

Greater Middletown Opioids Task Force

Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 12pm

Virtual Meeting

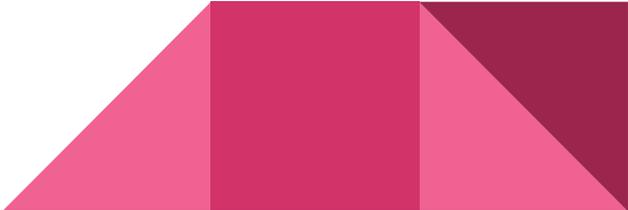
Co-Chairs:

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
 - Increase in Overdoses and Fatal Overdoses in Middletown (Late October - to date in November)
 - Ongoing Work:
 - Mission Statement
 - Purpose Statement
 - Workgroup Updates
 - Opioids Settlement Funds Discussion
 - Updates
 - Member Spotlights:
 - Kevin Elak, Director of Health, Middletown Department of Health
 - Member Announcements
- 

Opioid Overdoses Nonfatal and Fatal

October 18 – November 13, 2022

Cromwell, Durham, Middlefield, Middletown and Portland

Opioid Overdoses Nonfatal and Fatal

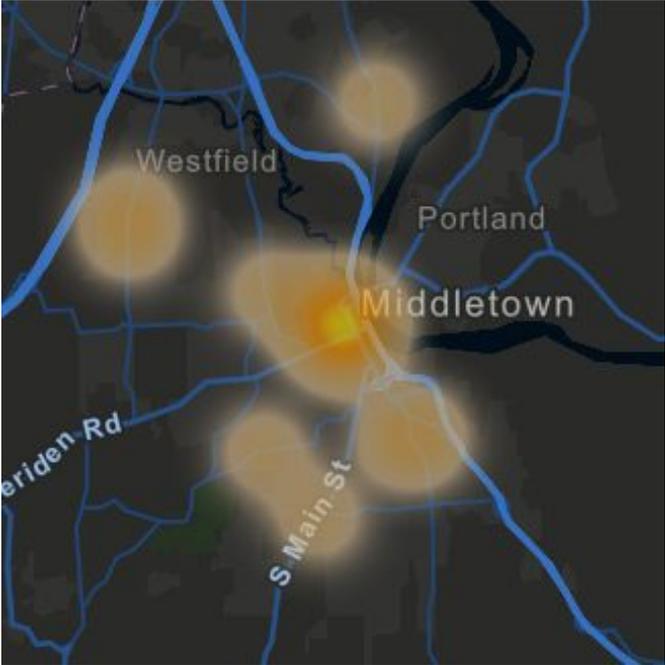


Total Suspected Overdoses:	14
Suspected Fatal Overdoses:	3
Naloxone:	11

October 18 – November 13, 2022
Cromwell, Durham, Middlefield, Middletown and Portland



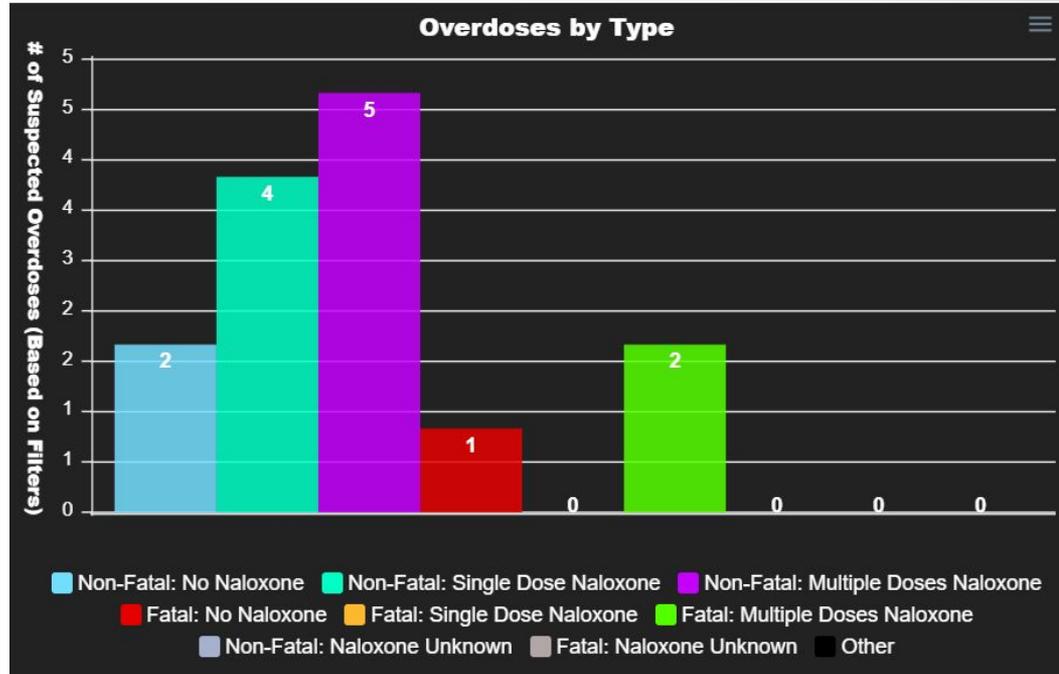
Opioid Overdoses Heatmap (10.18.22 - 11.13.22)



