

Incident Action Plan

Community Overdose Action Team (COAT)

Operational Period: November 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021



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

BACKBONE SUPPORT APPROVAL

The following individuals were provided the Incident Action Plan (IAP) for this operational period on December 17, 2021.

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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
Jeff Jordan	Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management
Steve Stein	Butler Township Fire Department
Cindy Heitman	Goodwill Easterseals

IAP

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Situational Status Report

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Situation to date

- As of November 7, 2021, per the Montgomery County Coroner's Office, there were **295*** suspected accidental drug overdose deaths from January 1 – November 7, 2021 (*June – November 2021 data still preliminary).
- Public Health – Dayton & Montgomery County's drug epidemiologist created an interactive digital overdose death data dashboard. The dashboard includes death totals to date, year-to-year comparisons, accidental overdose deaths in Montgomery County by month, incident locations, and more. Visit <https://www.mccoat.org/data-reports> to view the new dashboard.
- ADAMHS recently relaunched their app, and it is now called LocalHelpNow (formerly known as GetHelpNow). It is a FREE community-centric app that places mental and behavioral health resources at your fingertips. For more information, visit <https://localhelpnowmc.com/>
- Project DAWN now has both 4mg. Narcan nasal spray available, as well as the 8mg. Kloxxado nasal spray (received FDA approval earlier this year), while supplies last.
- Saturday, October 23rd, was National DEA Take Back Day. Thank you to our partners at DEA and the volunteers with the Montgomery County Prevention Coalition for helping make this event a success! If you were unable to take your unused prescription medications on Saturday, please know that many law enforcement agencies locally have year-round pharmaceutical disposal locations. Visit the DEA's site here to find a location near you.
- The Excellence in Recovery Housing Act was recently introduced in Congress and would require Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), in coordination with national accrediting entities and reputable providers of recovery housing services, to develop guidelines for states to promote the availability of high-quality recovery housing. More information on the act can be found here. The COAT Treatment & Recovery Branch has drafted an advocacy letter for you and/or your agency to use to educate your local elected officials on the importance of this act. Please contact Brent Barrow, lead of our advocacy workgroup, for a copy of the letter or with any further questions (bbarrow@mcadamhs.org).
- Branches will remain meeting virtually for the foreseeable future due to the increase in COVID-19 cases.
- Operational period still stands at 60 days.

Actions to date

Steering Committee

Met April 18, 2019.

Backbone Support

- Had not yet met at time of this report – will be meeting November 29, 2021.

Operations Section

- Met on October 25, 2021 for the regularly scheduled, bi-monthly meeting.
 - Reviewed current overdose data available to date.
 - Received update on Overdose Fatality Review & Suicide Fatality Review plans.
 - Received updates on LocalHelpNow and crisis line plans from ADAMHS.
 - Discussed plan for governance documents.
 - Discussed status of overdose text alert system that will be launching in 2022.
 - Branch leads provided updates on progress to date.

Operations Branches

- Education and Information Branch – met September 22 and October 27.
- Harm Reduction Branch – met September 13 and October 4.
- Treatment and Recovery Branch – met October 14.
- Response Branch – met October 25.
- Criminal Justice Branch – met September 10.
- Prescription Branch – met September 24 and October 22.

Other Coalition Meetings:

- MCPC Opioid Prevention Subcommittee – met September 28 and October 26.
- Montgomery County Drug-Free Coalition – did not meet during last operational period.

Planning Section

- Generated the current IAP.

Joint Information Center (JIC)

- Did not meet during last operational period.
- Worked with county agencies on collaborative billboard campaign – “One Pill Can Kill.”
- Press release on October 29, 2021 regarding potential exposure to THC-infused edibles during Halloween.

Data Unit

- Did not meet last operational period.
- Public Health – Dayton & Montgomery County’s drug epidemiologist created an interactive digital overdose death data dashboard. The dashboard includes death totals to date, year-to-year comparisons, accidental overdose deaths in Montgomery County by month, incident locations, and more. Visit <https://www.mccoat.org/data-reports> to view the new dashboard.

Actions to be completed

Steering Committee

- Next meeting TBD.

Backbone Support

- Continue to guide COAT efforts and provide expertise and support as needed.
- Meet with RecoveryOhio Overdose Strike Team on November 29, 2021 in place of regularly scheduled November Backbone meeting.

