

Onslow County

OVERDOSE FATALITY REVIEW



OVERVIEW

- Modeled after existing mortality review programs (CFR)
- Multi-disciplinary team conducting *confidential* reviews of resident overdose deaths
- The goal to prevent future deaths by
 - Identifying missed opportunities for prevention and system gaps
 - Increase collaboration between local stakeholders on overdose prevention
 - Recommend policies, programs, or changes that prevent overdose deaths and better serve individuals at risk for overdose
 - Identify risk factors and common trends among overdoses and overdose deaths
- Team members bring info from respective agencies about decedents to inform review



RECOMMENDED MEMBERS

Health Department

Prosecuting Attorney

Medical Examiner

Local Hospital

Law Enforcement

Mental Health Agency

EMS

Behavioral Health
Services

Health care professional
specializing in prevention,
diagnosis, and treatment
of substance use disorder

Jail or local Detention
Center

Parole, Probation, and
Community
Corrections

Peer Recovery/
Support

Department of Social
Services

Any other individual
necessary for the review,
recommended by the
team and appointed by
the county health officer



CONFIDENTIALITY

- All members are required to sign a Confidentiality Agreement
 - Reviewed and approved by the county attorney
- Must be signed before every review meeting
- Information learned through the team is confidential, and may not be shared outside the team meetings



MEETING GROUND RULES

- Be on time
- Listen actively to what other people are saying
- Be respectful
- Maintain and protect confidentiality
- Use appropriate and sensitive language when discussing the case
- Avoid judging the decedent's decisions
- Consider all factors that contributed to the decedent's substance use and overdose



MEMBER EXPECTATIONS

- Receive and review the case information
- Determine agency's contact with the decedent
- Prepare a summary for review meeting



DURING THE REVIEW..

- Discuss the case details and the individual's interaction with our systems
- Discuss the social history and immediate stressors before the overdose
- Identify risk factors
- Recommend system improvements
- Identify and catalyze community action
- Share current local data



RECOMMENDATIONS



Improve service delivery and system of care



Implement or modify community prevention strategies



Change to policies and practices



Increase collaboration between local stakeholders on overdose prevention

QUESTIONS?