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



Overdoses by Type (10.18.22 - 11.13.22)



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



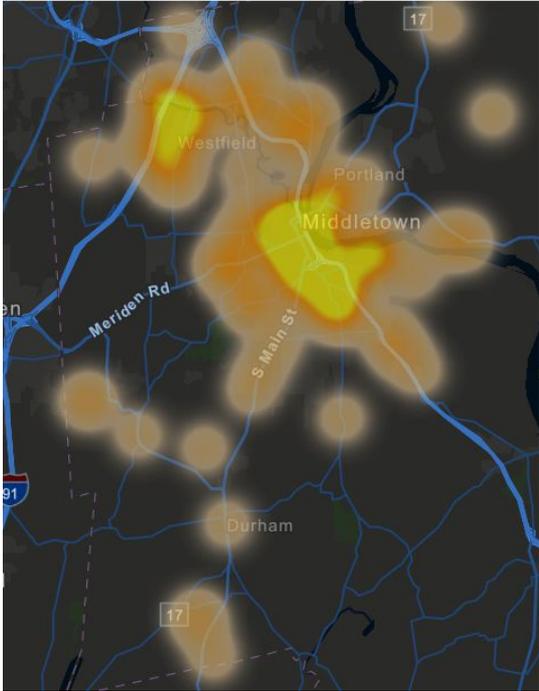
Opioid Overdoses Nonfatal and Fatal



January 1 – November 13, 2022
Cromwell, Durham, Middlefield, Middletown and Portland



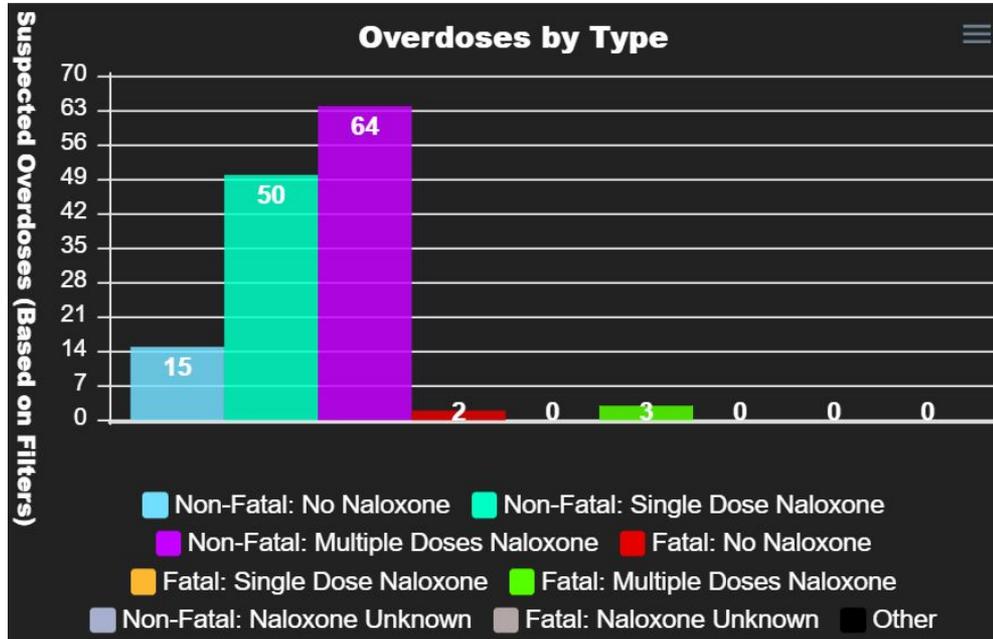
Opioid Overdoses Heatmap (1.1.22 - 11.13.22)



