



# SFDPH OVERDOSE RESPONSE UPDATE

Health Commission August 20, 2024

# SFDPH'S COORDINATED OVERDOSE RESPONSE

## Overdose Deaths are Preventable: San Francisco's Overdose Prevention Plan

San Francisco Department of Public Health – 2022

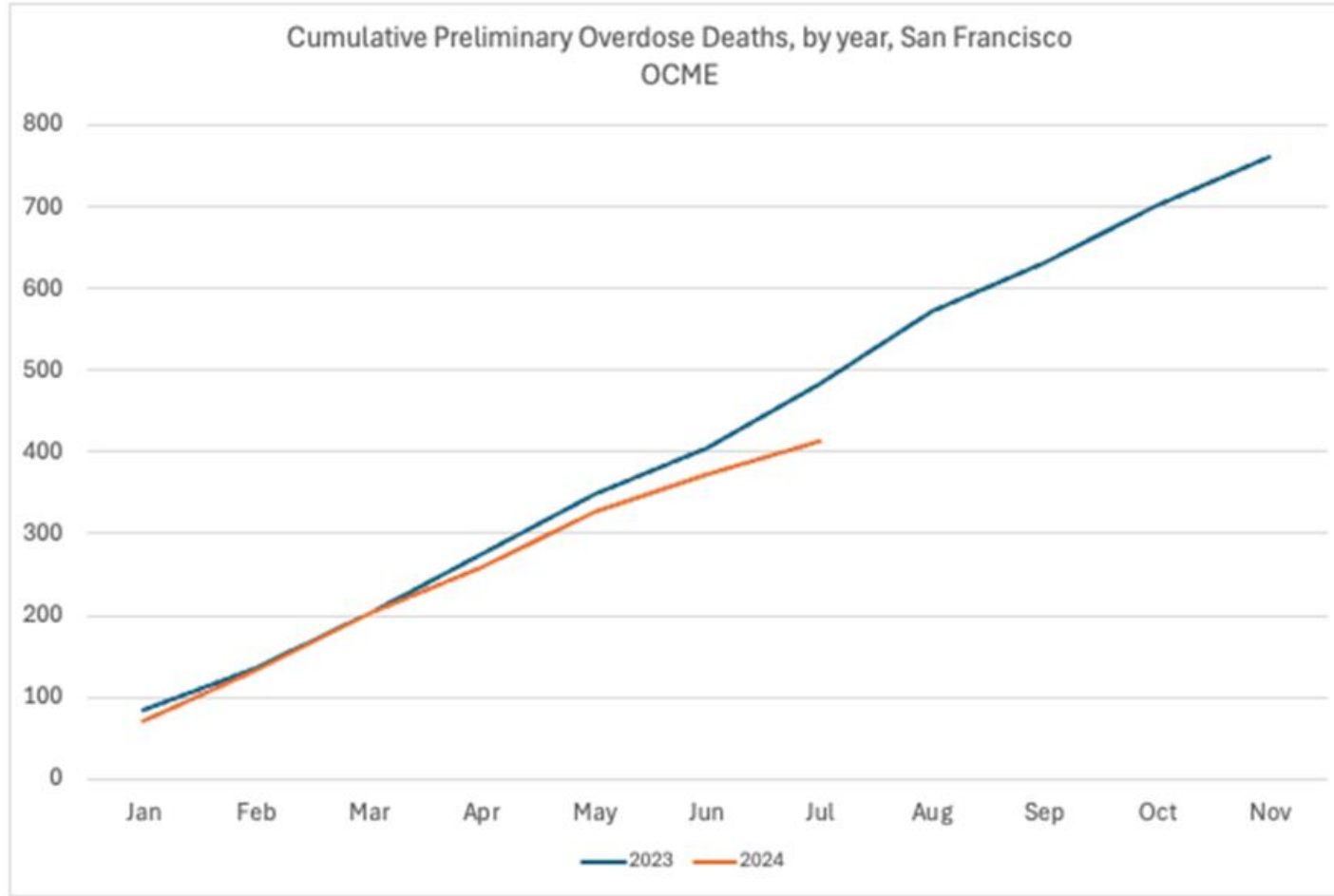


In 2024 CORE aims to:

- Reduce fatal overdoses.
- Reduce disparities in fatal overdoses, with a particular focus on the Black/African Black/African American community, people experiencing homelessness, and people people living in Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH).

