

Greater Middletown Opioids Task Force

Wednesday, December 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
- City of Middletown Police Department
- Carelon Behavioral Health
- Community Foundation of Middlesex County
- Community Health Center (CHC)
- Connecticut Valley Hospital (CVH)
- 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
- Middlesex YMCA
- Middletown Harm Reduction Initiative (MHRI)
- Middletown Public School System
- Middletown Substance Abuse Prevention Council
- Ministerial Health Fellowship
- Overdose Response Strategy | New England HIDTA
- River Valley Services, DMHAS
- Root Center for Advanced Recovery
- Rushford
- St. Vincent de Paul Middletown
- Street Fire Ministries
- The Connection
- The Village for Families & Children
- Town of Cromwell Department of Health
- Town of Cromwell Police Department

Agenda

- Welcome New Members
- Data Updates
- Standing Agenda Items
- Presentation:
 - Daniela Giordano, LMSW and Paige Fanolis, Carelon Behavioral Health
- 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 opioid use and to help people experiencing opioid use challenges.

Opioid Overdoses Nonfatal and Fatal

January 1 – December 19, 2023

Cromwell, Durham, Middlefield, Middletown and Portland

Opioid Overdoses Nonfatal and Fatal



Total Suspected Overdoses

141

Fatal Overdoses

31

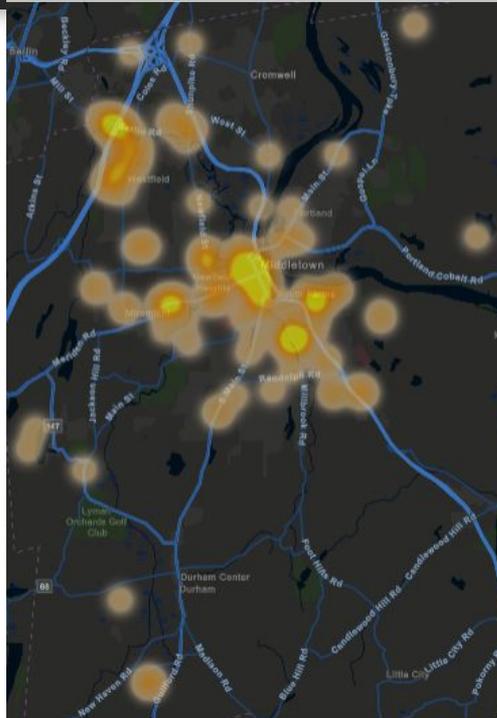
Naloxone Administered

131

1.1.23 – 12.19.23

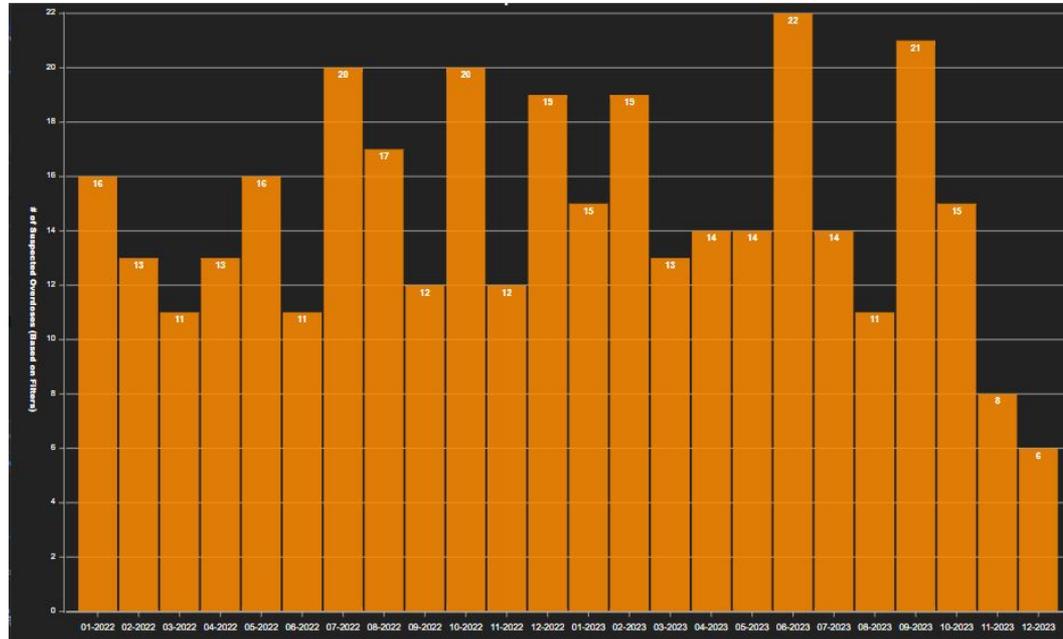
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Opioid Overdoses Heatmap Cromwell, Durham, Middlefield, Middletown and Portland January 1, 2022 – December 19, 2023

