



Oakland County Opioid Settlement Steering Committee

Meeting #12 | July 15, 2025

Meeting Summary

OFR Data Update and Progress Highlights

The group reviewed updated overdose fatality trends in Oakland County. Between 2019 and 2023, the county averaged 251 deaths annually, with a peak of 263 in 2023. In 2024, fatalities dropped by approximately 37% to 166. This context helped frame a discussion on local progress and collaborative efforts stemming from the Overdose Fatality Review (OFR) process.

The OFR team has conducted 19 reviews covering 21 cases, generating 131 recommendations. Top themes include improving access to resources, enhancing outreach and collaboration, and expanding education and training. Recent actions include a survey of formerly incarcerated individuals, implementing recovery-friendly workplace trainings, improved flagging of behavioral health concerns during law enforcement encounters, and enhanced support for loved ones after a fatal overdose.

Updates on Funded Items and RFI Finalization

The steering committee received updates on several opioid settlement-funded initiatives. An FTIR machine for drug checking is scheduled for delivery, and Harm Reduction staff have received training in preparation for launching services. Staffing has also expanded to include a Nurse Practitioner and a Peer Support role to enhance services and support available. Additionally, the finalized Request for Information (RFI) for opioid settlement funds will be released in the coming weeks and will remain open for six weeks to gather responses.

Overview of Oakland Connects

Oakland Connects staff provided an overview of the [free, countywide program](#) available to those who live or work in Oakland County. Through the program, a team of Community Health Workers offers personalized, one-on-one support to help individuals access and navigate services related to housing, food, transportation, healthcare, and more. Oakland Connects uses the evidence-based [Transition to Success \(TTS\)](#) model, which frames poverty as a condition rather than a character flaw. In addition to the Oakland County Community Health Workers (CHWs) who support the program, ongoing trainings are available for partner organizations interested in adopting and implementing the TTS model in their own settings.

Discussion on Steering Committee Future Directions

The group discussed future directions for steering committee efforts and strategies for aligning with long-term goals. Committee members supported the idea of forming subcommittees to focus efforts and maximize impact. Proposed subcommittees include Oversight, Policy and Communications, and Sustainability.

Next Steps

Next steps will include release of RFIs in the coming weeks. Once RFI responses have been received, the steering committee will engage in a review process to guide future funding decisions. In the meantime, subcommittees will be formed to support continued progress.

Next meeting: Tuesday, August 19th 3:30-5 pm