

# Incident Action Plan

## Community Overdose Action Team (COAT)

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Operational Period: March 1, 2021 – April 30, 2021



**Community Overdose Action Team**  
*Working Together To Combat Overdoses and Drug Abuse*

## BACKBONE SUPPORT APPROVAL

The following individuals have approved the Incident Action Plan (IAP) for this operational period on March 9, 2021.

Name	Organization
Barbara Marsh	Public Health - Dayton & Montgomery County
Jodi Long	Montgomery County Alcohol Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services
Brian Johns	Dayton Police Department
Marty Larson	Greater Dayton Area Hospital Association
Mary Kay Stirling	Montgomery County Common Pleas Court
Tom Marquis	Montgomery County Common Pleas Court
Daryl Wilson	Montgomery County Sheriff's Office
Joe Spitler	Montgomery County Criminal Justice Council
Brooke Ehlers	Montgomery County Coroner's Office
Janine Howard	Public Health - Dayton & Montgomery County
Jeff Jordan	Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management
Steve Stein	Butler Township Fire Department
Cindy Heitman	Goodwill Easterseals

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**Date/Time:** 3/1/2021 at 9:00am



# Situational Status Report

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### Situation to date

- Per the Montgomery County Coroner's Office, there were **51\*** suspected accidental drug overdose deaths from January 1 - February 25, 2021 (\*all 2021 data still preliminary).
- Per the Montgomery County Coroner's Office, there were **322\*** accidental drug overdose deaths in 2020 as of February 4, 2021 (\*September-December data still preliminary). The preliminary total for January – December 2020 is 12% higher than the same time period in 2019 (288).
- COVID-19 continues to affect our community. We began vaccination of phase 1A and phase 1B individuals in Montgomery County, which included many of our behavioral health and first responder workforce. As COVID-19 continues to impact our community, we will continue monitoring the ramifications of the COVID-19 pandemic on behavioral health and recognize the impact this has on those who struggle with the disease of addiction.
- The COAT Education & Information Branch welcomes a new co-lead, Brittini Long. Brittini is a Program Coordinator in the Training and Education Division at Montgomery County ADAMHS.
- NaloxBoxes are similar to a mounted Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and contain the overdose-reversing drug naloxone. NaloxBox makes this life-saving drug accessible in the event of an opioid drug overdose. The NaloxBox is designed to increase access to Narcan, reduce stigma, and save lives. If your agency/organization is interested or wants to know if you're eligible for a NaloxBox at your location, please email Casey Smith, COAT Project Manager, at [csmith@phdmc.org](mailto:csmith@phdmc.org).
- The 2019 Poisoning Death Review Report and Overdose Fatality Review Addendum is available under "Data & Reports" on the COAT website ([www.mccoat.org](http://www.mccoat.org)).
- All branches will continue meeting virtually until further notice.
- Operational period still stands at 60 days.

### Actions to date

#### Steering Committee

Met April 18, 2019.

#### Backbone Support

- Met on March 2, 2021.
  - Reviewed current data and January Overdose Fatality Review findings and recommendations.
  - Received update on current COAT initiatives.
  - Approved Incident Action Plan for current operational period.

Operations Section

- Met on February 22, 2021 for the regularly scheduled, bi-monthly meeting.
  - Reviewed COAT branch leadership roles and responsibilities.
  - Discusses areas for improvement as it relates to COAT operations.
  - Reviewed utility of Overdose Fatality Review recommendations.
  - Branch leads provided updates on progress to date.

Operations Branches

- Education and Information Branch – met January 27 and February 24.
- Harm Reduction Branch – met January 11 and February 1.
- Treatment and Recovery Branch – met January 14 and February 11.
- Response Branch – met January 25 and February 22.
- Criminal Justice Branch – met January 8.
- Prescription Branch – met January 22 and February 26.

*Other Coalition Meetings:*

- MCPC Opioid Prevention Subcommittee – met January 26 and February 23.
- Montgomery County Drug-Free Coalition – met January 21.

Planning Section

- Generated the current IAP.

Joint Information Center (JIC)

Did not meet last operational period.

Data Unit

Did not meet last operational period.

**Actions to be completed**

Steering Committee

- Next meeting TBD.

Backbone Support

- Continue to guide COAT efforts and provide expertise and support as needed.
- Next meeting will be May 4, 2021.