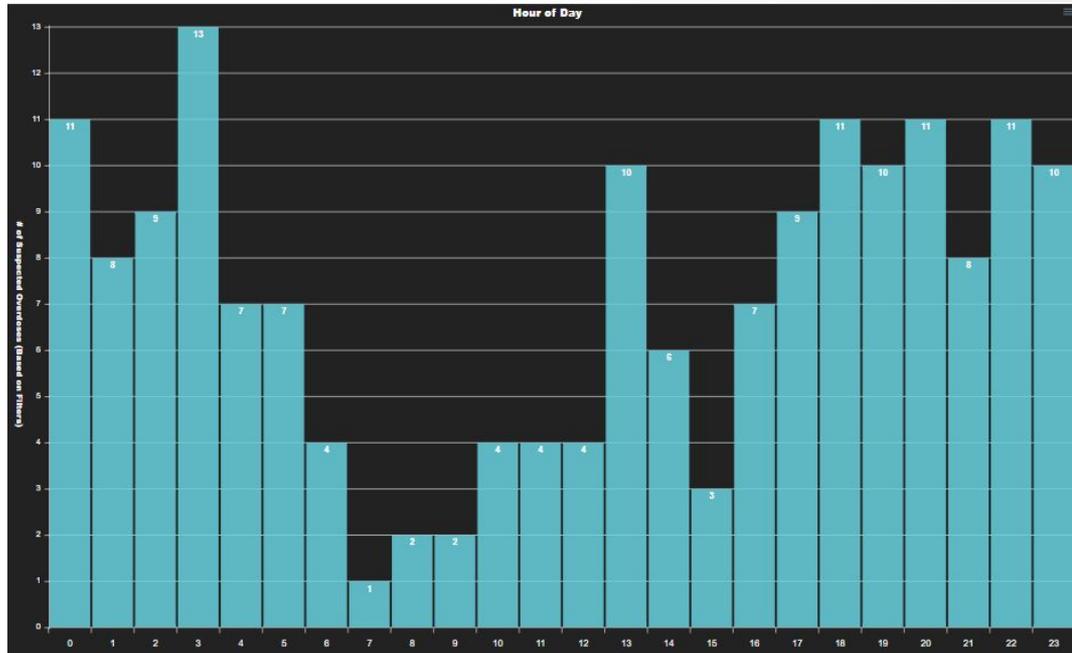


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Suspected Overdoses per Month Cromwell, Durham, Middlefield, Middletown and Portland January 1, 2022 – December 19, 2023

