



Overdose Awareness Month

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Agenda

- ❖ Overdose Awareness Month
- ❖ Dakota County Data
- ❖ Funding Update
- ❖ Prevention Efforts
- ❖ Contracted Vendors
- ❖ Partner Efforts
- ❖ Recommendation



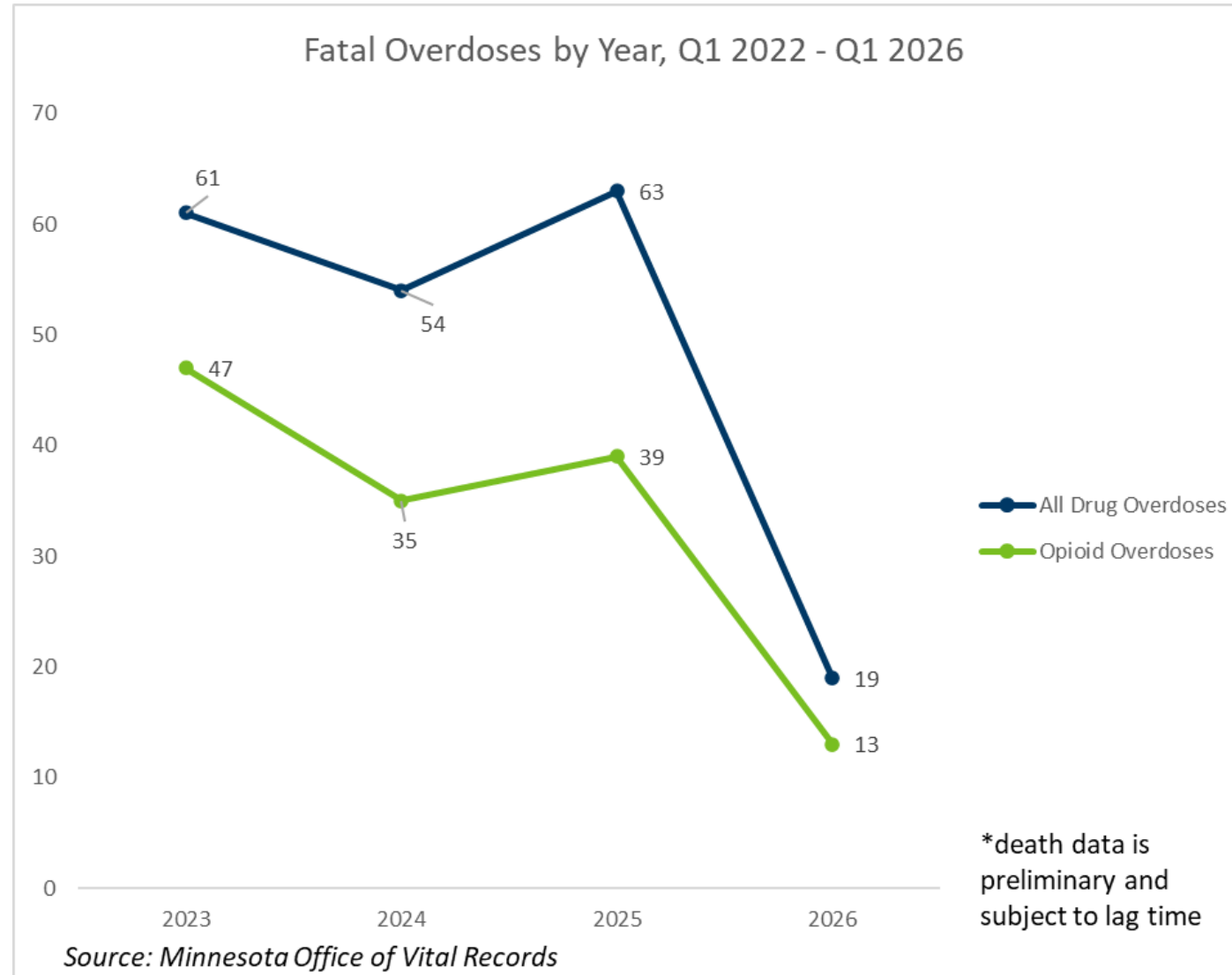
2025 in Dakota County



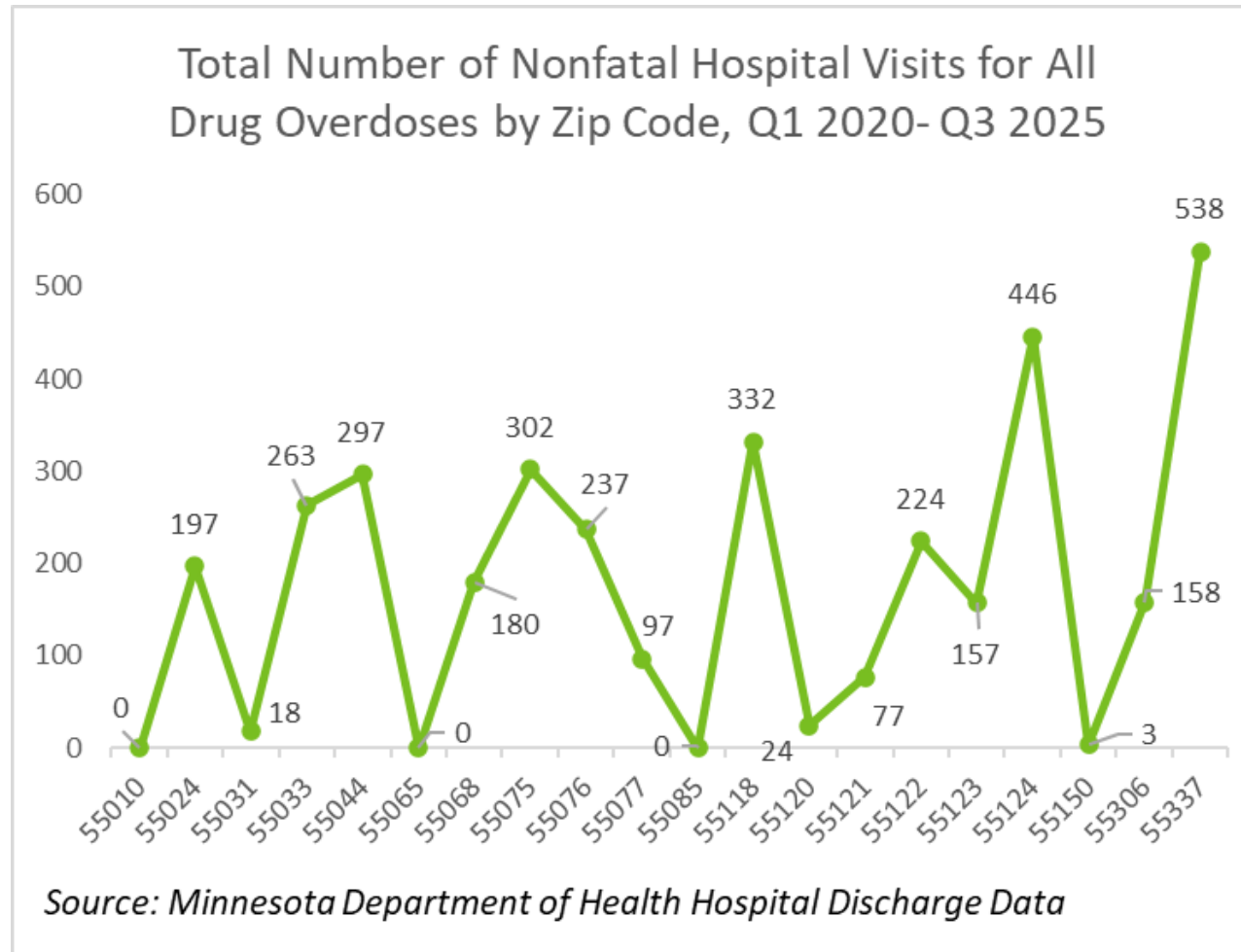
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Dakota County Fatal Overdose Data