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.
- Branches will continue using data to drive action.
- Branch leadership will work to actively recruit new members and increase member engagement in branch work.
- COAT Project Manager to attend all branch meetings.
- Offer technical assistance to each of the Branches as needed.
- Next Operations Section meeting is scheduled for December 20, 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
RAMCO hosted the Healthy Recovery Celebration on September 11 th at Island MetroPark. The event was an opportunity to promote recovery-friendly activities and meet members of local RCOs.	Treatment & Recovery	September 2021
Legislative Advocacy workgroup created a legislative advocacy letter for COAT partners and community organizations to use on the importance of the Excellence in Recovery Housing Act. The Act would require Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), in coordination with national accrediting entities and reputable providers of recovery housing services, to develop guidelines for states to promote the availability of high-quality recovery housing.	Treatment & Recovery	October 2021
2 service entity protocols established and 8 NaloxBoxes provided to Life Changing Family Care and St. Mary's Development Corporation.	Harm Reduction	October 2021
As a mechanism to provide safe syringe disposal education, co-branded materials were ordered through SafeNeedleDisposal.org. Materials were made available as part of DEA Take Back Day and will also be available to other organizations as need arises.	Harm Reduction	October 2021
Narcan Distribution: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ From January 1, 2021 – October 30, 2021, SBHI Project DAWN distributed 2,103 Narcan kits and 662 refills. Additionally, Project DAWN conducted 1,066 presentations (either virtually on-line or on-site). ○ From January 1, 2021 to October 30, the Narcan Education and Distribution intervention of the Syringe Services Program has distributed 1,763 Narcan kits. Of the 1,763 kits, 1,544 kits were refills. 	Harm Reduction	October 2021
Syringe Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ From January 1 – October 30, 2021, 270,498 syringes have been distributed at CarePoint. 	Harm Reduction	October 2021
Updated the one-page data snapshot for employers to better understand the impact addiction has on Montgomery County. Data now reflects most recent trends revealed in 2020 overdose death data.	Education & Information	October 2021
MCPC partnered with DEA to host a DEA Drug Take Back Day event at Goodwill Easterseals on October 23, 2021.	MCPC & Response	October 2021

COAT materials were provided to distribute to those attending event.		
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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

Objective 1: Increase education for providers				
Strategy 1.1: Provide prescribers with more education		Estimated Completion	Current (C), Planned (P), Completed (COMP.)	Progress Notes
Action Item #1:	Educate prescribers on effective pain management alternatives in partnership with MCPC	Ongoing	COMP.	Ask for Alternatives Campaign launched in late 2020 in partnership with MCPC. MCPC continues “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 was expanded with new materials targeted at high school athletes and those treating athletes for injuries.
Action Item #2:	Utilize strategies to promote provider education on safe prescribing by social media and online CE training/webinars, conferences, etc.	December 2021	C	<p>Planning educational session offered by panel of experts on when pink-slipping in both hospital and treatment settings. Will occur in Q1 2022.</p> <p>Offered an educational opportunity on June 8, 2021. Dr. Brian Fuehrlein spoke to the integration of AA/NA into clinical practice. CMEs and CEs for certain disciplines were offered.</p> <p>“Pharmacist Slow Down” educational trifold was mailed, along with an introductory letter explaining the initiative to all local pharmacies. Educational trifold was also provided to Cedarville School of Pharmacy for distribution in pharmacies</p>

				they are working in as part of residencies.
Action Item #3:	Educate healthcare professional students (medical school, nursing, pharmacy, etc.)	November 2021	C	<p><i>Pharmacist Slow Down literature</i> was shared with Cedarville University School of Pharmacy for use during clinical rotations.</p> <p>Materials will also be shared with WSU Boonshoft School of Medicine faculty and students before end of year.</p> <p>Members of the COAT Prescription Branch presented to WSU Boonshoft School of Medicine students during their addiction elective in April.</p> <p>Continue looking at ways to work with Cedarville, WSU, Sinclair, etc.</p>
Action Item #4:	Educate primary care physicians on the importance of MAT and how they can support transition of care for their patients.	February 2022	C	<p>Created a one-pager that describes MAT's importance in the continuum of care for many individuals. However, HHS recently released a statement with changes to the waiver requirements at the federal level. Learn more here.</p> <p>As a result of the change in waiver requirements, branch is working on educational session and potentially developing a mentor/mentee program to provide new MAT providers with a list of physicians who would be willing to collaborate. Continue this project into new year.</p>
Strategy 1.2: Promote responsible opioid and benzodiazepine prescribing for all providers		Estimated Completion	Current (C), Planned (P), Completed (COMP.)	Progress Notes
Action Item #1:	Explore algorithms to treat pain appropriately	December 2021	C	Public Health and Greater Dayton Area Hospital