Operations Section

- Branches will continue working towards implementation of the Drug Overdose Prevention Strategic Plan, as well as prioritizing strategies and actions on their action plans and adding any additional strategies and/or actions as deemed necessary.
- Branch leadership will work to actively recruit new members and increase member engagement in branch work.
- COAT Project Manager to attend all virtual branch meetings.

- Offer technical assistance to each of the Branches as needed.
- Next Operations Section meeting is scheduled for April 26, 2021.

Planning Section

- Gather information for next IAP.
- Attend Backbone Support meeting to update on draft IAP.
- Attend next Operations Branch meeting.

Data Unit

- Continue to meet as needed and provide data upon request.
- Generate drug overdose and death data weekly.
- Generate semi-annual reports.
- Continue supporting implementation of ODMAP.

Joint Information Center

- Continue responding to requests from media.
- COAT Media Briefing as needed or requested.

Issue(s) – None

## Ongoing Progress

## Completed Actions During Operational Period

Completed Actions	Branch	Date Completed
Created an educational flyer that describes MAT's importance in the continuum of care for many individuals. The one-pager also includes information on how to link patients to a waiver-trained provider and information on how to become a waiver-trained provider.	Prescription Branch	January 2021
The Certified Peer Recovery Supporter Collaborative met in February. They received information and updates on COVID-19 vaccination, reviewed materials for a recovery awareness campaign, and received education on multiple community programs (COAT, Project DAWN, CarePoint Syringe Services, and Fentanyl test strip program).	Treatment & Recovery	February 2021
Created a faith-based work group that will look at education on addiction and integration of appropriate treatment and recovery support services in the faith community.	Treatment & Recovery	February 2021
Completed a marketing plan for the "Addiction Happens. But so does Recovery" recovery awareness campaign.	Education & Information	February 2021
The methamphetamine and cocaine harm reduction tip cards were ordered. Once available, tip cards will be available for any community partner interested.	Harm Reduction	January 2021
<b>Narcan Distribution:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ From January 1, 2021 – February 28, 2021, Project DAWN distributed 119 Narcan kits and 48 refill kits.</li> <li>○ From January 1, 2021 to January 31, 2021, the Narcan Education and Distribution intervention of the Syringe Services Program has distributed 161 Narcan kits. Of the 161 kits, 135 kits were refills.</li> </ul>	Harm Reduction	February 2021
<b>Syringe Services:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ From January 1, 2021 – January 31, 2021, 28,241 syringes have been distributed at CarePoint.</li> </ul>	Harm Reduction	January 2021

## GOALS

The goal listed below is approved by the Backbone Support. This goal is in place for the duration of this collective impact approach.

1. Reduce the number of individuals dying from overdoses and drug abuse.

## OBJECTIVES

The following objectives have been established by the Backbone Support. These objectives are in place to address concerns during this operational period.

**Objective #1** - Align goals, objectives and activities of existing coalitions and organizations working to address the opioid epidemic and determine gaps.

**Objective #2** - Improve multi-agency communications through exchange of COAT-related information and situational awareness data.

**Objective #3** - Expand and focus public information efforts.

**Objective #4** - Coordinate and improve opioid prevention and education activities.

**Objective #5** - Improve methods for response, intervention, treatment and recovery efforts.

Current Actions

1. Prescription Branch

<b>Objective 1: Increase education for providers</b>				
<b>Strategy 1.1: Provide prescribers with more education</b>		<b>Estimated Completion</b>	<b>Current (C), Planned (P), Completed (COMP.)</b>	<b>Progress Notes</b>
Action Item #1:	Educate prescribers on effective pain management alternatives in partnership with MCPC	September 2021	C	Ask for Alternatives Campaign launched in late 2020 in partnership with MCPC. MCPC has begun “quarterly distribution days” where they will deliver literature to targeted zip codes and Ask for Alternatives materials are included. Additionally, the Ask for Alternatives campaign will be featured as part of an effort to educate athletic trainers and parents on prescription pain medication and potential for abuse.
Action Item #2:	Utilize strategies to promote provider education on safe prescribing by social media and online CE training/webinars, conferences, etc.	September 2021	C	Working to finalize a date for a virtual educational session with a physician from Yale School of Medicine. The physician speaks to the integration of AA/NA into clinical practice.  Finalizing a “Pharmacist Slow Down” educational trifold that will be mailed to local pharmacies.
Action Item #3:	Educate healthcare professional students (medical school, nursing, pharmacy, etc.)	November 2021	P	Work with Cedarville, WSU, Sinclair, etc.
Action Item #4:	Educate primary care physicians on the importance of MAT and how they can support transition of care for their patients	September 2021	C	Created a one-pager that describes MAT’s importance in the continuum of care for many individuals. The one-pager also includes information on how to link patients to a waiver-trained