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



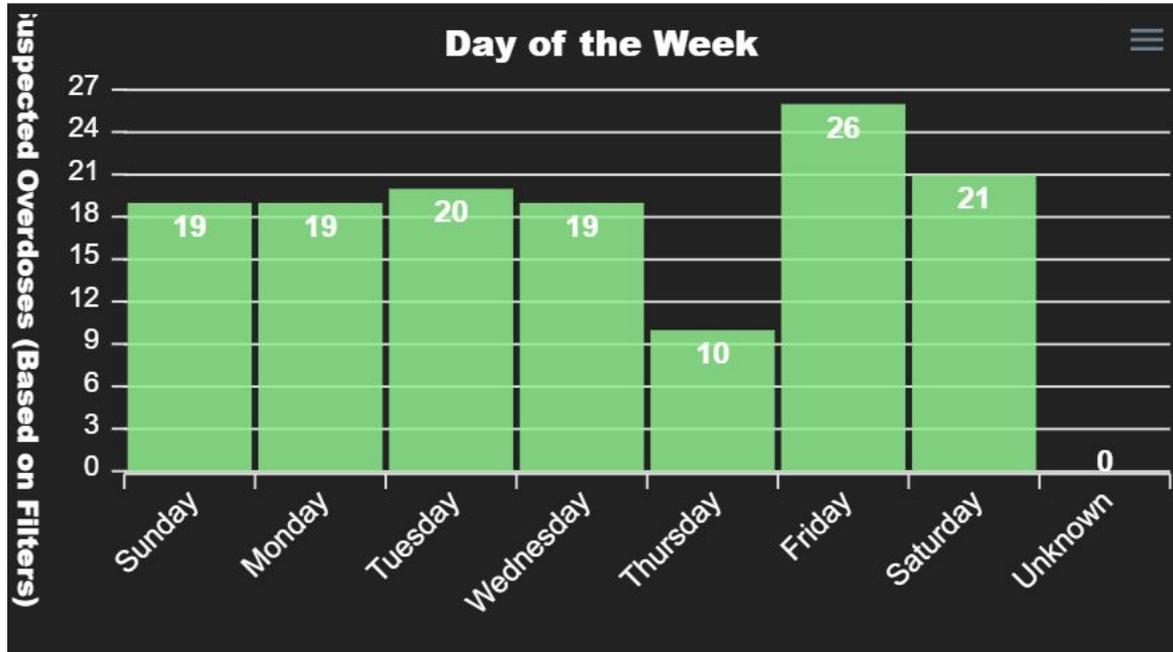
Overdoses by Type (1.1.22 - 11.13.22)