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				Association requesting meeting with Ohio Hospital Association to learn more about their opioid stewardship program.
Action Item #2:	Support creation of order sets for providers	December 2021	P	
Strategy 1.3: Provide additional educational opportunities for DEA-X waiver certified providers		Estimated Completion	Current (C), Planned (P), Completed (COMP.)	Progress Notes
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.	November 2021	C	Created a one-pager that describes MAT's importance in the continuum of care for many individuals. However, HHS recently released a statement with changes to the waiver requirements at the federal level. Learn more here . As a result of the change in waiver requirements, branch is working on educational session on new rule and potentially developing list of physicians who could collaborate with providers looking to administer MAT under new guidelines.
Action Item #3:	Support additional trainings for those providers who are already waiver certified.	November 2021	C	Looking at MAT training opportunities, including free courses through PCSS.
Objective 2: Support the Levels of Care Initiative				
Strategy 2.1: Support development of local Levels of Care model for substance use disorders.		Estimated Completion	Current (C), Planned (P),	Progress Notes

			Completed (COMP.)	
Action Item #1:	Research current Levels of Care programs in the United States.	December 2021	COMP.	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.	December 2021	C	Team reviewed survey results. Plan is to utilize survey results to inform future educational session. Meeting also scheduled with Ohio Hospital Association to determine potential intersection of Levels of Care and opioid stewardship program.
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	COMP.	Electronic survey created in partnership with Greater Dayton Area Hospital Association (GDAHA). The survey was disseminated to points of contact in our local health care systems for completion and responses from local health systems were received.
Action item #4:	Identify local resources/providers to support facilitating development of LOC program	December 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

Objective 1: <i>Increase community support of recovery</i>			
Strategy 1.1: <i>Increase number of community support resources</i>	Estimated Completion	Current (C), Planned (P), Completed (COMP.)	Progress Notes

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	August 2022	C	Working on this action in collaboration with the Education & Information Branch. Workgroup has been regularly meeting and have established deliverables on enhancing treatment and recovery supports at local universities based on needs identified during previous conversations with representatives from the local universities. Plan is to develop a toolkit of resources for local universities to be shared with established points of contact in 2022.
Action Item #3:	Promote peer-led juvenile recovery networks (Alternative Peer Groups)	December 2021	C	Identified community partners who are currently providing these services - Montgomery County Career Services, Montgomery County Youth Resource Center. Sharing information on their programming with COAT members.
Strategy 1.2: Increase access to quality sober supportive recovery housing		Estimated Completion	Current (C), Planned (P), Completed (COMP.)	Progress Notes
Action Item #1:	Promote Ohio Recovery Housing certification	Ongoing	C	Excellence in Recovery Housing Act, introduced to the U.S. House on April 5, 2021, was proposed to amend Title V of the Public Health Service Act to provide for increased oversight of recovery housing. Legislative Advocacy workgroup created a legislative advocacy letter that was shared with COAT partners to submit to elected officials.

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				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.
Strategy 1.3: Expand peer support		Estimated Completion	Current (C), Planned (P), Completed (COMP.)	Progress Notes
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	Peer support workgroup working on an educational session for businesses to better understand the role and value of peer support. Public Health expanded peer support to local Emergency Departments. East End is expanding peer support available in Montgomery County Juvenile Courts Family Treatment Court. Goodwill is expanding peer support into the homeless shelters. Montgomery County Jail, through partnership with East End, now has a male peer supporter working with the jail population.
Action Item #3	Educate providers and peer supporters on how to bill for services	December 2021	C	Will be hosting an educational training for community partners on billing for peer support services in Q1 2022.
Action Item #4:	Continue convening peers as part of the Certified Peer Recovery Supporter Collaborative	Ongoing	C	Peer Collaborative will resume meeting in 2022.

Strategy 1.4: <i>Increase recovery supportive communities</i>		Estimated Completion	Current (C), Planned (P), Completed (COMP.)	Progress Notes
Action Item #1:	Increase the number of recovery communities in faith-based community	December 2021	C	Faith-based workgroup meets on a monthly basis. Faith partners are encouraged to attend. The team plans to recruit new partners to become involved and explore levels of readiness for addiction support integration into faith communities.
Action Item #2:	Examine transportation barriers and find ways to reduce them	December 2021	P	
Action Item #3:	Increase membership in RCOs	Ongoing	C	<p>RAMCO hosted the Healthy Recovery Celebration on September 11th at Island MetroPark. The event was an opportunity to promote recovery-friendly activities and meet members of local RCOs.</p> <p>Additionally, membership in RAMCO now consists of the following agencies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alco-Aides • Dayton Fellowship Club • Dayton Recovers • Good Shepherd Ministries • Westside Club • Voices of Fellowship Choir
Action Item #4:	Research and discuss how recovery is defined in Montgomery County	November 2020	COMP.	Completed a working definition of recovery.
Objective 2: <i>Enhance community response to trauma related to addiction</i>				

