

# Greater Middletown Opioids Task Force

Wednesday, February 15, 2023, 12pm

Virtual Meeting

Co-Chairs:

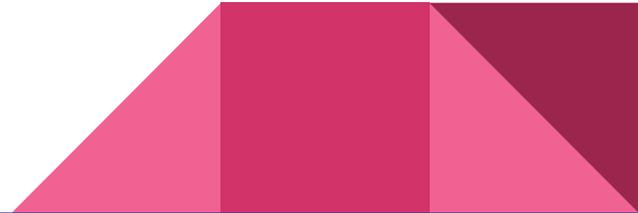
Rev. Robyn Anderson, MS, LPC, LMFT, LADC  
Executive Director, Ministerial Health Fellowship

Kevin Elak, RS/REHS, CP-FS, Director of Health, City of  
Middletown Department of Health



# Agenda

- Welcome New Members
- Data Updates
- Workgroup Updates
- New Business
- Updates
- Member Announcements



# Mission & Vision Statement

- Mission: To engage the Greater Middletown community in working together to promote opioid awareness, education, prevention, harm reduction and access to treatment thereby reducing opioid-related overdoses and deaths and building a healthy, safe and drug-free community.
- Vision: A community working together to prevent and to help people experiencing opioid use challenges.



# Opioid Overdoses Nonfatal and Fatal

2022 in Review

January 18 – February 11, 2023

Cromwell, Durham, Middlefield, Middletown and Portland

# Opioid Overdoses Nonfatal and Fatal



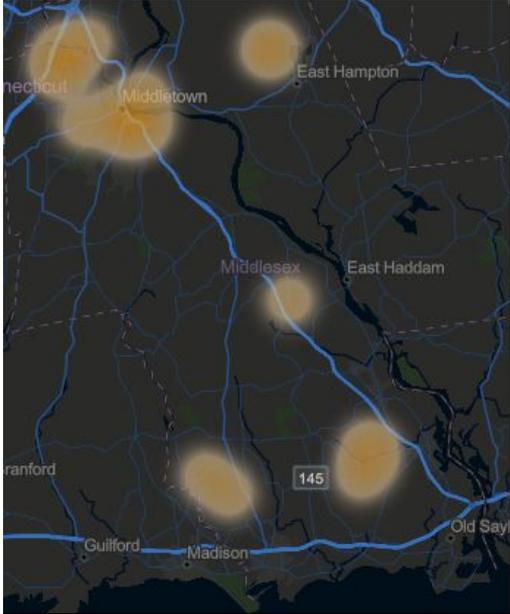
<b>Total Suspected Overdoses</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Fatal Overdoses</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Naloxone Administered</b>	<b>9</b>

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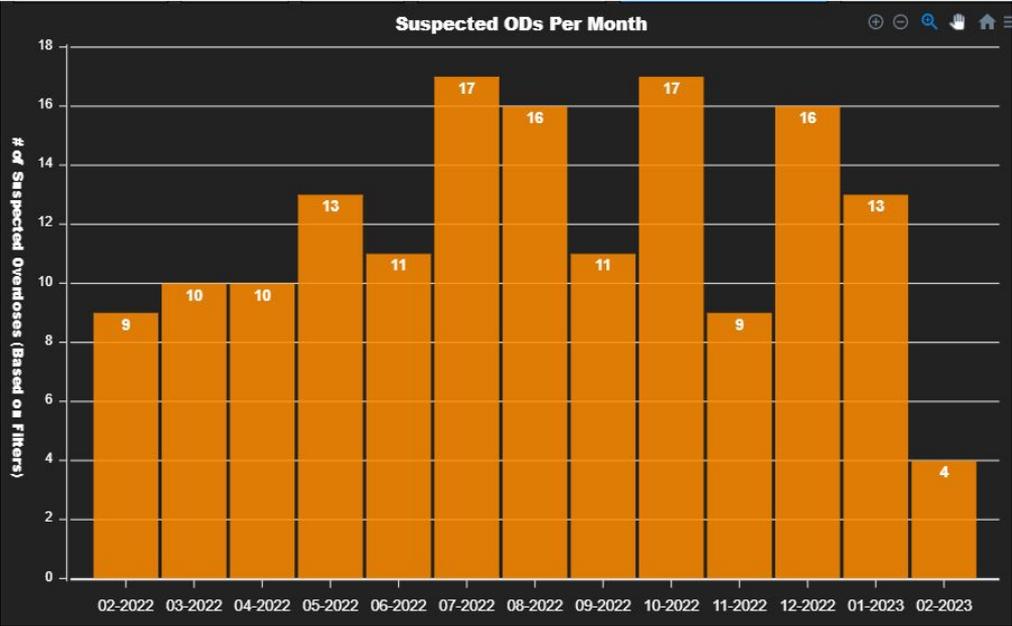
# Opioid Overdoses Heatmap (1.18.23 - 2.11.23)