- Coordinated
- Equity Driven
- Community Involved
- Policy Advancement
- Data Driven & Evidence-Based

# 39 preliminary overdose deaths in July 2024, 412 year-to-date



14% fewer  
deaths  
compared to  
Jan-Jul 2023



# STRATEGY #1: INCREASE AVAILABILITY, ACCESSIBILITY, AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE CONTINUUM OF SUBSTANCE USE SERVICES



## Expanding MOUD Access

Methadone & Buprenorphine are effective treatments for Opioid Use Disorder and reduce risk of death by up to 50%.



## Expanding Contingency Management (CM)

Contingency management is the most effective treatment for stimulant use disorder and is effective for OUD as well



## Improving Post-Overdose Response

People who have a non-fatal overdose are at significantly higher risk of death.  
1 in 20 die within one year.

# APRIL - JUNE 2024 STRATEGY #1 PROGRESS



## MOUD Expansion

1. Increased buprenorphine prescriptions with BEAM (bup telehealth program) RESTORE (stabilization units for unhoused initiating treatment) pilots
2. Launched 72-hour methadone at Bridge Clinic
3. Secured take-home approval from DHCS for all San Francisco methadone clinics in alignment with HSH guidelines



## Contingency Management

1. Held two contingency management webinars and developed a referral guide
2. Awarded the contingency management RFGA to three organizations, including one focused on the Black/African American population
3. Developed and began collecting standard metrics from all San Francisco contingency management programs.



## Post-Overdose Response

1. Launched SCOPE Alcohol Sobering Center Overdose Prevention Engagement pilot
2. Strengthened SORT, POET, and HOPE programs through Civic Bridge engagement
3. Implemented POET multi-OD cohort interventions

# JULY - SEPTEMBER 2024 TACTICS: EXPAND, STREAMLINE, AND IMPROVE ACCESS AND RETENTION OF MEDICATIONS FOR OPIOID USE DISORDER (MOUD)



## 1 Expand Services

Expand Bridge with 2 additional half day in-person clinics and one evening clinic and expand 72-hour prescribing: 15 new unique patients per month enrolled

## 2 Expand RESTORE 9 - 20 beds

Increased RESTORE emergency stabilization bed programs from 9 - 20, and develop operating plan and identify funding for further expansion

## 3 Launch SFFD training modules

100 medics to receive training

## 4 Expand BEAM Telehealth Access (16-hours a day)

Established a dedicated workgroup to aggressively design and begin building a scaled (bup) program, including follow-up care

## 5 Expand OTOP Clinic

Expand OTOP with Saturday intakes at Ward 93 and Bayview Van intakes: 28 new unique patients per month enrolled

## 6 Implement Intake Incentives

Increase number of methadone intakes by adding new billing code to all SF methadone contracts to incentivize intakes.

## 7 Pass State and Local Legislation

Local legislation requires pharmacies to stock buprenorphine.

AB 2115 expands access to methadone treatment by permitting physicians outside of methadone clinics to provide three days of medications and aligns the state with federal regulations.

# JULY - SEPTEMBER 2024 TACTICS: EXPAND AVAILABILITY AND PARTICIPATION OF CONTINGENCY MANAGEMENT (CM)



## 1 Expand CM Offerings at DPH Clinics

Plan MXM INSPIRE expansion from 2 - 4 days

Plan implementation of program at Potrero Hill Health Center

## 2 Distribute/Post CM Referral Guide

Share CM Referral Guide & Fact Sheet w/ providers and post on website

## 3 Certify New CM Contracts

Certify contracts with HR360, Glide, and SFAF to launch 2 new CM programs in 2025.

# JULY - SEPTEMBER 2024 TACTICS: REVIEW AND IMPROVE UPON POST-OVERDOSE RESPONSE INTERVENTIONS

## 1 Expand SCOPE Pilot

Began accepting referrals from Street Overdose Response Team (SORT)