				provider or become a waiver-trained provider themselves. The flyer will be distributed to healthcare providers throughout Montgomery County.
<b>Strategy 1.2: Promote responsible opioid and benzodiazepine prescribing for all providers</b>		<b>Estimated Completion</b>	<b>Current (C), Planned (P), Completed (COMP.)</b>	<b>Progress Notes</b>
Action Item #1:	Explore algorithms to treat pain appropriately	December 2021	P	
Action Item #2:	Support creation of order sets for providers	December 2021	P	
<b>Strategy 1.3: Provide additional educational opportunities for DEA-X waiver certified providers</b>		<b>Estimated Completion</b>	<b>Current (C), Planned (P), Completed (COMP.)</b>	<b>Progress Notes</b>
Action Item #1:	Examine local data to determine where waiver trained physicians currently are, and where there is a need for additional providers.	December 2020	COMP.	Public Health Epidemiologist created a map of current waiver-trained physicians in Montgomery County to examine potential gaps.
Action Item #2:	Increase access to waiver training opportunities.	July 2021	C	Created a one-pager that describes MAT's importance in the continuum of care for many individuals. The one-pager also includes information on how to link patients to a waiver-trained provider or become a waiver-trained provider themselves. The flyer will be distributed to healthcare providers throughout Montgomery County.
Action Item #3:	Support additional trainings for those providers who are already waiver certified.	July 2021	C	Looking at MAT training opportunities, including free courses through PCSS.
<b>Objective 2: Support the Levels of Care Initiative</b>				

<b>Strategy 2.1: Support development of local Levels of Care model for substance use disorders.</b>		<b>Estimated Completion</b>	<b>Current (C), Planned (P), Completed (COMP.)</b>	<b>Progress Notes</b>
Action Item #1:	Research current Levels of Care programs in the United States.	December 2021	C	Ongoing. Initial research into programs in Baltimore and Rhode Island was completed.
Action Item #2:	Plan and strive to pilot local levels of care program.	September 2021	C	Goal of May 2021 for first part of education to health systems to commence.
Action Item #3:	Gather baseline of local health systems in regard to what addiction treatment and recovery support services they are currently providing	April 2021	C	Electronic survey created in partnership with Greater Dayton Area Hospital Association (GDAHA). Survey will be distributed to local health systems in coming month.
Action item #4:	Identify local resources/providers to support facilitating development of LOC program	April 2021	C	GDAHA has identified points of contact within each of the health systems to champion completion of the survey. Following analysis of survey results and in planning for educational sessions, additional points of contact will be identified and included.

## 2. Treatment and Recovery Branch

<b>Objective 1: Increase community support of recovery</b>				
<b>Strategy 1.1: Increase number of community support resources</b>		<b>Estimated Completion</b>	<b>Current (C), Planned (P), Completed (COMP.)</b>	<b>Progress Notes</b>
Action Item #1:	Support the development of a recovery high school	December 2021	REMOVED	At this time, this action item has been removed due to timeline and budgetary constraints.
Action Item #2:	Enhance treatment and recovery supports on college campuses	December 2021	P	Need to identify contact persons at local universities

