

Greater Middletown Opioids Task Force

Wednesday, September 20, 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

Member Organizations

- Alliance for Living Program
- BHcare
- CCAR
- Chatham Health District
- City of Middletown
- City of Middletown Department of Health
- City of Middletown Fire Department
- Community Foundation of Middlesex County
- Community Health Center (CHC)
- CT Harm Reduction Coalition
- DCF Region 3 (Norwich, Willimantic, Middletown)
- Department of Children and Families
- DMHAS
- Durham Middlefield Local Wellness Coalition / DMYFS
- Gilead Community Services
- Hunter's Ambulance Service
- Middlesex Community College
- Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce
- Middlesex Health
- Middletown Harm Reduction Initiative (MHRI)
- Middletown Police Department
- Middletown Public School System
- Middlesex YMCA
- Middletown Substance Abuse Prevention Council
- Ministerial Health Fellowship
- River Valley Services, DMHAS
- Root Center for Advanced Recovery
- Rushford
- St. Vincent de Paul Middletown
- Street Fire Ministries
- The Connection
- Town of Cromwell Department of Health

Agenda

- Welcome New Members
- Data Updates
- Workgroup Updates - n/a, on summer recess
- Task Force Updates
- Presentation:
 - Hannah Granfield-Horton, Prevention Works CT
- Standing Agenda Items
- New Business
- 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 opioid use and to help people experiencing opioid use challenges.