<https://www.odmap.org:4443/>



# Suspected Overdoses Per Month



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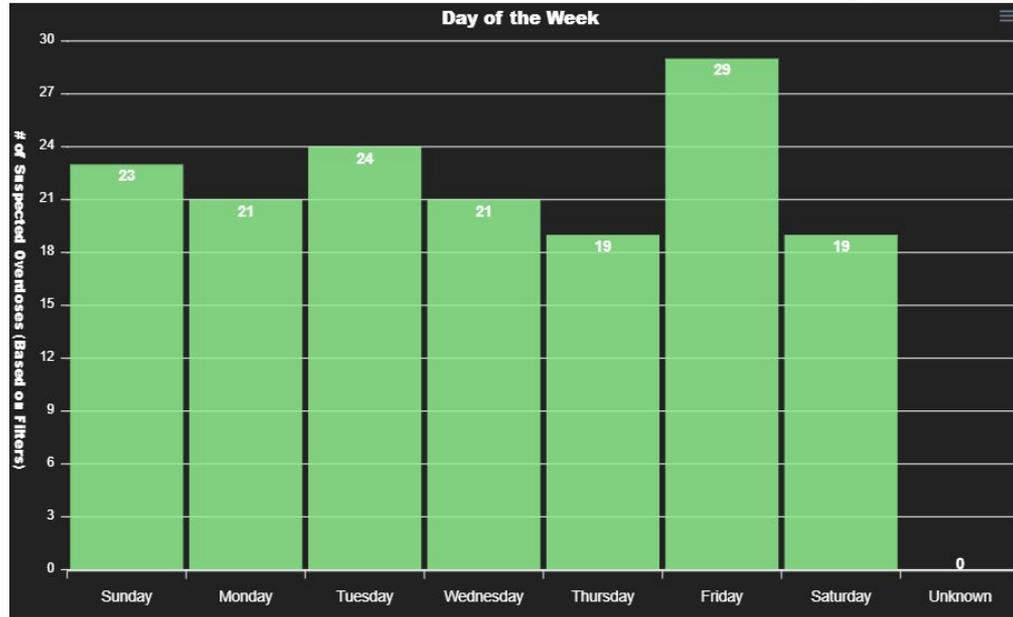


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# Overdoses by Days of the Week



