



**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 Russell – 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

**Web-ex**

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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: \_\_\_\_\_