

MULTNOMAH COUNTY

FY 2025 Budget Work Session Follow Up

Health Department Overview

May 16, 2024



Commissioner Brim-Edwards (District 3)

1. Please provide a summary of the Health Departments Fentanyl Emergency Response including existing programs, new programs, the departments strategy and expected outcomes.

Response

Every part of the Health Department plays a role in responding to the overdose crisis — Public Health, Corrections Health, Behavioral Health, and our Community Health Centers, including the Student Health Centers. We work together across the Health Department to adapt our strategies and our services to best meet current needs. We also rely on planning and coordination with other departments in the County, other local government agencies and programs, the hospital systems, community partners and community-based organizations, and state and federal agencies. You will find the tactics and expected outcomes in the Department’s [Overdose Prevention & Response Plan](#).

Below, you will find a summary of the Health Department’s program offers tied to the Fentanyl Emergency Response and Overdose Prevention & Response plan.

Director's Office:

- Expanded naloxone coordination and distribution, including to JOHS warehouse and expanded leave-behind policies
PO40000B, Overdose Prevention & Response
- Additional health education and prevention campaigns focused on youth and reducing stigma - PO40000B, Overdose Prevention & Response
- Build a multi-agency data team with designated leaders and analysts. Staff response activity areas with project managers to track relevant metrics PO40000B, Overdose Prevention & Response
- Establish a data integrity process that dates, vets, and stores data and information being collected in a way that can be referenced PO40044 Health, Data and Analytic Team and PO 40048 Community Epidemiology
- Continue to improve fentanyl overdose data sharing among organizations PO40044, Health Data and Analytic Team and PO 40048 Community Epidemiology
 - Formalize data sharing agreements among MCHD, PF&R, and Bureau of Emergency Communications to continue updates for the overdose dashboard
 - Extend data-sharing agreements among governments to service providers to continue to provide consistent, repeatable, and transparent data collection and information sharing with the public
 - Consider opportunities for data sharing through centralized data repositories

Public Health/Health Officer:

- Expand and fully staff harm reduction street outreach team, PO40061C, Harm Reduction Street Outreach Team

- Expand safe syringe program to lower the risk of HIV, hepatitis C, and other harms associated with injection drug use through van and street outreach - PO40061C, Harm Reduction Street Outreach Team
- Restore wound care in harm reduction clinic - PO40061A, Harm Reduction
- Release of fentanyl fatality report May 8 - PO40048, Community Epidemiology
- Improve coordination of care for people exiting correctional facilities PO40047, Corrections Health Transition Services
- Fentanyl summit follow-up engagement, and quarterly convening of interested parties PO40000A, Director's Office and PO40002 Tri County Health Officer
- Continue Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) pilot with Portland Fire & Rescue's CHAT team, Central City Concern, Oregon Poison Center, as supported by CareOregon PO40004, Emergency Medical Services
- Continue Medical Examiner collaboration with State regarding timely toxicology reports for suspected overdose deaths PO 40052, Medical Examiner

Behavioral Health/SUD continuum:

- Expansion of MAT services, including mobile MAT - PO40085, Adult Addictions Treatment Continuum
- Expand PATH and other peer support programs to provide care coordination for those referred to triage - PO40101, Promoting Access to Hope (PATH)
- MHAAO pilot coordination with CHAT, PPB, and TASS sites - PO40105A, Behavioral Health Resource Center - Day Center
- Expand recovery supportive housing - PO40085, Adult Addictions Treatment Continuum

- Support expansion of OHSU bed tracker to include treatment slots - PO40085, Adult Addictions Treatment Continuum
- Create plan for a triage center including sobering/deflection; explore reimbursement and payment models - PO40108, BHECN
- Explore expansion of culturally specific models based on epidemiological data; evaluate models - PO40108, BHECN

Corrections Health:

- Expansion of (MOUD) services, including exploration of methadone induction and extended-release suboxone POs 40049, 40050, 40051, Corrections Health Clinical Services
- Collaboration with Public Health Harm Reduction Clinic re: continuation of treatment services post-release PO40047, Corrections Health Transition Services

Integrated Clinical Services:

- Expansion of MOUD services in primary care clinics to include extended-release buprenorphine (the costs of maintaining drug inventory, including the buprenorphine work, would be PO40031, Pharmacy. Staff who would support this work through integrated behavioral health and primary care would be in each clinic's program offer, including PO's 40102, 40012A, 40017, 40019, 40020, 40022, 40023, 40026, 40027, 40029, and 40032)
- Expansion of MOUD services on mobile medical van (PO40027, Mobile Van - shared as part of southeast health center)