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



Overdoses by Days of the Week



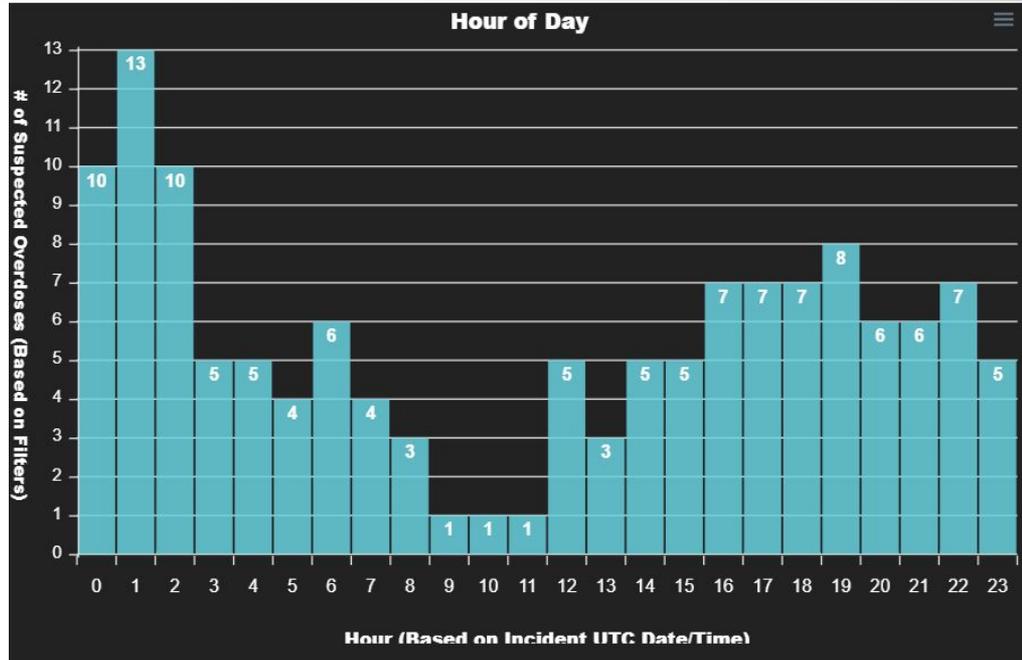
<https://www.odmap.org:4443/>



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

Middletown Health Department

Overdoses by Hour of the Day

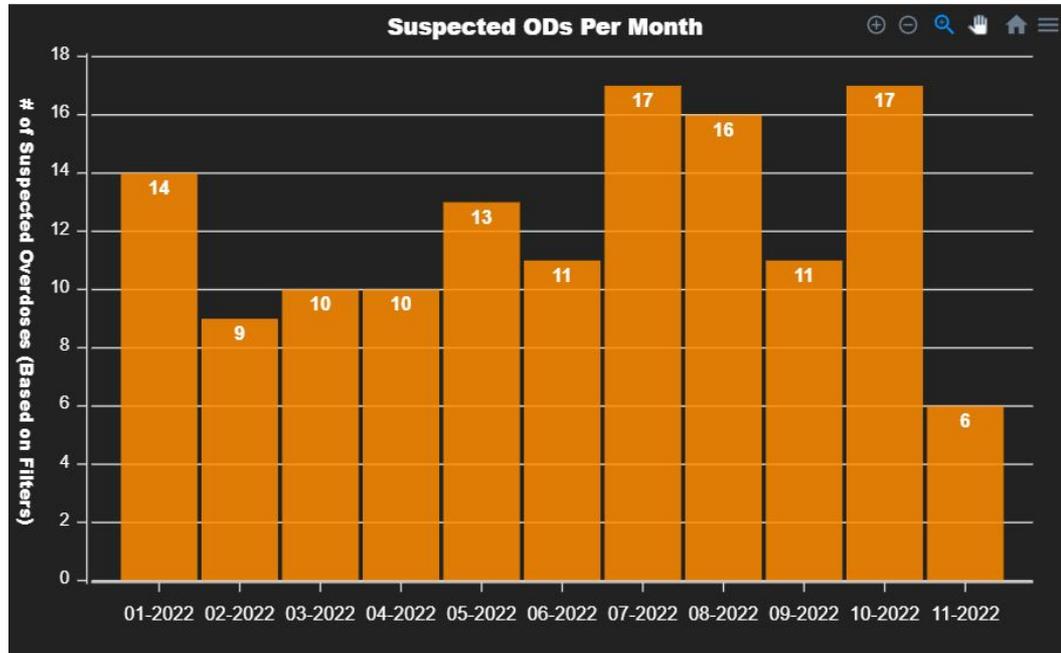


<https://www.odmap.org:4443/>



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.
Middletown Health Department