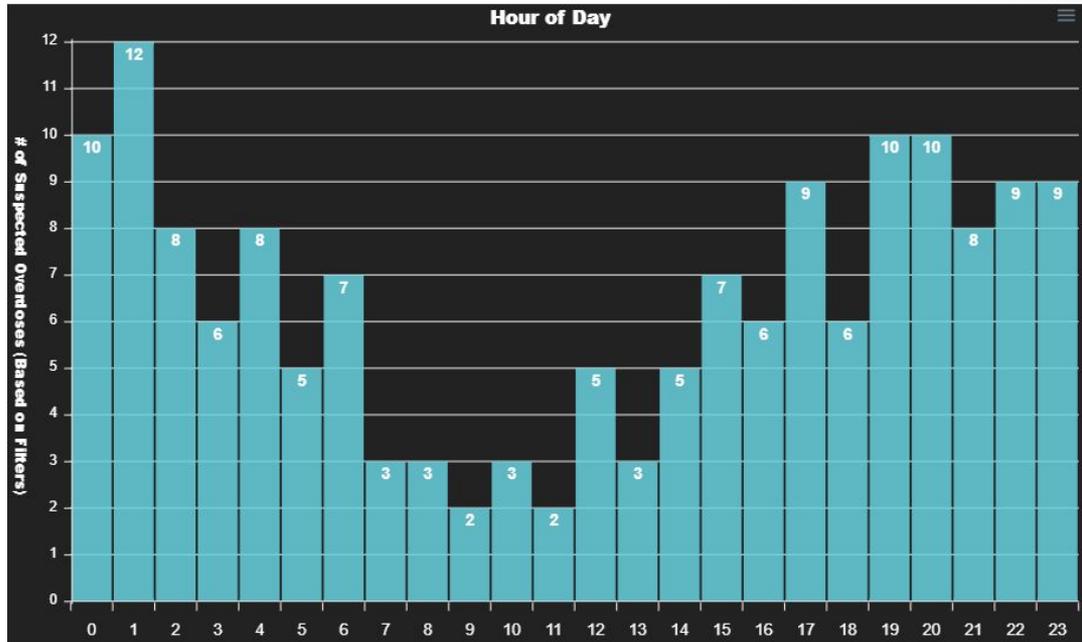
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# Hour of the Day

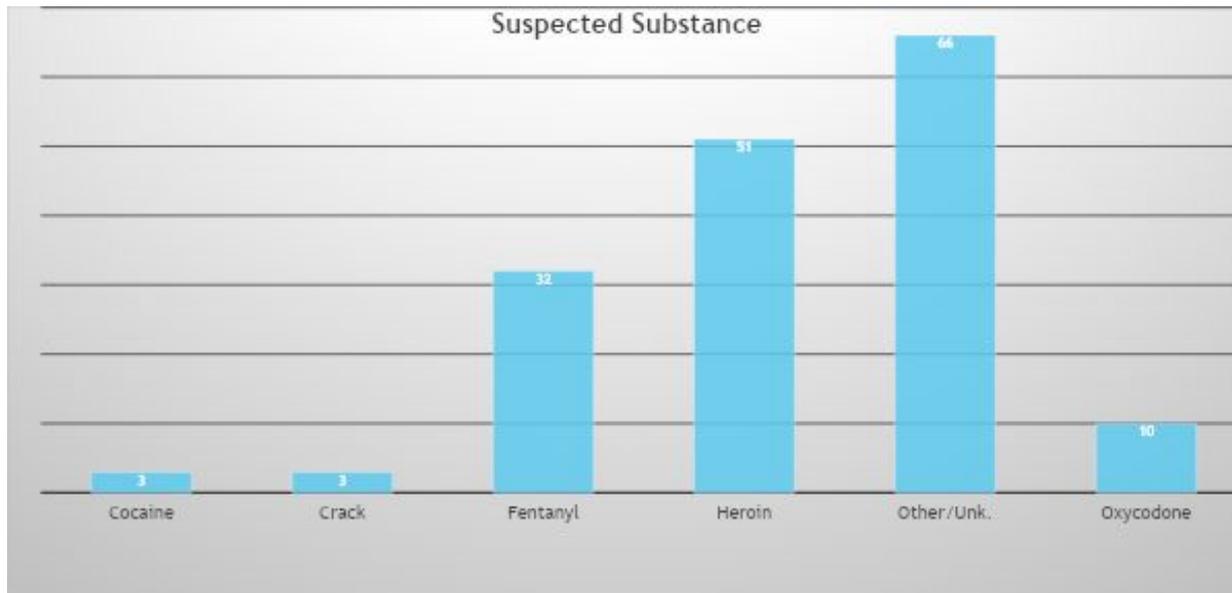


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# Suspected Substance



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# Number and Rate per 100,000 Population of Unintentional and Undetermined Overdose Deaths



