

**The OSAC Research/Data Subcommittee**  
**Wednesday, May 19, 2023**  
**Microsoft Teams**  
**Virtual meeting**  
**10:00am**

**ATTENDANCE**

Members present: Dr.Srinivas Muvvula, Pareesa Charmchi-Goodwin, Lisa Deane, Ebony Jackson-Shaheed

Members absent: Kennard Ray, Paul Januszewski, Susan Campion,

Visitors/Presenters: Luiza Barnat, Katie Ramos, Susan Logan, Jody Terranova

Recorder: Katie Ramos

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>Welcome &amp; Introduction</b>	Katie Ramos welcomed all in attendance	Noted
<b>Review and approval of minutes</b>	Minutes approved	Approved
<b>Data Review</b>	<p>Susan Logan reviewed DPH data, reviewed monthly report based on confirmed fatal drug overdose cases from 2019- 1<sup>st</sup> week of March 2023. Committee had inquired about the number of overdoses changing and Susan indicated that data is still being gathered at this time there are no pending cases but sometimes data takes a while to code for cause of death, anticipated that by the end of June DPH should have more recent full year for 2022 data. Susan explained that current data being reviewed is the first six months of data and uncertain on how much it will change, Susan also reviewed data regarding ED visits and suspected opioid overdoses, and explained it is looking at non-fatal data, provided detail to the committee on algorithms built in to the system to look at suspected opiate overdoses, suspected heroin overdoses, suspected stimulant overdoses which would include cocaine and methamphetamines. Susan also provided brief overview of the work DPH has done with local health districts and reviewed maps and compared data for 2021 and 2022 regarding ED visits for suspected opioid overdoses by resident local health department/district. Lisa Deane inquired about the initial report capturing black and brown populations affected by poisoning and overdoses. Susan provided clarification that the report was by year and that DPH has seen that population grow over time and the rates have increased. Susan indicated that a few years ago it was mainly White, not Hispanic individuals, now seeing Black and Hispanic individuals increasing. Lisa inquired about doing monthly reporting of those numbers especially those individuals in the Black and Brown community. Susan was able to confirm this is done with the monthly report Susan also provided information to committee on CT DPH and informed of additional information that could be found on the website. Susan also shared the interactive dashboard where information can be viewed regarding the highest rates by month, race, ethnicity, and what types of drugs used.</p> <p>Dr. Muvvula made comment regarding the data and heroin use, noted it seemed much lower and shows how other drugs causing overdoses like cocaine use and stimulants and polydrug use. Made note that we are seeing fentanyl mixed with everything- it would be good to look at this data and compare it with what kind of overdoses are happening with specific populations. Susan informed the committee that if there was specific information that this group needed DPH could try and provide data. Luiza provided some information to the group regarding DCP and link to review prescription data, pharmacy scripts for naloxone have gone up and provided data that the state has regarding the number of naloxone being distributed in 2022, DMHAS distributed</p>	Informational

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	30,000 kits, in 2021 that number was about 14,000. Committee in agreement useful data to review and will assist committee with decisions moving forward.	
<b>Other business</b>	Next meeting June 23rd, 2023, 10-11am	

**NEXT MEETING** –\_Friday, June 23rd, 2023, 10-11:00 via Teams

**ADJOURNMENT** – May19, 2023, meeting of the OSAC research/data subcommittee adjourned at 10:58am.