Opioid Overdoses Nonfatal and Fatal

January 1 – September 19, 2023

Cromwell, Durham, Middlefield, Middletown and Portland

Opioid Overdoses Nonfatal and Fatal



Total Suspected Overdoses

112

Fatal Overdoses

23

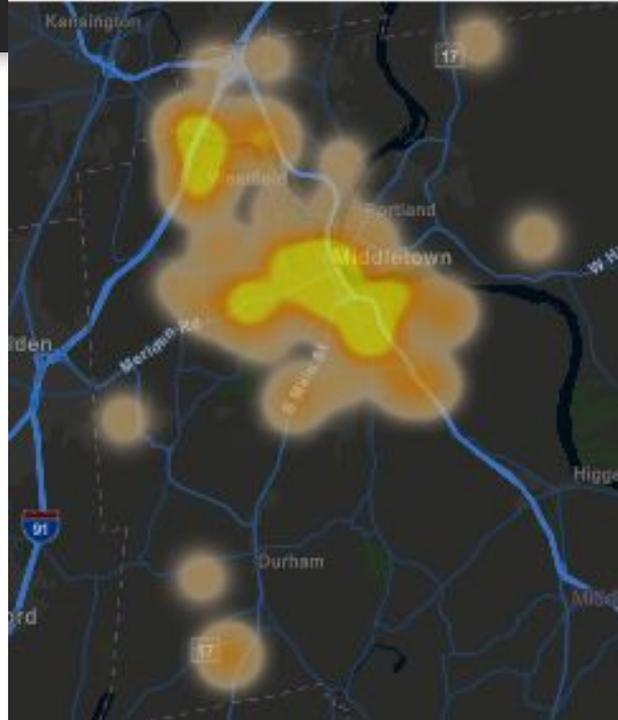
Naloxone Administered

104

1.1.23 – 9.19.23

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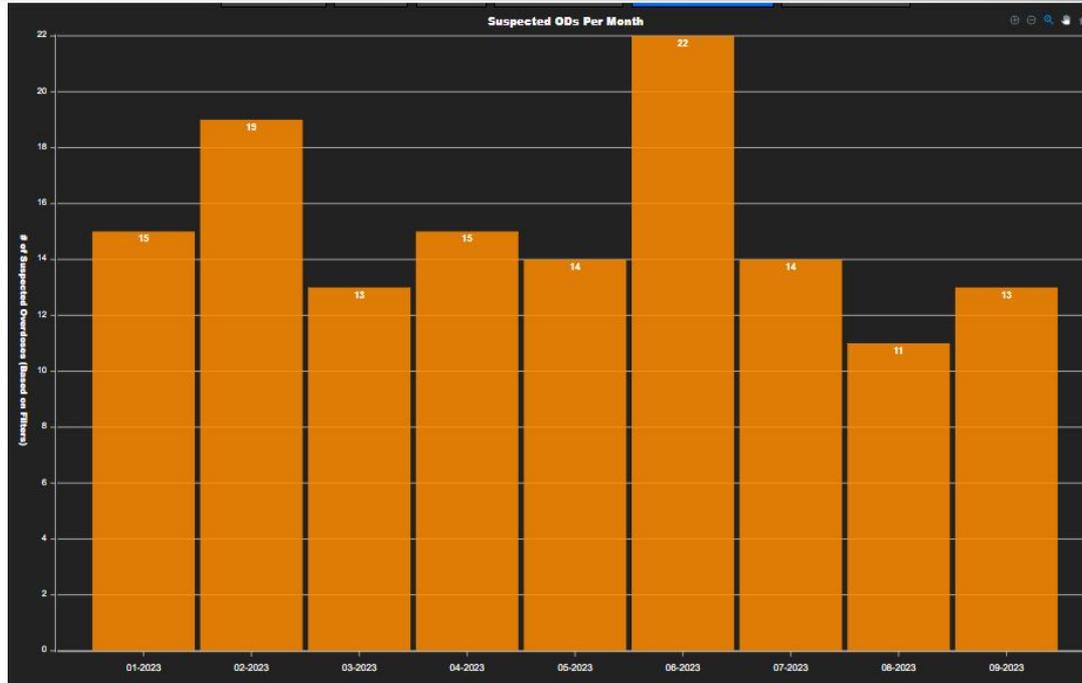
Opioid Overdoses Heatmap



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

1.1.23 – 9.19.23

Suspected Overdoses Per Month



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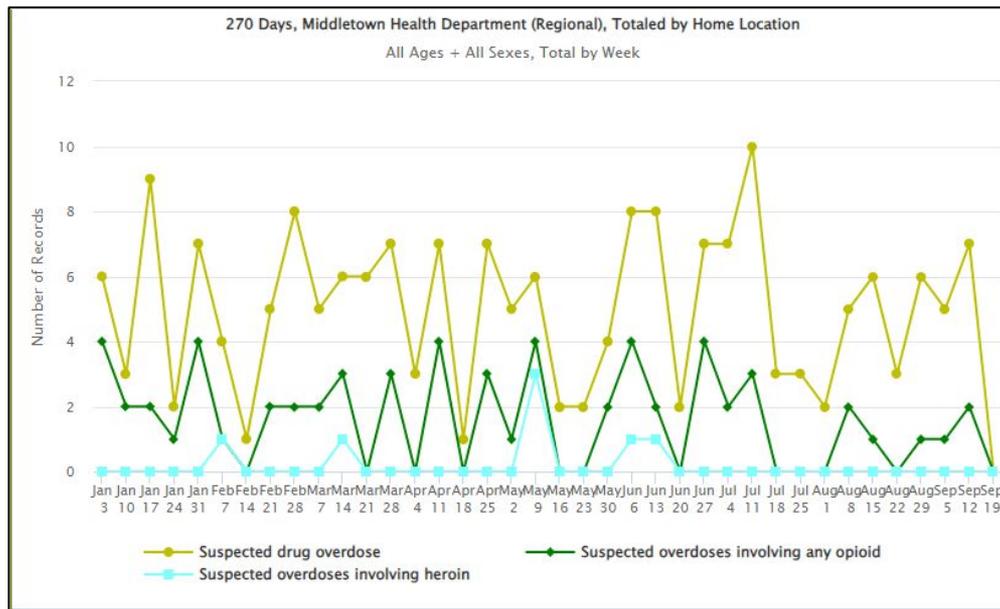
Data for Middletown



Overdose Deaths (1-1-23 to 8-1-23)	
Overdose Deaths:	10
Suspected Drug:	
Any Opioid:	8
Cocaine:	7
Fentanyl:	7
Xylazine:	1

Source: Office of the CT Chief Medical Advisor

Data for Middletown



Non-fatal overdoses

1/3/23 – 9/19/23

- Suspected Drug Overdoses: 188
- Suspected overdoses involving any opioid: 62
- Suspected overdoses involving heroin: 7