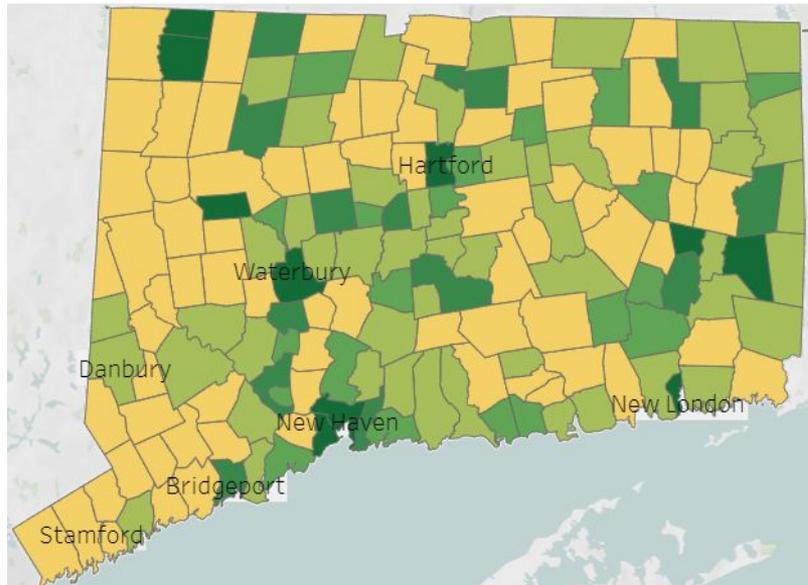
Town	Deaths -2016	Rate - 2016	Deaths-2021	Rate 2021
Cromwell	3	21.5	4	28
Durham	1	13.8	0	0.0
Middlefield	1	22.8	1	23.4
Middletown	13	27.9	35	74.3
Portland	4	42.8	3	31.7



Source: Injury and Violence Surveillance Unit Connecticut Department of Public Health



# Rate per 100,000 Population of Unintentional and Undetermined Overdose Deaths



Source:

[https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/heather.clinton/viz/SUDORS\\_Town\\_Resident\\_Rate\\_2016\\_2021/Dashboard?publish=yes](https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/heather.clinton/viz/SUDORS_Town_Resident_Rate_2016_2021/Dashboard?publish=yes)



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# Workgroup Updates

# Workgroup Updates - Access to Treatment

- **Purpose:** To increase access to Substance Use Disorder services through improved communication and collaboration among stakeholders.
- **Co-Chairs:** Melissa Monroe, Rushford; Barry Richardson, CCAR
- **Meeting Schedule:** 3rd Friday of the month at 11am (Zoom)
- **Report out**



# Workgroup Updates - Education & Prevention

- **Purpose:** To enhance community awareness and knowledge of the harmful impacts of opiate use in order to promote prevention, reduce stigma and offer hope by centering those with lived experience and by providing education and training in collaboration with community partners.
- **Chair:** Alie Bates, Rushford
- **Meeting Schedule:** was bi-weekly on Tuesday @ 9am (Zoom) - will establish a monthly meeting
- **Report out**



# Workgroup Updates - Intervention / Harm Reduction

- **Purpose:** under development
- **Chair:** TBD
- **Meeting Schedule:** 4th Wednesday of the month @ 10am (Zoom)
- **Report out:**
  - First meeting held on Wednesday, January 25th
  - Intro meeting; discussed logistics and establishing priorities, brainstorming and categorizing topics by themes



# Workgroup Updates - Resource Awareness

- **Purpose:** To facilitate awareness of prevention and treatment resources for substance use in the Greater Middletown community in order to increase access to services.
- **Chair:** LeAnna Basque, intern, City of Middletown Department of Health
- **Meeting Schedule:** 2nd Wednesday of the month @ 2pm (Zoom)
- **Report out**





# New Business

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- Branding:
  - Develop a task force logo?
  - Add list of partners?
- Website Development and roll-out
- Defining our geography



# Greater Middletown Area Opioids Task Force

- Defining our geography





Updates

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Updated: Feb. 9, 2023 4:27 p.m.

**NEW HAVEN** — Following a recent spike in fatal drug overdoses, city officials are doubling down on existing efforts to keep residents safe and prevent further deaths.

