



**Orange County Opioid Advisory Committee and
Settlements Funds
Friday, November 15, 2024
1:00pm-2:30pm
BCC Chambers 201 S. Rosalind Ave. Orlando FL 32801**



Welcome & Introductions: Dr. Thundiyil, MD, | Dr. Zuver, MD.

In Attendance:

Name – Organization

Josef Thundiyil - Orlando Health
Christian Zuver- Medical Director Orange County EMS System
Shane DeJarnett - Orange County Sheriff's Office
Jaime Bridges - Orlando Health
Thomas Hall – OC Drug Free Office
Robert Karch – FL Dept of Health OC
Kathleen Rusell – City of Orlando Office of the Mayor
Dennis Ela – Orange County Sheriff's Office
Maria Bledsoe – Central Florida Cares
Bertilus Bornelus – OC Fire Rescue
Morgan Aley – AdventHealth
Mary Beth Puckett – New Season
Camila Brugal – OC Drug Free Office
Dennis Jr. Warner – OC Drug Free Office
Tara Rao – OC Drug Free Office
Britanny Brown - HIDTA

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Name - Organization

Dahlia Scafe – OC Drug Free Office
Jasmatti Seearam – OC Drug Free Office
Raul Pino - Health Services Department
Eric Rodriguez – Miami Dade

Public Comment

No public comment at this meeting

Approval of Minutes

The committee approved the minutes drafted.

Public Health and Safety Team (PHAST) & Unintentional Fatal Overdoses (Dr. Thomas Hall)

- Dr. Thomas Hall presented the Unintentional Fatal Overdoses OC Medical Examiner's Data
 - decline in fatal overdoses compared to the previous year
 - Naloxone seems to be a key factor in reducing deaths
- PHAST Chart
 - Public health and public safety to take charge
 - Goal is to collect data and inform quarter to quarter

- Jamie Bridges (Public Health) and Marissa Gore (Sheriff's Office) are team leads
- Seeking two additional members from public health and public safety

Florida Department of Health (*Ronique Bain, MPH*)

- Ronique Bain went over opioid surveillance.
- Follow-up next meeting with data on how many individuals attended hospitals due to opioid overdoses.
- Decrease in opioid-related emergency department (ED) and urgent care visits.

Orange County Fire Rescue Report (*Bertílus Bornelus, Battalion Chief of EMS*)

- Bertílus Bornelus will be using data from Biospatial.
- Opioid-related EMS responses were highest in July and August, with a decline in September.
- Decrease in patients receiving Narcan despite high response numbers.
- Average Narcan administration per patient:
 - July: 2.9 mg
 - August: 2.77 mg
 - September: 3.1 mg
- Overdose hotspots include:
 - Central Florida Parkway & Westwood area
 - Bithlo
 - Winter Park/Apopka (Maxwell neighborhood)

Subcommittee Updates—Law Enforcement

Central Florida HIDTA (*Brittany Brown, PHA*)

- Increase in fentanyl and cocaine seizures.
- 48 kg of fentanyl seized in Q3.
- 238 kg of cocaine seized in Q3.
- New drug trend: "Pink Cocaine" (Tusi) containing MDMA, ketamine, and caffeine.
 - Detected in recent overdose cases.
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Orange County Sheriff's Office (*Lieutenant Shane DeJarnett*)

- Drop in overdoses and bigger drop in fatalities.
- Naloxone has been assisting.
- Sheriff's deputies administered Narcan 47 times this year (compared to around 80–90 in previous years).
- More community members administering Narcan before law enforcement arrives.
- Concerns about increasing methamphetamine use.

Orlando Police Department (*Sergeant Kevin Lopez*)

- Did not present

- Ongoing coordination with Sheriff's office on overdose response efforts

Subcommittee Updates— Education & Prevention & Treatment

Orlando Health (*Jaime Bridges, LCSW*)

- Jaime presented their 2nd quarter updates in Orange County.
- Hospital-based substance use treatment program expanding
- Two peer specialist and one navigator assisting patients in hospitals
- Increase in patient referrals for opioid and poly-substance use treatment

AdventHealth (*Michelle Dodson, LCSW*)

- Did not present

Settlements Funds

Next Quarterly Meeting: 2/28/2025 at 1:00pm – 2:30pm

Adjournment: 2:10pm

Prepared by: Christina Teixeira Date: 1/22/2025

Approved by: _____ Date: _____