Source: EpiCenter 4.0.0

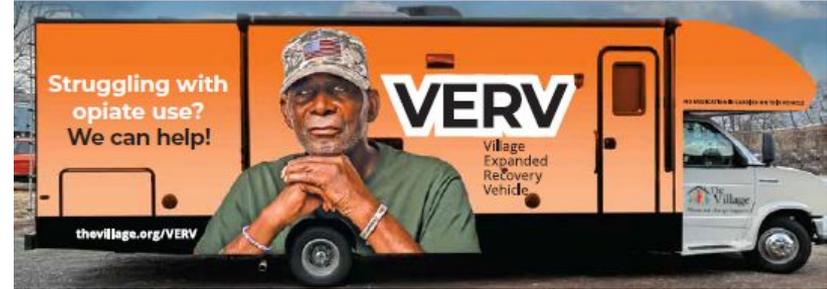


Workgroup Updates
No Reports - Summer Recess

Updates

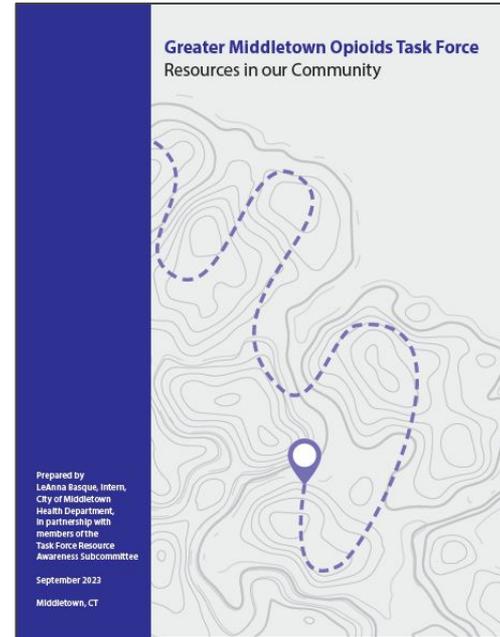
Harm Reduction RV - Village Expanded Recovery Vehicle (VERV)

- Launched September 6th!
- **Location:** 617 Main Street, Middletown, driveway of St. Vincent de Paul Middletown
- **Day & Time:** Weekly, Wednesdays, 11am - 2pm
- **Updates:**
 - Save-the-Date! Ribbon Cutting, Wednesday, October 25, 11am
 - Marketing plan is under development (flier, press release, etc.)



Task Force Resource Guide

- Combined into 1 guide
- In final stages of review
- Will be distributed electronically soon with printed copies made available at the Harm Reduction RV ribbon cutting
- Will be posted to the Opioids Task Force website



Member Updates

Any member updates? Please share!



Presentation

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Hannah Granfield-Horton

Prevention Works CT

<https://gppct.org/>



Standing Agenda Items

Updates

- **Legislative / Policy Updates:**
 - Harm Reduction / Prevention Centers
 - Other Raised Bills
- **Opioids Settlement Funds:**
 - City
 - State: CT Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee <https://portal.ct.gov/COSAC>
 - Use for Narcan Leave-Behind kits?



New Business

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- Branding:
 - Develop a task force logo - under development
 - List partner organizations on material / presentations, etc. (when possible)



Announcements

Any Member Announcements?



Work Status / Tracking

Work in Progress

Work in Progress 2023

- Resource Guide

Completed Work

Completed 2022	Completed 2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Formation of Task Force (January 2022)● Member Prioritization Survey (April)● Formation of 4 Workgroups (Access to Treatment; Education & Prevention; Intervention / Harm Reduction; Resource Awareness)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Flier for Narcan Leave Behind Kits (April 2023)● Narcan Leave Behind Kits partnership with South Fire District, Middletown (April 2023)● Xylazine Informational piece (May 2023)● Harm Reduction RV - Village Expanded Recovery Vehicle (VERV) (Launched 9.6.23)

Next Meeting

- Wednesday, October 18, 12pm, Zoom