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Action Item #3:	Promote peer-led juvenile recovery networks (Alternative Peer Groups)	December 2021	C	Identified partners who are providing these services - Montgomery County Career Services, Montgomery County Youth Resource Center.
<b>Strategy 1.2: Increase access to quality sober supportive recovery housing</b>		<b>Estimated Completion</b>	<b>Current (C), Planned (P), Completed (COMP.)</b>	<b>Progress Notes</b>
Action Item #1:	Promote Ohio Recovery Housing certification	Ongoing	C	Information is being shared with local recovery housing providers and treatment providers.
Action Item #2:	Promote assessment to determine if there are enough beds.	Ongoing	C	ADAMHS is tracking bed usage for Ohio Recovery Housing certified providers.
<b>Strategy 1.3: Expand peer support</b>		<b>Estimated Completion</b>	<b>Current (C), Planned (P), Completed (COMP.)</b>	<b>Progress Notes</b>
Action Item #1:	Provide recovery and peer support to those being released after being incarcerated	Ongoing	C	Working with jail, prisons, Goodwill Easter Seals, and other entities providing peer support.
Action Item #2:	Expand peer support specialists in the community providing outreach and support	Ongoing	C	Partner with GWES and ADAMHS to fund peers.
Action Item #3	Educate providers and peer supporters on how to bill for services	March 2021	C	Subgroup working on this item.
Action Item #4:	Continue convening peers as part of the Certified Peer Recovery Supporter Collaborative	December 2021	C	Peer Collaborative continues convening every other month for continuing education.
<b>Strategy 1.4: Increase recovery supportive communities</b>		<b>Estimated Completion</b>	<b>Current (C), Planned (P), Completed (COMP.)</b>	<b>Progress Notes</b>
Action Item #1:	Increase the number of recovery communities in faith-based community	December 2021	C	Inviting community faith leaders to a faith-based workgroup that will begin meeting once per month to explore this action item further.

Action Item #2:	Examine transportation barriers and find ways to reduce them	December 2021	P	
Action Item #3:	Increase membership in RCOs	Ongoing	C	
Action Item #4:	Research and discuss how recovery is defined in Montgomery County	November 2020	COMP.	Completed a working definition of recovery.
<b>Objective 2: Enhance community response to trauma related to addiction</b>				
<b>Strategy 2.1: Increase resources for families dealing with trauma related to addiction</b>		<b>Estimated Completion</b>	<b>Current (C), Planned (P), Completed (COMP.)</b>	<b>Progress Notes</b>
Action Item #1:	Ensure appropriate follow up with families after an overdose death, including education on resources available to support them	Ongoing	P	Possible partnership with COAT Education & Information Branch.
Action Item #2:	Expand services/resources for grandparents who have custody of grandchildren due to addiction	December 2021	P	Need to establish contact with access to this population.
Action Item #3:	Share stories of those affected by addiction	Ongoing	C	Ongoing with ADAMHS, COAT branches and treatment programs.
Action Item #4:	Educate doctors about effects of childhood trauma and how to differentiate from ADHD symptoms/diagnosis	December 2021	P	The COAT Education & Information Branch and COAT Prescription Branch are looking at ADHD diagnosis based on Overdose Fatality Review findings. Work collaboratively on this action item.
<b>Strategy 2.3: Increase resources of first responders related to secondary trauma</b>		<b>Estimated Completion</b>	<b>Current (C), Planned (P), Completed (COMP.)</b>	<b>Progress Notes</b>
Action Item #1:	Provide resources about self-care to first responders	August 2021	P	Partner with COAT Response Branch.
Action Item #2:	Promote discounts for first responders at spas, yoga, etc.	August 2021	P	Need to establish contacts for this.
<b>Objective 3: Advocate for additional providers to be approved by Medicare</b>				

<i>Strategy 3.1: Join community advocacy effort</i>		Estimated Completion	Current (C), Planned (P), Completed (COMP.)	Progress Notes
Action Item #1:	Partner with ADAMHS to advocate for legislative change so that additional providers can bill for services	June 2021	C	Legislative workgroup looking at this item.

### 3. Harm Reduction Branch

<b>Objective 1: Increase access to Narcan</b>				
<i>Strategy 1.1: Increase Narcan access to those prescribed an opioid</i>		Estimated Completion	Current (C), Planned (P), Completed (COMP.)	Progress Notes
Action Item #1:	Increase co-prescribing of Narcan with opioids	Ongoing	C	Partner with Prescription Branch to promote this.
Action Item #2:	Educate patients on Narcan need if prescribed opioids	Ongoing	C	COAT Education & Information Branch working on literature to educate older adults on this topic.
<i>Strategy 1.2: Expand publicly available Narcan</i>		Estimated Completion	Current (C), Planned (P), Completed (COMP.)	Progress Notes
Action Item #1:	Continue promoting Project DAWN trainings on Wednesdays	On Hold	On Hold	Wednesday trainings on hold due to pandemic. Trainings for individuals offered online or over the phone and clients will receive their Narcan kit in the mail or arrangements are made for the Narcan kit to be picked up.