Overdoses per Month

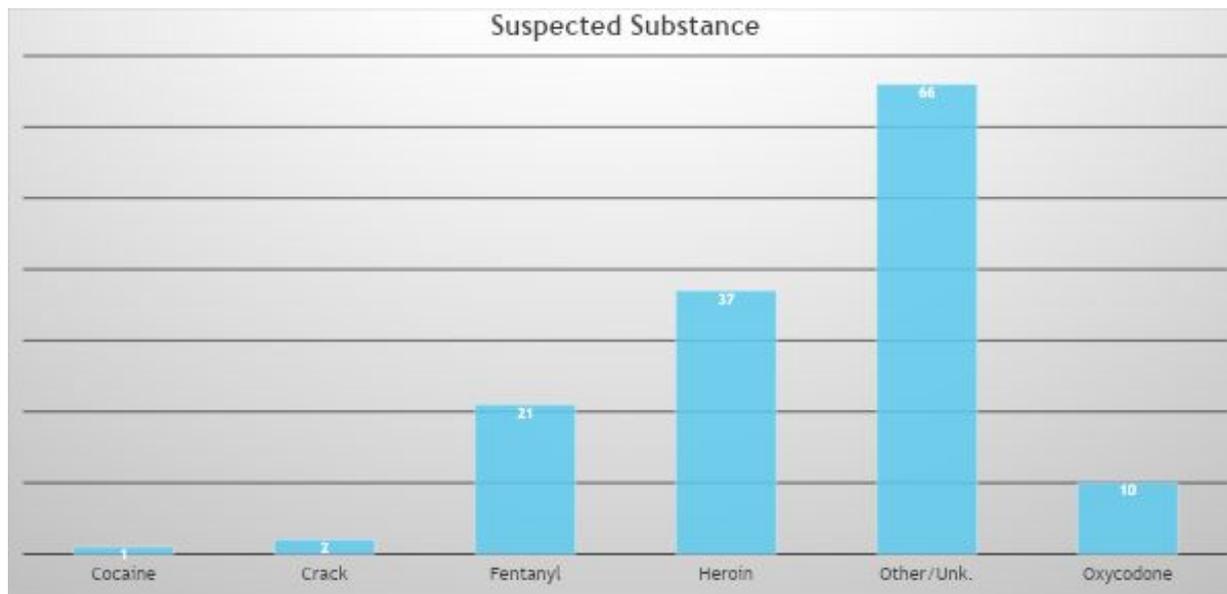


<https://www.odmap.org:4443/>



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.
Middletown Health Department

Suspected Drug



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





Alarming Increase

Alarming Increase in ODs & Fatal ODs in Middletown

- Late October - to date in November
- What can we immediately do?
 - Educational “Warning” campaign?
 - Increase in harm reduction supply distribution (i.e. Narcan, Fentanyl test strips)
 - Distribution of videos on how to use Fentanyl test strips
- What plan can we activate when these spikes happen?





Ongoing Work

Mission Statement - Discussion

- 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 Statement - Discussion

- A community working together to help people experiencing opioid use challenges.



On The Horizon (ongoing list to add to)

Additional "To Do" List

- Website development
- Other ideas?





Workgroup Updates

Workgroup Updates

- Education & Prevention
- Intervention (including Harm Reduction)
- Resource Awareness
- Access to SUD Treatment





New Business

Opioids Settlement Funds

- Discussion



Greater Middletown Area Opioids Task Force

- Defining our geography





Updates

Updates

An Act Concerning Emergency Intervention by a Police Officer

OLR Bill Analysis
sHB 5191

AN ACT CONCERNING EMERGENCY INTERVENTION BY A POLICE OFFICER WHEN A PERSON IS INCAPACITATED BY DRUGS OR DUE TO A MEDICAL EMERGENCY.

SUMMARY

This bill expands a police officer's duty to take certain incapacitated individuals into protective custody. As under current law for those incapacitated by alcohol, the bill requires police officers, upon finding someone who appears to be incapacitated by drugs or due to a medical emergency, to take the person into protective custody and bring the person to a (1) treatment facility that provides medical triage or (2) hospital.

The bill similarly expands current requirements on treatment facilities, hospitals, and their medical officers regarding those brought to them who appear to be incapacitated by alcohol to also cover those who may be incapacitated by drugs or due to a medical emergency. This includes determining whether the person requires inpatient treatment.

The bill also makes technical changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2022

POLICE ACTIONS

Under existing law for someone incapacitated by alcohol and the bill, for someone incapacitated by drugs or due to a medical emergency, taking someone into protective custody is not an arrest and no record may be made to indicate that a person has been arrested or charged with a crime. Police must make every reasonable effort to protect the health and safety of someone they take into this custody and may take reasonable steps to protect themselves.