## 2 Implement standardized data across follow-up teams

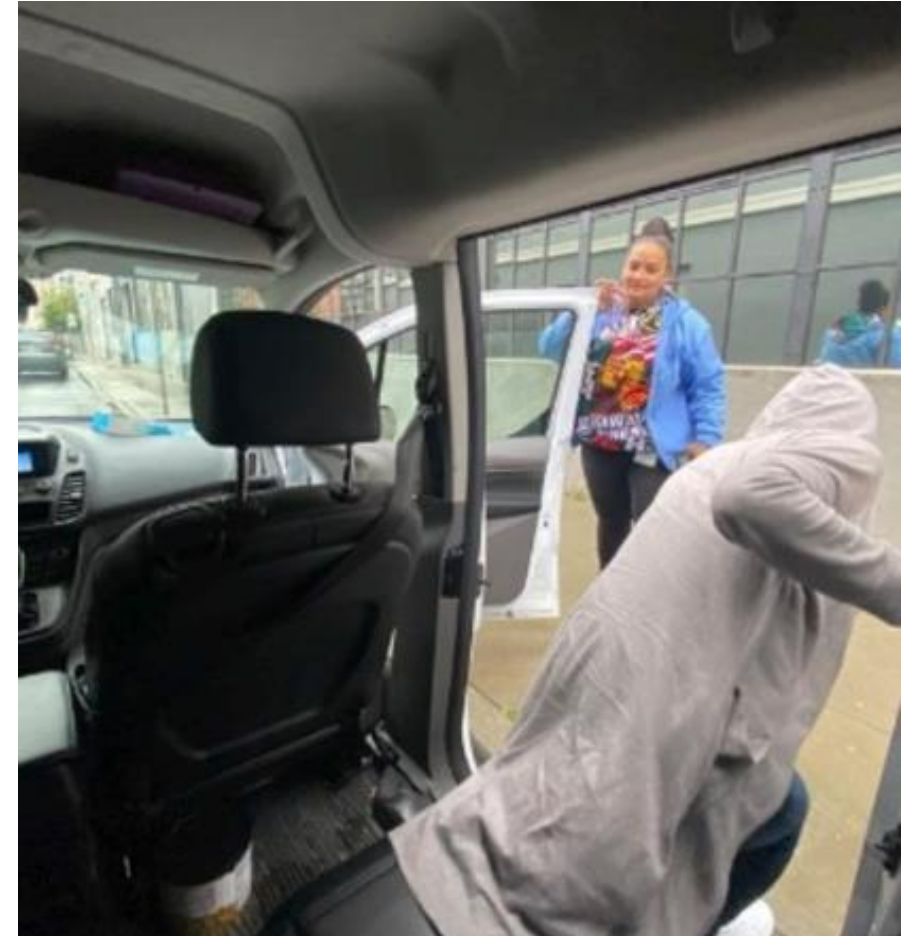
Provide better care coordination for non-fatal overdose survivors by standardizing data collection and reporting across post-overdose response teams.

## 3 Develop SFFD Paramedic Training

CDC funded training to increase bup starts post overdose

## 4 Implement new POET workflows and training

Implement real-time POET response for overdose survivors interested in starting bup.





# STRATEGY 2: STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND SOCIAL SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE AT HIGH RISK FOR OVERDOSE



## Reduce disparities in Black/African American Community

The Black African American community has a death rate that is 5 times the City average



## Reduce disparities amongst people in supportive housing

26% of overdose deaths since 2020 occurred in a supportive housing building



## Strengthen work in the Latine and Indigenous community

The Latine community has unique cultural and linguistic needs



## Increase public awareness of substance use services and reduce stigma

# APRIL - JUNE 2024 STRATEGY #2 PROGRESS



## Reduce disparities in Black/African American Community

1. Awarded San Francisco African American Faith-Based Coalition a contract to implement a peer navigation program in Bayview Hunters Point.
2. Certified Homeless Children's Network contract, to implement B/AA culturally congruent services for SUD and OD prevention.
3. Supported community meetings to gather input, identify needs, and build relationships with Black-led organizations.



## Strengthen work in Latine & Indigenous communities

1. Finished Spanish version of Recommended Language Guide for Communicating About Substance Use Disorders.



## Reduce disparities amongst people in supportive housing (PSH)

1. Implemented Emergency Naloxone Stations in 35 PSH sites
2. Awarded DISH a contract to provide peer-led overdose prevention program in PSH.
3. Made addressing overdose in homeless response system a joint priority with HSH



## Increase public awareness of substance use services and reduce stigma

1. Began socialization of Living Proof campaign
2. Standardized training materials, developed Train the Trainer programs, and created educational videos in multiple languages

# JULY - SEPTEMBER 2024 TACTICS: REDUCE DISPARITIES IN BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY

- 1 Culturally Congruent Materials**

With community input, develop scope of work and prepare solicitation
- 2 Develop and Implement Capacity Building Plan**

Provide training and support to Homeless Children's Network staff on SUD services and overdose prevention education.
- 3 Certify SF African American Faith-based Coalition contract**