Action Item #2:	Increase trainings offered through RCOs and other recovery support groups	Ongoing	C	
Action Item #3:	Promote Project DAWN’s mail order Narcan program	Ongoing	C	SBHI and OneFifteen websites have been updated with DAWN training materials, COAT and ADAMHS is advertising online/mail order Narcan program.
Action Item #4:	Increase the number of service entities with protocol in place	Ongoing	C	Actively seeking programs to receive a NaloxBox and reviewing House Bill 341 for potential expansion.
<b>Objective 2: <i>Expand drug testing program</i></b>				
<b>Strategy 2.1: <i>Expand use of fentanyl test strips in the community</i></b>		<b>Estimated Completion</b>	<b>Current (C), Planned (P), Completed (COMP.)</b>	<b>Progress Notes</b>
Action Item #1:	Provide community with education on use of fentanyl test strips and where they are available	June 2021	C	Dayton GROW began distributing fentanyl test strips as part of their outreach efforts. Project DAWN now asks if those requesting a Narcan kit would also like fentanyl test strips included. FOA continues distributing fentanyl test strips in the community. OneFifteen including test strips in DAWN kits given out to OneFifteen patients.  Created new harm reduction tip cards for methamphetamine and cocaine, which encourage those using drugs to test their drugs for the presence of fentanyl and warn of the risk of contamination. A card is also being produced for marijuana.
Action Item #2:	Target distribution of fentanyl test strips based on community overdose spikes	Ongoing	C	Dayton GROW began distributing fentanyl test strips as part of their outreach efforts.

<b>Objective 3: <i>Expand Syringe Services program</i></b>				
<b>Strategy 3.1: <i>Increase syringe disposal in public places</i></b>		<b>Estimated Completion</b>	<b>Current (C), Planned (P), Completed (COMP.)</b>	<b>Progress Notes</b>
Action Item #1:	Increase number of syringe drop boxes in community	December 2021	P	
Action Item #2:	Provide safe disposal education <i>Aligns with Prevention priority</i>	March 2021	C	Going to utilize literature from SafeNeedleDisposal.org and co-brand materials already produced.
<b>Strategy 3.2: <i>Expand access to syringe services in high-need neighborhoods</i></b>		<b>Estimated Completion</b>	<b>Current (C), Planned (P), Completed (COMP.)</b>	<b>Progress Notes</b>
Action Item #1:	Secure a location for Mobile Unit in west Dayton	September 2020	COMP.	The fourth site is located behind the previous DayMont Behavioral Health Bldg. (1520 Germantown Street) on Willard Street. The day and hours of operation is Monday from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Action Item #2:	Advertise syringe services program in high-need neighborhoods	Ongoing	C	Flyers are being distributed in high risk areas and shared with community partners.
<b>Strategy 3.3: <i>Expand harm reduction tools based on CarePoint survey results</i></b>		<b>Estimated Completion</b>	<b>Current (C), Planned (P), Completed (COMP.)</b>	<b>Progress Notes</b>
Action Item #1:	Complete survey of CarePoint clients and summarize results	March 2021	C	
Action Item #2:	Explore feasibility of additional harm reduction tools needed based on results	March 2021	P	

**4. Education and Information Branch**

<b>Objective 1: Increase public awareness of ongoing problem with addiction throughout the community</b>				
<b>Strategy 1.1: Increase general public awareness of addiction to any substance</b>		<b>Estimated Completion</b>	<b>Current (C), Planned (P), Completed (COMP.)</b>	<b>Progress Notes</b>
Action Item #1:	Promote Addiction Policy Forums videos and materials on addiction's impact on the brain	Ongoing	P	
Action Item #2:	Host quarterly campaigns promoting voices of those in recovery (ex. bathroom stall advertising campaign)	Ongoing	C	Completed a marketing plan for the recovery awareness campaign titled “Addiction Happens but so does Recovery” and had the Certified Peer Recovery Supporter Collaborative conduct a material review and provide feedback.
Action Item #3:	Develop social media toolkit (encompassing Addiction Policy Forum materials, polysubstance use, resources available, etc.)	June 2021	C	Framework completed for toolkit. Working to identify outside agency to create toolkit.
<b>Strategy 1.2: Increase general public awareness of resource availability</b>		<b>Estimated Completion</b>	<b>Current (C), Planned (P), Completed (COMP.)</b>	<b>Progress Notes</b>
Action Item #1:	Promote community educational opportunities and trainings to increase awareness of resources available	Ongoing	C	Created a one page “COVID Addiction Resource Flyer”
Action Item #2:	Promote web-based platforms (Take Charge Ohio, GetHelpNow) inclusive of resources for the public to use	Ongoing	C	Will be included in social media toolkit.
<b>Objective 2: Target drug abuse and addiction education to specific populations</b>				



