

**The OSAC Research/Data Subcommittee**  
**Friday, June 23rd, 2023**  
**Microsoft Teams**  
**Virtual meeting**  
**10:00am**

**ATTENDANCE**

Members present: Dr.Srinivas Muvvala, Pareesa Charmchi-Goodwin, Ebony Jackson-Shaheed, Kennard Ray, Paul Januszewski,  
Members absent: Susan Campion, Lisa Deane

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 by all	Approved
<b>Data Review</b>	<p>Susan Logan gave overview of fatal and non-fatal opioid- and stimulant-involved drug overdoses, Connecticut, 2019-2022 data, discussed series of graphs broken out by year, demographic information such as race, ethnicity, age group, pertaining to fatal cocaine plus other substance overdoses. Also reviewed data related to overdoses in major cities, which identified New London having a higher number of fentanyl related overdoses in 2021.</p> <p>Dr. Muvvala, spoke to committee regarding focusing on treatment of opioid use disorders, increasing naloxone supplies, and pointed out that the data was showing overdose death rates in the African American population with cocaine use and cocaine mixed with fentanyl was high and these numbers might be suggesting this population might not be the population normally given methadone and buprenorphine. Suggesting that the committee look into recommendations or strategies to reduce cocaine use in these populations. Suggested recommendations focused on education, uncertain how much awareness there is for those using cocaine mixed with fentanyl, emphasized a focus on contingency management, and harm reduction strategies.</p> <p>Ebony sought clarification with the data and what type of cocaine was being referred to, and Susan responded that all cocaine substances are included in the data reviewed and mentioned that much of the cocaine is mixed with fentanyl.</p> <p>Katie- reviewed update on other subcommittees, discussed and reviewed the process and referral recommendation form.</p> <p>Luiza questioned group regarding how much time they thought it would take to review a recommendation. Discussed moving the recommendation along and having the committee identify immediate need recommendations, i.e., harm reduction supplies, naloxone, contingency management as we know these are helpful and an EBP.</p> <p>Ebony agreed to have efficient process and possibly adopt something where a discussion can be made and not have to meet, using different methods to communicate will help be efficient and move things along and not wait 30 days for a meeting.</p> <p>Kennard: Suggested putting together a goal list, starting with naloxone we know this is an immediate need- suggested maybe ten (10) things that are priorities, and the group could work on at next meeting. Committee agreed.</p> <p>Dr. Muvvala- asked if the committee expects to receive recommendations before the next OSAC meeting, Katie discussed the process needs approval and will be presented for a vote at the July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, along with the public participation guidelines. Also informed group the portal is not open yet and will be advertised once that opens so public input can be received.</p>	Informational

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	Next meeting committee agreed to start developing goal list with priorities.	
<b>Other business</b>	Next meeting July 28th, 2023, 10-11am	

**NEXT MEETING** – Friday, July 28th, 2023, 10-11:00 via Teams

**ADJOURNMENT** – June 23, 2023, meeting of the OSAC research/data subcommittee adjourned at 10:58am.