



January 30, 2024

Public Health Presents: Opioid Response Initiative



OPIOID RESPONSE
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Agenda

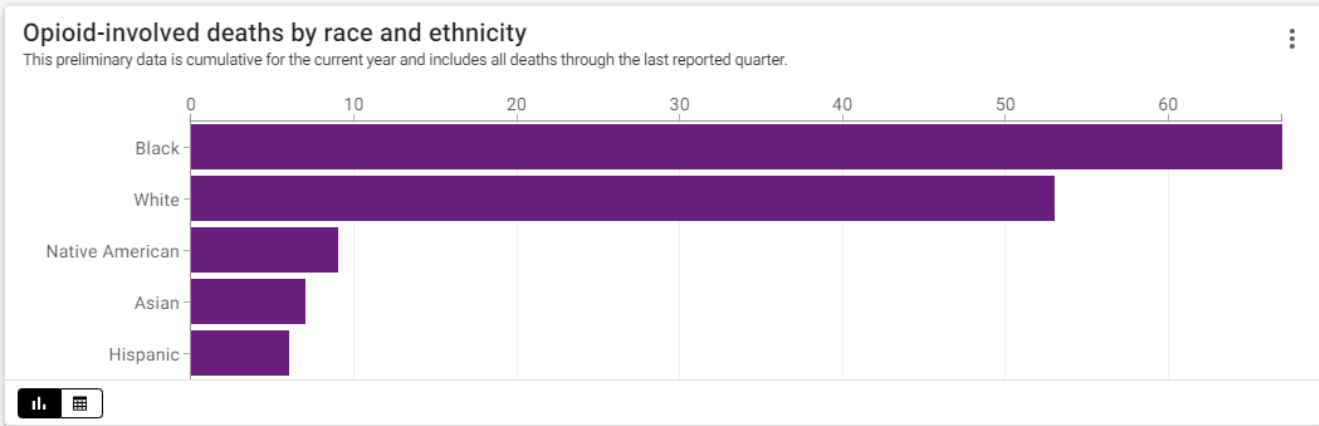
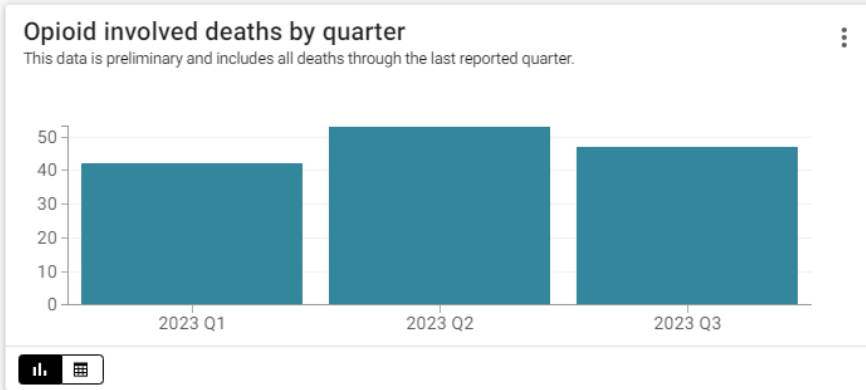
- Opioid Response team and commitments
- Opioid open data portal and settlement update
- Opioid Response Partnership and priority areas
- New and existing programs and initiatives

SPRCPH Opioid Response Initiative Team

- Sara Hollie, Director
- Gabriel McNeal, Interim Healthy Communities Division Manager
- Sue Mitchell, Program Evaluator and Supervisor
- Ryan Rasmussen, Health Educator
- Yeshi Tolessa, Public Health Corps Coordinator
- Dr. Michele Van Vranken, Medical Director
- Gray Arel, Communications Associate
- Sia Xiong, Planning Manager
- Brigid Riley, Consultant
- Sherry Johnson, Consultant

Saint Paul-Ramsey County Public Health: Opioid Response Initiative Team Commitments

- Listening, building trust and shared accountability through demonstrated approaches that serve our most impacted communities, with a specific focus on Black and American Indian residents in Ramsey County.
- Data-driven decision making that will save lives and improve health outcomes related to substance use through shared resources and access to services.
- Educating, involving and informing the Ramsey County community about the impact of the opioid crisis that will result in:
 - Greater community involvement
 - Easier access to resources
 - Younger generations making knowledgeable decisions regarding drug use and lives saved



Open Data Portal

- 142 opioid-involved deaths from Jan. 1 – Sep. 30, 2023
- Provided quarterly by Ramsey County Medical Examiner
 - Q1: 42 deaths
 - Q2: 53 deaths
 - Q3: 47 deaths

Ramsey County Opioid Settlement Funds to Date

- To date, Ramsey County has received five payments in 2022 and 2023 for a total amount of \$3,728,022.
- Anticipating to receive five additional payments in 2023 of approximately \$2,470,620 dollars from the recent Teva, Allergan, Walgreens, CVS and Walmart settlements.