<b>Strategy 2.1: Increase knowledge of overdose risks among seniors taking opiate medications</b>		<b>Estimated Completion</b>	<b>Current (C), Planned (P), Completed (COMP.)</b>	<b>Progress Notes</b>
Action Item #1:	Partner with Area Agency on Aging and other senior organizations to offer educational opportunities.	May 2021	C	An “Older Adults Medication Safety” educational campaign is currently underway. The campaign is primarily targeting senior living facilities. COAT & MCPC members are providing outreach to the senior living facilities via phone. Members explain campaign then collect orders for educational trifold and medication disposal pouches.
Action Item #2:	In partnership with Montgomery County Prevention Coalition and Goodwill, distribute safe medication storage and disposal materials to senior groups.	May 2021	C	Will distribute medication disposal pouches as part of Older Adult Medication Safety.  Additionally, MCPC has begun Quarterly Distribution Days where pouches, along with educational literature, are distributed to agencies in targeted zip codes.
<b>Strategy 2.2: Increase knowledge of nursing home staff treating those with addiction</b>		<b>Estimated Completion</b>	<b>Current (C), Planned (P), Completed (COMP.)</b>	<b>Progress Notes</b>
Action Item #1:	Conduct environmental scan of existing educational materials and opportunities for nursing home staff	March 2021	C	Working with Greg Delaney to review current nursing home educational presentation used by other organizations in the state.
Action Item #2:	Identify gaps in education and develop educational presentation(s) for nursing homes	May 2021	C	Forming a workgroup to review current educational presentation and modify as appropriate. Will explore a train the trainer model where other members of COAT can educate nursing homes using standardized presentation.
Action Item #3:	Educate nursing home staff on addiction and explore offering CEs for educational sessions	October 2021	P	

<b>Strategy 2.3: Increase addiction knowledge within faith-based community</b>		<b>Estimated Completion</b>	<b>Current (C), Planned (P), Completed (COMP.)</b>	<b>Progress Notes</b>
Action Item #1:	Conduct environmental scan of existing educational materials and opportunities already present within the faith community	March 2021	C	The COAT Treatment & Recovery Branch has formed a faith-based workgroup to look at how we can educate faith partners and equip them with appropriate treatment and recovery support tools, as interested. Working with community partners to gain baseline of what already exists for faith-based outreach and education.
Action Item #2:	Identify gaps in education and develop educational presentation(s) for faith-based organizations	April 2021	C	Will be evaluated in the coming months as part of the faith-based workgroup.
Action Item #3:	Educate faith-based partners on addiction. Consider recording training to offer widely.	December 2021	P	
<b>Objective 3: Increase number of employers who will employ people in recovery</b>				
<b>Strategy 3.1: Identify employers who will employ people with a criminal history</b>		<b>Estimated Completion</b>	<b>Current (C), Planned (P), Completed (COMP.)</b>	<b>Progress Notes</b>
Action Item #1:	In partnership with ADAMHS workplace program, develop a list of those local businesses that will employ those with a criminal history.	May 2021	C	ADAMHS currently has employers participating in their recovery supportive workplace program listed on their website.
Action Item #2:	Educate local recovery organizations and those partners working on workforce placement about the businesses that will employ those with a criminal history.	July 2021	P	
Action Item #3:	Raise awareness about the benefit of how expunging records increases likelihood of being employed.	December 2020	COMP.	Montgomery County Public Defender's Office hosted a Record Sealing Clinic in August.

<b>Strategy 3.2: Support employers who will hire people in recovery</b>		<b>Estimated Completion</b>	<b>Current (C), Planned (P), Completed (COMP.)</b>	<b>Progress Notes</b>
Action Item #1:	Promote ADAMHS workplace programming to support current employers (Bureau of Workers Compensation program), including drug-free workplace policies.	Ongoing	C	“Employer Perspectives on Hiring & Retaining People in Recovery” is being hosted by Dayton Area Recruiters Association and Montgomery County ADAMHS on March 18, 2021.
Action Item #2:	Educate employers on benefits of hiring people with SUD (ex. Educate on Ohio’s Work Opportunity Tax Credit through ODJFS).	Ongoing	P	
Action Item #3:	Provide outreach to businesses to help them understand addiction, specifically with local data.	December 2020	COMP.	Created a one-page data snapshot for employers to better understand the impact addiction has on Montgomery County.