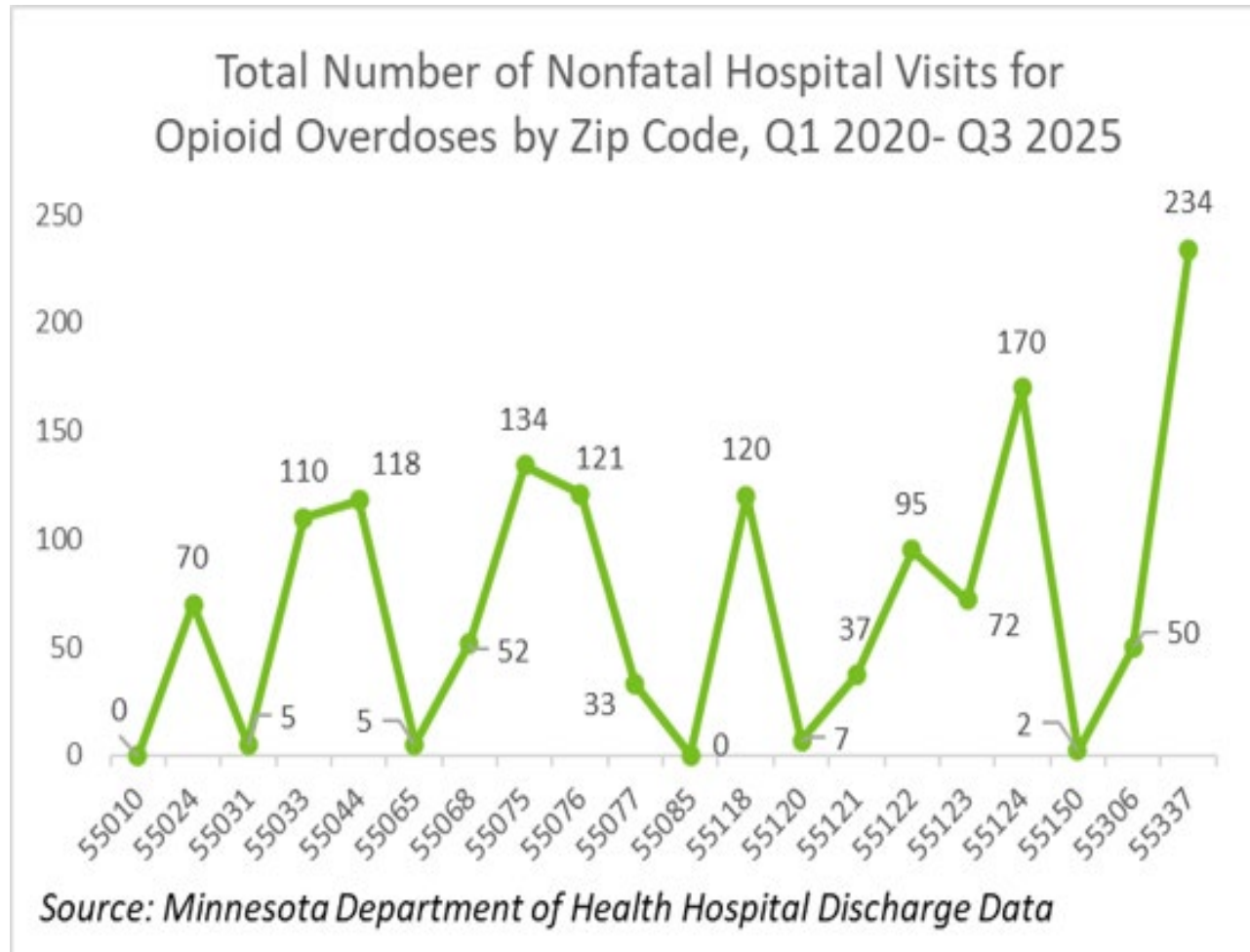


Dakota County Nonfatal Hospital Visits



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2021-2038 Settlement Funding



Distributors and Johnson & Johnson	Second Wave Settlements	Total
\$ 9,127,527	\$ 7,486,070	\$ 16,613,597

Committed Funds



	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027-2038	Total Committed
Addressing Opioid Addiction in Jail						
3.0 Social Services Staff		\$ 394,002	\$ 415,672	\$ 438,534	\$ 8,019,384	\$ 8,829,058
Funding for Small Cities and Schools						
City Agreements		195,000				195,000
School District Agreements		80,000				80,000
Equipping Community to Respond to Opioid Overdose						
Nasal Naloxone		15,000				15,000
Training and Nasal Naloxone		55,500				55,500
Leveraging Resources and Response Across the County						
Public Health Opioid Coordinator	134,942	143,039	150,906	159,205	2,911,358	3,340,244
Opioid Contract*			390,000	257,707		390,000
.5 Public Health Program Supervisor			80,632	85,067	1,555,599	1,636,231
Multimedia Public Awareness Campaign			150,000			150,000
	\$ 134,942	\$ 882,541	\$ 1,187,210	\$ 940,513	\$ 12,486,341	\$ 14,691,033

*Current request being presented

Prevention Efforts

- Community Trainings
- Naloxone Access Points
- Support for schools, cities, and community organizations
- Partnerships
- Communications and Social Media
- Community Health Improvement Plan
- Data monitoring and reporting requirements
- Outreach, awareness, education, and stigma reduction
- Inaugural HOPE Summit



HOPE Summit



“ Dakota County's HOPE Summit showed a commitment to engaging our communities in this critical work.