Round 1 Total Payments	Payments Received to Date	Round 2 (Approximate)
\$14,676,308	\$3,728,022	\$11,945,819

Opioid Response Initiative Partnership Engagement

This was an opportunity for community partners:

- To substantively shape the way the County approaches opioid remediation;
- To respond to SPRCPH's proposed Commitments;
- To ask questions and assess level of interest in working with or alongside the County; and
- To begin developing a relationship of trust and responsiveness between SPRCPH and key community stakeholders around opioid remediation.



2024-2025 Priority Areas

1. Pregnant / parenting women and babies (90.86%)
2. Supports for people in treatment / recovery (90.08%)
3. Treatment (88.67)
4. Connect people to services (86.50%)
5. Help people in the justice system (85.99%)

Community Naloxone Distribution Pilot Program

- Public Health finished launching its first naloxone distribution mailing program.
- Residents of Ramsey County completed an online order form on the [Opioid Response Initiative](#) website to request naloxone.
- Naloxone was made available to Ramsey County residents at no charge.

You Can Stop an Overdose

Take these steps:

- Check for overdose.
- Call 9-1-1.
- Give naloxone.
- Give breaths.
- Stay until help arrives.

Check for Overdose

- Not breathing well.
- Blue/gray lips and fingertips.
- Does not answer to noise.
- Person won't wake up; try pinch or knuckle rub on chest.

Call 9-1-1

- Call 9-1-1.
- Say "someone isn't breathing."
- Stay until help arrives, even if the person seems better.

Give Naloxone

- Hold container with thumb on bottom plunger, two fingers on both sides of the nozzle.
- Put the nozzle into the nose, push plunger.

Give Breaths

- Make sure nothing is in mouth.
- Tilt head, lift chin, pinch nose.
- Give 1 breath every 5 seconds.
- If the person does not wake up in 2-3 minutes, give second dose on other side of nose.

Stay Until Help Arrives

- Continue giving breaths until help arrives.

Steve's Law protects the person overdosing and one other person who calls 911 and stays with the person who overdosed.

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The Ramsey County Naloxone Distribution Project is being offered by Saint Paul – Ramsey County Public Health and funded in part by Minnesota's settlements with opioid companies.

Funded by the Opioid Settlement. Watch the [naloxone video tutorial](#).

Internal Naloxone Training Program

- Since 2022, our Peer Specialist has provided 57 trainings to 946 county staff, including senior and executive leaders, on how to use naloxone and other harm reduction resources.
- Trained over 1,000 individuals by the end of 2023.
- Nasal Narcan® was given to each employee after training completion.

Funded by the DHS Opioid Epidemic Response Advisory Council (OERAC) grant through 2024

NEW! Community Based Naloxone Training Program

The Opioid Response team and the Syringe Services Program (SSP) team is partnering to expand our community-based Naloxone training to Ramsey County organizations.

- Public health staff will come to your location for the training session.
- Each session is approximately one hour, depending on organization needs.
- Each person attending the training will receive a naloxone kit.

Community organizations and partners can sign up here:

ramseycounty.us/NaloxoneTraining

Funded by the DHS Opioid Epidemic Response Advisory Council (OERAC) grant through 2024; by the Opioid Settlement; and SSP funding.

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COMING SOON! One Door QR Code

- Saint Paul-Ramsey County Public Health was awarded the Department of Human Services – Opioid-related Substance Use Disorders grant.
- As a part of that work, Community Corrections in partnership with Public Health, developed a QR Code that will link directly to the Ramsey County website.
- This QR Code will provide information on chemical- and mental health-related services, where to find booking reports for the ADC and RCCF, contact information for attorneys, and information related to Court, among other resources.

COMING SOON! Community Opioid Response & Prevention Grant

- Accepting applications starting January 31, 2024
- Applications are due March 1, 2024
- Up to \$1 million available for grants
- Priority funding areas in 2024:
 - Resources and services for pregnant/parenting people and babies that are impacted by opioid use, and to prevent opioid related overdoses and fatalities.
 - Alternative and/or culture-specific approaches and supports for people in treatment/recovery.
 - Connect people to services through health education, awareness or outreach that focuses on preventing opioid related overdoses and death.
 - Supportive services to people involved in the justice system to reduce the likelihood of opioid overdoses and fatalities.
 - Community health education, engagement, and outreach to youth / young adults about the dangers of opioid, fentanyl, and xylazine and substance use.

Funded by the Opioid Settlement.



Ramsey County SUD/MOUD Related Programs

- Detox and Withdrawal Management
- Syringe Services Program (555 Cedar)
- Substance Use Disorder Treatment with Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (SUD/ MOUD) Program
- Youth and Adult Co-occurring Recovery Program





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Thank You!

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