

## Performance Note HB0058S01 - Opioid Fatality Review Amendments

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Performance Note Report

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Funding For:

New Services or Benefit

Public Benefit:

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to improve understanding of circumstances related to overdose and opioid-related deaths, in order to inform prevention efforts, and ultimately decrease deaths.

Services: The Overdose and Opioid Fatality Review Examiner will compile data regarding overdose and opioid-related deaths including toxicology information, demographics, sources of opioids or drugs, and contextual information surrounding the death. The Death Scene Investigators will document information that assists the Office of the Medical Examiner to determine a cause of death. The Overdose and Opioid Fatality Review Committee will 1) promote cooperation and coordination among agencies involved in opioid misuse, abuse and overdose prevention, treatment and surveillance, 2) develop an understanding of the causes and incidence of opioid overdose deaths in the state 3) develop plans for and recommend changes to prevent opioid overdose deaths , 4) advise the Utah Coalition for Opioid Overdose Prevention on changes to law, policy, or practice, to prevent opioid overdose deaths, and 5) inform public health and public safety of emerging trends in opioid overdose events.

Expected Outcome: The expected outcomes of this work are to decrease the rate of overdose death involving opioids per 100,000 population, decrease the rate of overdose emergency department visits and hospitalization involving opioids per 100,000 population, and provide recommendations to key stakeholders to increase public safety and public health.

Implementations and Resources: The Overdose and Opioid Fatality Review Examiner and Death Scene Investigators will be implemented by the Office of the Medical Examiner, and will complete the services described. The Opioid Fatality Review Committee will be implemented by the Violence and Injury Prevention Program by coordinating and facilitating fatality review meetings, compiling data and recommendations, and developing publications.

How: The proposed activities will cause increase cooperation and coordination among agencies, a robust understanding of overdose and opioid-related fatalities, and promotion of recommendations to improve the opioid epidemic in Utah.

Performance Measures

## Goal

Title: 1. Decrease the number of overdose deaths involving opioids to 300 or less. 2. Monthly data updates. 3. Completion of Investigations. 4. Provide Annual Recommendations Report to Key Stakeholders.

Description: 1. This is an outcome goal of the combined work of the Overdose and Opioid Fatality Review Examiner and Overdose and Opioid Fatality Committee 2. Provide monthly updates in overdose and opioid death trends. 3. Complete 90% of overdose and opioid fatality cases within 60 days of autopsy. This is a process measure of the Death Scene Investigators 4. Provide Annual Recommendations Report to Key Stakeholders.

Collection Method: 1. Data from the Office of the Medical Examiner. The performance information will be collected by the Officer of the Medical Examiner and Violence and Injury Prevention Program and will ensure reliability by following national case definitions and standards. 2. Data from the Office of the Medical Examiner 3. Data from the Office of the Medical Examiner 4. Compiled Recommendations from Reviews. The performance information will be collected by the Violence and Injury Prevention Program and will ensure reliability by working with key stakeholders to identify actionable recommendations that can be feasibly implemented.

	2019	2020	2021
Target	300.00	300.00	300.00
Baseline	0.00	0.00	0.00

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