Officials earlier this week reported that 12 people had fatally overdosed since Jan. 25 — a threefold increase in the number of weekly overdose deaths, which is typically is two. A mixture of crack cocaine and fentanyl was suspected to be the cause of the weekly theverdoses, officials said.

According to New Haven Health Director Maritza Bond, the lethal combination of the two drugs has started circulating more frequently throughout the community, resulting in the increase of fatal overdoses over the same two-week period last year. Bond stressed that city health officials remained committed to responding to the crisis with existing services while identifying new ways to expand their outreach to those in need.



NEWS

## Spike in New Haven overdose deaths prompts expanded harm reduction efforts

Austin Mirmina  
Updated: Feb. 9, 2023 4:27 p.m.



The Community Health Care Van provides a range of services for New Haven residents, including the ability to test drugs and paraphernalia for potentially lethal substances such as fentanyl.  
Arnold Gold / Hearst Connecticut Media

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# Updates

Any member updates since our last meeting? Please share!





# Announcements

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## **Event Title**

Beyond the Alerts: Practical Guidance for Responding to Xylazine

## **Organization Hosting Event**

NASTAD Drug User Health

## **Event Type**

Webinar

## **Start Time**

Feb 21, 2023 03:00 PM Eastern Time

## **Event Description**

This webinar will discuss practical advice for working with people experiencing health-related problems due to the adulterant Xylazine in the drug supply. Webinar presenter, Jason Beinert, RN will share field-based observations and practices, with a focus on managing wound care, overdose, and withdrawal. Moderated by Alice Bell of Prevention Point Pittsburgh.

## **Event Link**

<https://nastad.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEqd-ivrTMvG9d0QwIQaWBIHSzHq13bSICL>

## **Registration Information**

Registration is free and can be found here: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)



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Registration Link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZArcOmrrjlpH9WnFzc8cSGu5jbWrBQg9ke2?fbclid=IwAR0p4oB5366EIoSWowTT7tN1ifJdNRuNIIcNjTt51jtYGNUpuqWZ\\_qXdYLM](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZArcOmrrjlpH9WnFzc8cSGu5jbWrBQg9ke2?fbclid=IwAR0p4oB5366EIoSWowTT7tN1ifJdNRuNIIcNjTt51jtYGNUpuqWZ_qXdYLM)



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# LET'S TALK PREVENTION IN 2023

Speaker Series

## Fentanyl 101 - What you need to know

Tuesday, February 28th 2023 at 6:00pm - 7:30pm  
ZOOM  
To register follow the link below or scan the QR code:  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZArcOmrrjlpH9WnFzc8cSGu5jbWrBQg9ke2?fbclid=IwAR0p4oB5366EIoSWowTT7tN1ifJdNRuNIIcNjTt51jtYGNUpuqWZ\\_qXdYLM](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZArcOmrrjlpH9WnFzc8cSGu5jbWrBQg9ke2?fbclid=IwAR0p4oB5366EIoSWowTT7tN1ifJdNRuNIIcNjTt51jtYGNUpuqWZ_qXdYLM)



QUESTIONS? COMMENTS?  
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A free training and speaker series brought to you by DMF, LLC, a program of DMFYS.

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Registration Link:

[https://ctcertboard.org/online\\_payments/ccb-trainings-payments/](https://ctcertboard.org/online_payments/ccb-trainings-payments/)

**DIGNITY & RESPECT**

**A Primer on Harm Reduction: Evidence, Efficacy and Efforts**

Friday, March 10, 2023  
DeKoven Community Center, 27 Washington St., Middletown  
9:00 am - 4:00 pm 6 total CEs



\$50/per person

Suitable for both clinical and peer support providers, join us for a discussion on the ideas and strategies aimed at reducing negative consequences associated with drug use.



To register:  
[https://ctcertboard.org/online\\_payments/ccb-trainings-payments/](https://ctcertboard.org/online_payments/ccb-trainings-payments/)  
Questions?  
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# Any Additional Announcements?



# Next Meeting

- Wednesday, March 15, 12pm, Zoom