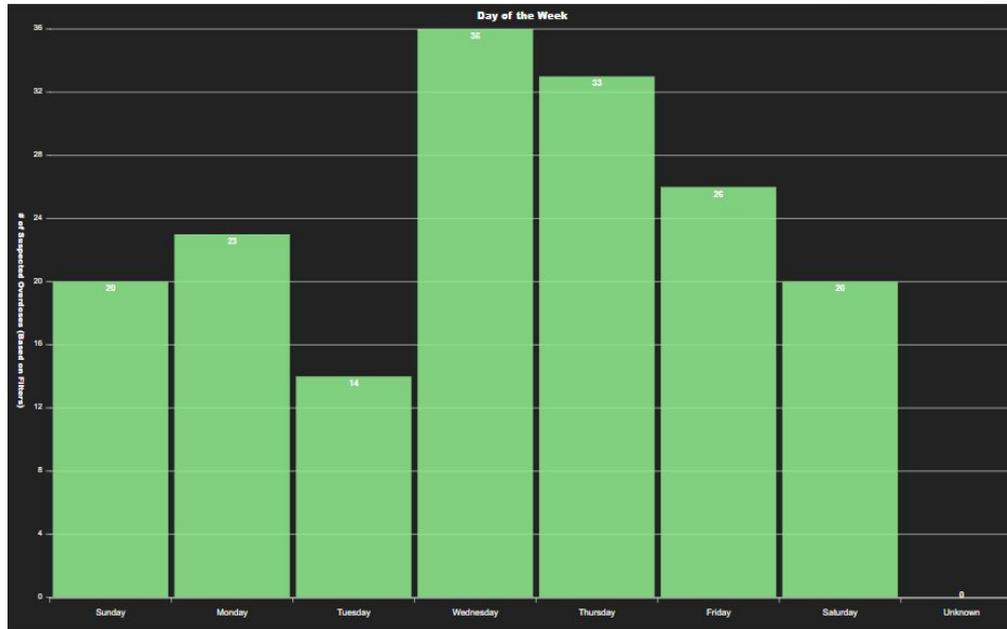


Suspected Overdoses by Hour of Day Cromwell, Durham, Middlefield, Middletown and Portland November 1, 2023 – December 19, 2023



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Suspected Overdoses by Day of the Week Cromwell, Durham, Middlefield, Middletown and Portland January 1, 2023 – December 19, 2023



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Data for Middletown Overdose Deaths



Overdose Deaths (1-1-23 to 11-7-23)	
Overdose Deaths:	15
Suspected Drug:	
Any Opioid:	11
Cocaine:	9
Fentanyl:	10
Xylazine:	1

Source: Office of the CT Chief Medical Examiner

Data for Middletown Non-Fatal Overdoses



Non-Fatal Overdoses (1-25-23 to 12-13-23)	
Suspected Drug Overdoses:	204
Suspected overdoses involving any opioid:	67
Suspected overdoses involving heroin:	7

Source: EpiCenter 4.0.1



Announcements & Updates

Sen. Murphy's Office

- Jameson Foulke, Outreach Coordinator, 3rd Congressional District, Sen. Murphy's office; meeting on 12.13.23

Integrated Healing Facilitator Training

Join Us for Integrated Healing Facilitator Overview Training

IHF training has proved to be incredibly impactful for "everyday people" and clinical professionals alike.

IHF training re-envision's what it means to be human, and to have a multitude of struggles. Because of this "human" approach, the IHF training is beneficial to all demographic areas of service.

What Makes Us Unique

There are many different approaches in circulation that are designed to help people learn how to better support one another. However, few of them look at people holistically, and through a social justice lens.

IHF is one of the only approaches that attempts to hold all of these pieces at the same time. In doing so, we consider four primary components of a full life: Mind, Body, Spirit, and Community.

New Life II is Connecticut's First Black-owned, Faith-based, Peer-led Recovery Community Center. NLII serves all people. We focus on health disparities in Black and Brown Neighborhoods by providing culturally responsive care.

**Hosted by African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church
Reverend Robyn Anderson**

<h4>Training Dates</h4> <p>Friday January 12, 2024 & Friday January 19, 2024 9am-1pm</p>	<h4>Location</h4> <p>Cross Street AME Zion Church 440 West St, Middletown, CT 06457</p>
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NEW LIFE II

RECOVERY COMMUNITY CENTER
117 West Main Street
New Britain, CT 06051
Newlife2.org

→ **Earn Continuing Education Credits**
The IHF Training has been approved for 3.5 Continuing Education Units by the Connecticut Certification Board.

→ **A Holistic Approach**
Integrated Healing Facilitators view people holistically; as whole people living complex lives and who may be facing a variety of struggles.

→ **The IHF approach is built around 5 considerations:**

1. Impact of Trauma
2. Impact of Systemic Oppression
3. Science & Research
4. Harm Reduction Principles
5. Best Practices for Support

Presentation

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Standing Agenda Items

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- Legislative / Policy Updates
- Opioids Settlement Funds
- Governor Prevention Council Grant - Deactivation Pouches
- Harm Reduction RV - Village Expanded Recovery Vehicle (VERV)



Member Announcements

Any Member Announcements?



Work Status / Tracking

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 Training by Mark Jenkins, Executive Director, CT Harm Reduction Coalition at Cross Street A.M.E. Zion Church (8.16.23)• Harm Reduction RV - Village Expanded Recovery Vehicle (VERV) (Launched 9.6.23; Ribbon Cutting 10.25.23)• Resource Guide (9.30.23)

Next Meeting

- Wednesday, January 14, 2024, 12pm, Zoom

