is a trauma-informed strategy that includes early substance use intervention to serve 200 young people ages 12-24 who live East of the River.
 - ❑ DC Strivin' is a pilot service referral program to help provide the coordination of much needed services for trauma, housing, utility assistance, employment, income, food, mental health, youth services, and substance use disorder treatment modeled on a successful program in Jackson County, Missouri.
- ❑ **Why:** The goal is to implement a wholistic approach to decrease opioid harm in the District of Columbia, particularly in Wards 7 & 8. The program is focused on helping East of The River youth overcome the trauma they have experienced resulting from systemic violence and substance use. In addition to helping them learn how to develop a more optimal well-being to enable themselves make healthier choices for their lives.

Opioid Abatement Strategic Impact Grant

- ❑ **Purpose:** To accelerate progress with transformative ideas. The Office is seeking partners that present actionable plans, with clear deliverables and timelines, that provide measurable impact in addressing the serious challenges of the opioid epidemic, based on the fourteen recommended areas of focus provided by the Commission.
- ❑ **Opportunity:** This grant will make available a total of \$7,000,000 for the implementation of the Commission's recommended areas of focus with an award floor of \$20,000 and award ceiling of \$1,000,000 for any individual award.

Opioid Abatement Strategic Impact Grant

- ❑ **Review Process:** The Office of Opioid Abatement will work with the DBH Grants Management Office to facilitate the review process. The applications will be organized and panel(s) consisting of three grant reviewers will score the applications.
 - Commission members with subject matter expertise and no conflicts can participate as grant reviewers.
 - The grant review process will start after *May 22, 2024*.
 - We are expecting many applications so we will most likely need many reviewers to make multiple grant review panels.

Opioid Abatement Strategic Impact Grant

□ Timeline:

- Final FAQ Submission Deadline: Wednesday, June 5, 2024
- Application Submission Deadline: Rolling Deadline, final date of submission no later than, Wednesday, June 12, 2024. First set of Application Reviews will begin on Wednesday, May 22, 2024.
- Anticipated Award Start Date: Rolling start date, within thirty days of the date the application was submitted. (June 22- July 12, 2024)

Office of Opioid Abatement

□ Staffing Updates:

- Job Candidates have been selected for each position (Staff Assistant, Program Analysis Specialist, Grants Management Specialist) and names have been sent to Human Resources to process.
- Detailed Staff- A veteran DBH staff member has been temporarily detailed to the Office of Opioid Abatement to aid in grants management process.

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Comprehensive District of Columbia Peer Network Planning

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NEW BUSINESS

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

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