## 5. Response Branch

<b>Objective 1: Expand Impact of QRTs to beyond opioids</b>				
<b>Strategy 1.1: Improve monitoring systems</b>		<b>Estimated Completion</b>	<b>Current (C), Planned (P), Completed (COMP.)</b>	<b>Progress Notes</b>
Action Item #1:	Improve tracking metrics with QRTs	June 2021	C	Public Health is currently working on a project to track outreach via a care coordination platform in partnership with Ascend and Cordata.
Action Item #2:	Support implementation of ODMAP in Montgomery County jurisdictions	Ongoing	C	Continue to promote ODMAP adoption with local fire/EMS agencies in Montgomery County.
Action Item #3:	Monitor real time notification of OD spikes	Ongoing	C	ESSENCE, a new system ODH recently launched, is the surveillance system used for spike alerts. We will also

				utilize ODMAP once additional agencies onboard.
Action Item #4:	Increase coordination between law enforcement, GROW teams, and treatment providers	Ongoing	C	
<b>Strategy 1.2: Combine QRT into a countywide team working with those struggling with SUD</b>		<b>Estimated Completion</b>	<b>Current (C), Planned (P), Completed (COMP.)</b>	<b>Progress Notes</b>
Action Item #1:	Connect individuals with alcohol related ailments (OVI crash, alcohol poisoning) with QRTs	December 2021	P	
Action Item #2:	Provide education packets to every residence affected by drug overdose calls for assistance	Ongoing	C	Quick Response Teams provide appropriate literature during overdose follow-up.  Also in the process of updating shrink-wrapped overdose support kits for leave behind.
<b>Objective 2: Expand drug take back program</b>				
<b>Strategy 2.1: Expand drug take back program to underserved communities</b>		<b>Estimated Completion</b>	<b>Current (C), Planned (P), Completed (COMP.)</b>	<b>Progress Notes</b>
Action Item #1:	Partner with MCPC to expand program	November 2021	C	Looking at opportunities for mobile take back as well as partnering with DEA for Take Back Day events.
Action Item #2:	Identify 2 new locations for drug disposal boxes	December 2021	C	Identified potential new location for drug disposal box at St. Elizabeth. Outreach to garner interest currently underway.
Action Item #3:	Support sponsorship of two take back events	November 2021	C	Will work directly with MCPC for upcoming Take Back events.
<b>Objective 3: Decrease the number of African American overdoses</b>				

<b>Strategy 3.1: Provide greater outreach to minority communities</b>		<b>Estimated Completion</b>	<b>Current (C), Planned (P), Completed (COMP.)</b>	<b>Progress Notes</b>
Action Item #1:	Educate African Americans about available harm reduction services	Ongoing	C	Creating harm reduction tip cards in COAT Harm Reduction Branch. Current cards include: fentanyl, excessive alcohol use, and benzos. Methamphetamine and cocaine cards are currently at the printer. These can be shared with partner agencies to disseminate as appropriate.
Action Item #2:	Provide outreach in minority community so they are not afraid of contacting 911/first responders (build relationship and trust)	Ongoing	C	Looking to schedule informal listening sessions with local RCOs.
Action Item #3:	Work with faith-based communities to educate them on available support services for those struggling with addiction, specifically around QRTs	December 2021	C	The COAT Treatment & Recovery Branch has formed a faith-based workgroup to look at how we can educate faith partners and equip them with appropriate treatment and recovery support tools, as interested.
<b>Objective 4: Ensure community preparedness for OD spikes</b>				
<b>Strategy 4.1: Implement community response plan for overdose spikes</b>		<b>Estimated Completion</b>	<b>Current (C), Planned (P), Completed (COMP.)</b>	<b>Progress Notes</b>
Action Item #1:	Develop community response plan	August 2020	COMP.	Completed the Montgomery County Overdose Community Response Plan.
Action Item #2:	Disseminate community response plan to appropriate stakeholders	Ongoing	C	