- HOPE Summit Participant



Social Media

- Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat, TikTok

Programmatic Digital

- CTV
- YouTube
- Google Search/Display
- Spotify

Community Media

- Sun This Week/Dakota County Tribune
- iHeartRadio
- KDWA
- Townsquare TV
- 3HMONGTV
- Somali TV
- Atmosphere TV
- Digital Billboard



Partnerships



Schools



Cities



Prevention Efforts

Community

Contracted Vendors



Vendor	Service Description	Current NTE Amount	Amendment Requested	Amended NTE Amount
Thrive! Family Recovery Services	Family Resource Center for families impacted by co-occurring conditions	\$93,707	Add \$93,707, extend term to 12/31/2028	\$187,414
Minnesota Recovery Connection (MRC)	Culturally-specific harm reduction education & continuing care	\$89,000	Add \$89,000, extend term to 12/31/2028	\$178,000
Lionheart Wellness and Recovery	Co-occurring treatment and holistic care for adolescents and families	\$75,000	Add \$75,000, extend term to 12/31/2028	\$150,000
Wayside Recovery Center	Care coordination for justice-involved adults with co-occurring conditions	\$100,000	Extend term to 12/31/2028	No additional funds
Gateway Recovery Center	Transportation to withdrawal management facilities	\$32,293	n/a	n/a

Contracted Vendors



Strengthening community impact through strategic partnerships and contracted services



Social Services Program Coordinator (1 FTE)



Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor (LADC)

Coordinates countywide substance use initiatives through strategic partnerships, program development, data-driven decision making, consultation, and evidence-based practice implementation.

- **Law Enforcement Center/Jail Coordination, including Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) services (80% of role)**
- **Crisis-embedded social workers and law enforcement partners** : Pre-engagement support
- **South St. Paul Police Department:** Needs assessment to identify service gaps
- **South St. Paul:** Consulting on high-risk, high-call residences who generate repeated emergency and public safety contacts
- **Drug Task Force** : Strengthening coordination across agencies
- **School Districts:** Substance Use Disorder (SUD) services and opioid specific education
- **South Metro Fire:** Partnering with on an overdose-response pilot
- **Presentations delivered:** across Social Services, Community Corrections, School Districts, South St. Paul podcast



IMPACT



Stronger coordination
across systems



More effective
engagement



Better data & accountability
for smarter investments



Improved outcomes for individuals
and our community

What is MOUD?



Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD)

- Three FDA approved medications to treat Opioid Use Disorder (OUD), Dakota County Jail utilizes buprenorphine (Suboxone)
- A combination of an FDA approved medication **and** counseling to treat individuals diagnosed with OUD is most effective
- Highly collaborative program with system partners from Sheriff's Office, Social Services, Public Health, Steve Rummier Hope Network, Advanced Correctional Healthcare, and multiple community providers.
- Evidence-based practice
- Address high risk of overdose for people exiting jail, 10-40% higher risk than general population
- Every individual engaged with MOUD is offered:
 - Assessment and treatment coordination from our Chemical Health Social Workers, **including services post-release**
 - ❖ Naloxone
 - ❖ Fentanyl Test strips
 - ❖ Education on treatment options for OUD
 - ❖ Resource packet of services within the community to promote long-term recovery

Social Services' Social Workers (2 FTEs)



- Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor (LADC)
- Provides proactive, person-centered, evidence-based opioid response services.
 - Psychoeducation, early intervention, assessment, treatment coordination, resources for housing, legal, healthcare, and employment support (87% of work with people in the jail)
- 185 individuals served by social workers, August 1, 2025 – July 31, 2026, 84% engagement rate
- Innovative and specialized work, as time allows:
 - **School Districts:** Early Intervention Services for youth, psychoeducation for staff
 - **Veteran's Court partnership:** Providing Substance Use Disorder (SUD) services to **justice-involved Veterans**
 - **Safe and Healthy Start:** Improving family stability by connecting to needed SUD services
 - **Juvenile Service Center:** Delivering in-person SUD services to **youth** within the juvenile justice system

Drug Task Force



Dakota County Drug Task Force 2025 Annual Report

Statistics

Drugs Seized in Weight

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Cocaine/Crack (grams)	1,156.68	172.07	13,539.96	2,468.94	2601.57
Fentanyl (grams)	68.01	5,763.10	22,004.39	3,531.91	17105.08
Fentanyl Pills (doses)	10,901	112,321	153,843	365,560	21,402
Heroin (grams)	4,245.70	184.13	2,004.91	22.26	428.90
Methamphetamine (grams)	110,855.30	95,578.06	61,920.94	62,764.63	8947.01
Marijuana (grams)	53,810.57	36,950.26	40,098.24	10,673.21	9576.07
Marijuana Plants	18	0	0	72	25
Prescription (doses)	4884.50	2333.5	2822	429.5	12,148
THC Edibles (grams)	16,905.67	12,002.26	155.09	3,057.26	44.40
THC Oil (grams)	374.61	916.16	1487	7,556.77	975
THC Wax (grams)	3,083.33	518.33	399.25	27,236	42.59

Recommendation



Overdose
Awareness
Month
Proclamation

#1



Execute
Contract
Amendments

#2



Questions

Thank you!