Overdose Fatality Review

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OFR Purpose and Value

• Overdoses are preventable
• Identify system gaps: missed opportunities for prevention and intervention
• Design innovative community-specific prevention strategies
OFR Team Leadership and Structure

Lead Agency: Oversees the OFR team coordination and provides administrative support

Governing Committee: Supports and provides resources to implement recommendations generated from case reviews

OFR Team: Multidisciplinary team that reviews a series of individual deaths to identify system-level missed opportunities for prevention and intervention

Subcommittees: Focus attention on a recommendation or need such as case selection
OFR Team Coordinator

- Obtain and share case information with team members
- Review data and reports from team members
- Research information about cases that may not be provided by OFR members, such as reviewing social media, obituaries, media coverage, etc.
- Draft OFR meeting agendas, in partnership with the OFR team facilitator
- Manage meeting logistics (such as date and time, location, and technology support)
- Take minutes during each meeting
- Document activities since the last OFR meeting
- Update the governing committee
- Support and communicate with subcommittees

OFR Team Facilitator

- Facilitate OFR meetings
- Recruit OFR team members
- Build and maintain relationships with OFR team members
- Orient new OFR team members

OFR Data Manager

- Enter case information and recommendations into OFR database
- Write data or summary reports for sharing with the OFR team and the governing committee
- Analyze OFR data
Common OFR Team Members

- Local health department official
- Local law enforcement representative
- Medical examiner/coroner
- Prosecutor
- Local human services department official
- Substance use treatment provider
- Medication for opioid use disorder (MOUD) provider*
- Mental health social worker
- Pain management clinician
- Emergency department physician
- Primary care provider
- Pharmacist/toxicologist
- Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) representative
- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) public health analyst
- Sheriff
- Probation and parole officer
- Emergency medical service provider
- Drug treatment court representative
- Patient advocate
- Child protective services representative
- Substance use prevention professional
- School counselor
- Tribal elder, traditional leader
- Community leader
- Housing authority representative
- Harm-reduction outreach professional

* Formerly known as medication-assisted treatment (MAT)
Data Collection: Confidentiality

- Confidentiality is essential
- Data sharing agreements
- Confidentiality agreements
- State legislation
Sample Timeline of Decedent’s Life Events

- **9 April 2020**: EMS responds to nonfatal overdose
- **18 August 2020**: 9-1-1 call related to a domestic assault
- **1 September 2020**: Decedent released from county jail
- **7 September 2020, 5:00 p.m.**: Decedent found dead of an overdose
Data Collection: Elements

- OFR meeting details
- Decedent case information
  - Demographics
  - Death scene investigation
  - Interventions following the overdose
  - History of life circumstances and immediate stressors before the overdose
- Community context
- Recommendations
Problem-Solving Process to Identify Recommendations

- What are the missed opportunities?
- What are the system gaps?
- What can be done to improve service delivery or intervention?
- How would this be implemented and in what settings?
Recommendation: Significant Impact

- Improve service delivery and investigation
- Change agency policies and practices
- Revise local ordinance or state legislation
- Initiate or modify community prevention strategies
Overdose Fatality Review: A Practitioner’s Guide to Implementation
OFR and PDMP
Wisconsin’s Partnership
Wisconsin PDMP: History and Key Features

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Wisconsin PDMP: Patient Alerts

- **Prescriber-Led Alerts**
  - Treatment Agreement Alert
  - Violation of Treatment Agreement
  - Overdose Event

- **Law Enforcement Alerts**
  - Suspected Violation of Controlled Substances Act
  - Suspected Narcotic-Related Death
  - Suspected Opioid-Related Overdose (Nonfatal)
  - Report of Stolen Controlled Substance Prescription

- **Data-Driven Alerts**
  - Multiple Prescribers or Pharmacies
  - High Current Daily Dose of Opioids
  - Concurrent Benzodiazepine and Opioid
  - Long-Term Opioid Therapy With Multiple Prescribers
  - Multiple Same-Day Prescriptions
  - Early Refill
Wisconsin PDMP: Statistics Dashboard

Dispensing of Monitored Prescriptions by Year

- **2014**: Opioids ~1,000,000, Benzodiazepines ~3,000,000
- **2015**: Opioids ~1,000,000, Benzodiazepines ~3,000,000
- **2016**: Opioids ~1,000,000, Benzodiazepines ~3,000,000
- **2017**: Opioids ~1,000,000, Benzodiazepines ~3,000,000
- **2018**: Opioids ~1,000,000, Benzodiazepines ~3,000,000
- **2019**: Opioids ~1,000,000, Benzodiazepines ~3,000,000
Wisconsin OFR: History and Structure

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Wisconsin Overdose Fatality Reviews

OFR sites are primarily local counties, with one dual-county and one tri-county site. Both urban and rural populations are represented. The local agency leading OFR also varies, although most sites are led by the local public health department.

The OFR program is a collaborative effort of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) and the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ). It is funded through Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Overdose Data to Action (OD2A) and Bureau of Justice Assistance Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant and Substance Abuse Program (COSSAP) grants. The Medical College of Wisconsin is contracted by DHS and DOJ to provide training and technical assistance to the local OFR teams.
Wisconsin PDMP and OFR Teams

How did the relationship start?

How do you collaborate?
How Is Wisconsin PDMP Data Shared With OFR Teams?
What Are the Benefits of Sharing PDMP Data With OFR Teams?
What Are the Challenges of Sharing PDMP Data With OFR Teams?

How Have They Been Overcome?
How to Access and Request All COSSAP TTA

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