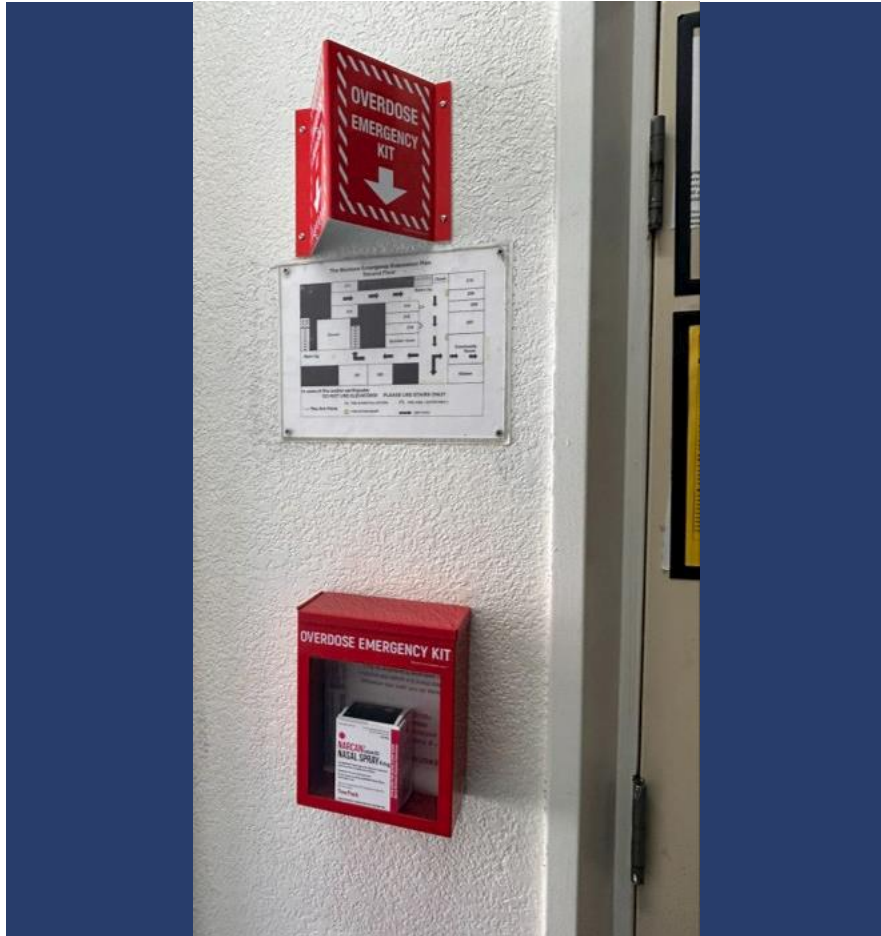
Develop capacity of SF African American Faith-based Coalition staff in B/AA community for SUD services and expanded access to MOUD.
- 4 Community Development**

Support planning for 2025 Overdose Prevention/Education Summit

Plan monthly meeting with black-led and servicing organizations funded by DPH to collaborate on best practices, network, discuss challenges, and plan upcoming events.



# JULY - SEPTEMBER 2024 TACTICS: REDUCE DISPARITIES AMONGST PEOPLE IN SUPPORTIVE HOUSING (PSH)



## 1 Pilot Community First Responders Training

20 participants complete 10-workshop series to serve PSH sites impacted by fatal overdose.

## 2 Increase Emergency Naloxone Stations

Support 25 new housing sites in implementing naloxone stations

## 3 Launch DISH Peer-led Overdose prevention program

Provide peer-led naloxone distribution and education in PSH

## 4 Strengthen MOUD connection and support

Increase awareness of MOUD through training and communications

DPH teams in PSH to develop protocols to support BEAM telehealth follow-up

# JULY - SEPTEMBER 2024 TACTICS: STRENGTHEN WORK IN LATINE & INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES



1. Convene Latine & Indigenous Community Workgroup
2. Overdose Prevention Videos
  - Produce overdose prevention education in 4 Mayan languages
3. Increase OD Prevention Education to Spanish Speaking Community
  - Develop Train the Trainer program for Indigenous speakers
  - Enhance translation processes for overdose materials

# JULY - SEPTEMBER 2024 TACTICS: INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF SUBSTANCE USE SERVICES AND REDUCE STIGMA



**Need help with  
mental health or  
substance use  
treatment?**

We are here to help  
with every stage of care.

To get started with care, call or visit the  
San Francisco Department of Public Health  
**Behavioral Health Access Center (BHAC).**

**1380 Howard St**  
**M-F 8am-7pm • Sat-Sun 9am-4pm**  
**888-246-3333**

## 1 Finalize Living Proof Campaign

Be prepared to launch campaign in Fall 2024

## 3 Overdose Awareness Month Activities

## 2 Increase information regarding substance use disorder and treatment services

Improve SUD treatment information on DPH website.

Revise “palm” cards describing treatment options