6. Criminal Justice Branch

<b>Objective 1: Reduce number of people with SUD in system</b>				
<b>Strategy 1.1: Increase awareness and education of House Bill 110</b>		<b>Estimated Completion</b>	<b>Current (C), Planned (P), Completed (COMP.)</b>	<b>Progress Notes</b>
Action Item #1:	Re-educate law enforcement agencies on House Bill 110. *  *House Bill 110, also known as the Good Samaritan Law, took effect in September 2016 and prevents qualified individuals from being charged with minor drug possession offenses.	March 2021	C	Working with Rise Up News to create an educational video on the program.  Developed educational postcards for the Freedom From Drug Conviction Program through the Public Defender's Office.
Action Item #2:	Educate the community on House Bill 110.	March 2021	C	See above.
<b>Strategy 1.3: Explore additional opportunities to improve continuity of care for those involved in the criminal justice system.</b>		<b>Estimated Completion</b>	<b>Current (C), Planned (P), Completed (COMP.)</b>	<b>Progress Notes</b>
Action Item #1	Collaborate with CareSource on their population health dashboard to inform/support improved system alignment.	May 2021	C	CareSource team provided branch with an overview of population health dashboard.
Action Item #2	Explore ways that individuals involved in the criminal justice system can be linked to a certified peer supporter.	May 2021	C	At last meeting, the team heard from Goodwill Easterseals, Public Health, East End Community Services, and MCSO on peer services available throughout the criminal justice system.
<b>Strategy 1.3: Advocate for single model streamlining court ordered assessment referral process to minimize duplication of services.</b>		<b>Estimated Completion</b>	<b>Current (C), Planned (P), Completed (COMP.)</b>	<b>Progress Notes</b>
Action Item #1	Convene subcommittee to investigate possibility of	June 2021	C	

	<p>establishing a single assessment process for the courts.</p> <p>*Pre-Trial Innovations Committee is convening to investigate the possibility of a single assessment. So as not to duplicate, COAT CJ Branch members offered to participate on this committee and report back on its progress.</p>			
Action item #2	Research states and/or communities that have already done this.	June 2021	C	
<b>Objective 2: Increase the number of community members trained in crisis intervention</b>				
<b>Strategy 2.1: Increase training and education of community members when it comes to meth-induced psychosis</b>		<b>Estimated Completion</b>	<b>Current (C), Planned (P), Completed (COMP.)</b>	<b>Progress Notes</b>
Action Item #1:	Implement trainings for first responders (those in the field) with SMEs that talk specifically about meth induced psychosis	June 2021	C	Working with ADAMHS Training Division to plan meth-induced psychosis trainings for various segments of our criminal justice professional population.
Action Item #2:	Implement trainings for licensed behavioral health professionals with SMEs that talk specifically about meth induced psychosis	June 2021	C	
Action Item #3:	Implement trainings for dispatchers with SMEs that talk specifically about meth induced psychosis	June 2021	C	
Action Item #4:	Implement trainings for medical staff (specifically EDs) with SMEs that talk specifically about meth induced psychosis	June 2021	C	
Action Item #5:	Implement trainings for certified peer supporters with SMEs that talk specifically about meth induced psychosis	June 2021	C	

## 7. Drug Supply Control

Drug Supply Control represent the work of our local task forces.

Drugs seized by law enforcement provide a snapshot of drugs present in the community.

Montgomery County has three task forces working to remove unwanted drugs from our streets:

- Miami Valley Bulk Smuggling Task Force - includes six agencies that conduct criminal investigations utilizing their investigative authority to protect the citizens of the Miami Valley by disrupting and dismantling international drug trafficking organizations.
- Regional Agencies Narcotics and Gun Enforcement (R.A.N.G.E) Task Force - includes twelve law enforcement agencies in Montgomery County and works to combat drug abuse and trafficking.



**The following documents are available upon request:**

- 2020 6-Month Data Unit Report
- 2019 Poisoning Death Review Report and OFR Addendum
- 2019 COAT Data Unit Annual Report
- 2019 COAT Annual Report
- Community Overdose Action Team Organizational Chart
- Incident Action Plans
- EpiCenter Anomaly Situation Reports

The documents listed above can be requested from Casey Smith at [csmith@phdmc.org](mailto:csmith@phdmc.org) or by calling 225-6026.