MEDICAL ACTIONS

Researcher: GM

Page 1

4/5/22



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.
Middletown Health Department

Update - Successful Drug Take Back Days



**DEA NATIONAL Rx
TAKEBACK
DAY**

Saturday, Oct 29th 2022
10:00 am—2:00 pm
Middlefield State Troopers' Offices
405 Main Street Middlefield, CT 06455

Turn in unused and/or expired medications for safe disposal, no questions asked.



All participants will be offered a free at home medication disposal kit, provided by DMYFS & DMLWC.
All Welcome! Questions or Comments? Email dmiccinello@dmfys.org



**DEA NATIONAL Rx
TAKEBACK**

Saturday, October 29
10AM - 2PM

Middletown Police Department
222 Main Street, Middletown, CT 06457

Turn in unused and/or expired medications for safe disposal, no questions asked.

All participants will be offered a free at home medication disposal kit, provided by the Middletown Health Department.



All are welcome! For any questions or concerns, email Daisy.Hernandez@middletownct.gov



Updates

Any member updates since our last meeting? Please share!





Member Spotlight

Member Spotlight

Kevin Elak, MPH, RS/REHS, CP-FS

Director of Health

City of Middletown Department of Health

Middletown Fire Department

Kevin.Elak@middletownct.gov



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

Middletown Health Department



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

Middletown Health Department



Announcements

Announcements

Topic:

Overcoming Barriers Towards Overdose Prevention Sites in Connecticut Workshop Event

Description:

The Yale Health Justice Practicum Harm Reduction Team invites harm reduction practitioners, advocates, and allies across Connecticut to a free virtual workshop event on Thursday, November 17th from 3-5pm EST. Our workshop aims to discuss and collaborate on strategies towards addressing the legal barriers and considerations needed to start and maintain harm reduction sites like overdose prevention centers in Connecticut.

Time:

Nov 17, 2022 03:00 PM

<https://yale.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJArdOCqqzgoGtXmPngzDwNsDFNCKIqhTdKX>



Announcements



Understanding and Promoting Health Equity in the Treatment of Substance Use

Friday, December 2, 2022 10:30 am - 1:00 pm EST

The Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership (CT BHP) in conjunction with the Connecticut Hospital Association is proud to sponsor a professional forum focusing on Understanding and Promoting Health Equity in the Treatment of Substance Use. It is available at no cost to you and offers Nursing and NASW Continuing Education Credits (CECs) (pending) and Continuing Medical Education Credits (CMEs) (pending) for physicians.

Join leading experts to explore:

- Historical Inequities in SUD Treatment
- Definitions of Disparity, Inequality, Inequity and Racism
- Review of Federal and State Policies that Influenced the Criminalization of Substance Use
- Strategies for Assessing, Diagnosing, and Treating SUD in Racial and Ethnic Minorities with a Focus on Marginalized Communities
- Addressing Barriers and Promising Practices

Presenters:



Fabiola Arbelo-Cruz, MD (she/her/hers) is an Attending Addiction Psychiatrist at the Connecticut Mental Health Center (CMHC) in New Haven, CT, and Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at Yale School of Medicine.



Michelle P. Durham, MD, MPH, FAPA, DFAACAP is the Vice Chair of Education in the Department of Psychiatry at Boston University School of Medicine (BUSM)/Boston Medical Center (BMC). She is a board certified physician specializing in pediatric and adult psychiatry with additional board certification in addiction medicine.

Additional Panelists:

- **Bonni Hopkins, Ph.D.** (she/her/hers) Chief Operating & Innovation Officer, Liberations Program, Inc.
- **Marie Spivey, EdD, MPA**, Principal/Consultant, System for Education, Equity & Transition, LLC
- **Rev. Robyn Anderson, BA, MA, IMANI** Breakthrough Project, African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Zion Church
- **Carol Jones**, Director of Harm Reduction, Alliance for Living



[Select here to register for the CT BHP Forum Understanding and Promoting Health Equity in the Treatment of Substance Use](https://beaconhealthoptions.zoom.us/j/81222222222)

For additional information, please contact Lynn.Kelley@beaconhealthoptions.com or ctbhp@beaconhealthoptions.com

https://beaconhealthoptions.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_AA8vnPNvR-eyeegEKymQKQ



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.
Middletown Health Department

Any Additional Announcements?



Next Meeting

- Wednesday, December 21, 12pm, Zoom