Strategy 2.1: Increase resources for families dealing with trauma related to addiction		Estimated Completion	Current (C), Planned (P), Completed (COMP.)	Progress Notes
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.
Strategy 2.3: Increase resources of first responders related to secondary trauma		Estimated Completion	Current (C), Planned (P), Completed (COMP.)	Progress Notes
Action Item #1:	Provide resources about self-care to first responders	December 2021	P	Partner with COAT Response Branch.
Action Item #2:	Promote discounts for first responders at spas, yoga, etc.	December 2021	P	Need to establish contacts for this.
Objective 3: Advocate for legislation affecting those with substance use disorders				
Strategy 3.1: Join community advocacy effort		Estimated Completion	Current (C), Planned (P),	Progress Notes

			Completed (COMP.)	
Action Item #1	Establish a way to monitor legislative changes that would affect those with substance use disorders/addiction.	August 2021	COMP.	Subgroup has identified multiple sources to collect information on legislation coming across at the state that would affect those with SUD/addiction and will continue to monitor additional opportunities to receive this information.
Action Item #2	Establish a process for COAT to advocate for legislative changes.	December 2021	COMP.	Subgroup has drafted letters advocating about certain proposed legislative changes. Letters can be used in the future as templates and shared with members of COAT and other organizations, as appropriate.
Action Item #3	Actively advocate for legislative changes that would affect those with substance use disorders/addiction.	Ongoing	C	Legislative Advocacy workgroup created a legislative advocacy letter related to the Excellence in Recovery Act that was shared with COAT partners to submit to elected officials.

3. Harm Reduction Branch

Objective 1: Increase access to Narcan				
Strategy 1.1: Increase Narcan access to those prescribed an opioid		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 completed educational campaign to educate older adults on this topic.

Strategy 1.2: <i>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	C – <i>promoting online/mail-order programs</i>	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. Project DAWN has shared that they’ve had an increase in requests for trainings.
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. Project DAWN has shared that they’ve had an increase in requests for trainings. Also plan to distribute flyers with QR codes in highly affected areas.
Action Item #4:	Increase the number of service entities with protocol in place	Ongoing	C	Service entity protocols established and 8 NaloxBoxes provided to Life Changing Family Care and St. Mary’s Development Corporation. Continue actively seeking programs to receive a NaloxBox; also working with community partners who can help us target education and NaloxBox promotion based on current data/locations of overdoses. A flyer was created to promote the NaloxBox program.

Action Item #5:	Promote Project DAWN trainings in other settings, as appropriate.	Ongoing	C	<p>Start conversation with NaphCare in jail to obtain a list of active opioid residents. Implement a Rapid resource center at the Jail to distribute Narcan at the jail and offer quick training.</p> <p>Offer Narcan and brief training at Foodbank during drive through events.</p> <p>Project DAWN is providing Narcan Training and distribution for staff at several service agency in Montgomery county. Daybreak, Recovery Defined, Juvenile court, South Community.</p> <p>Monday Correctional Institute residents are receiving Project DAWN Narcan training through a Layperson. Residents receive kits by mail and/or drop off at Monday program.</p> <p>Was contacted by Premier to offer Narcan training and Kits to staff. This is in process.</p>
Objective 2: <i>Expand drug testing program</i>				
Strategy 2.1: <i>Expand use of fentanyl test strips in the community</i>		Estimated Completion	Current (C), Planned (P), Completed (COMP.)	Progress Notes
Action Item #1:	Provide community with education on use of fentanyl test strips and where they are available	Ongoing	C	<p>Public Health Addiction Services Outreach has fentanyl test strips for targeted distribution with clients. Dayton PD has fentanyl test strips for east and west POD to distribute as appropriate.</p>

				Dayton GROW has 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.
Action Item #2:	Target distribution of fentanyl test strips based on community overdose spikes	Ongoing	C	Addiction Services Recovery Outreach, Dayton GROW & Dayton PD are distributing fentanyl test strips, as appropriate.
Objective 3: <i>Expand Syringe Services program</i>				
Strategy 3.1: <i>Increase syringe disposal in public places</i>		Estimated Completion	Current (C), Planned (P), Completed (COMP.)	Progress Notes
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>	October 2021	COMP.	Received co-branded literature from SafeNeedleDisposal.org.
Strategy 3.2: <i>Expand access to syringe services in high-need neighborhoods</i>		Estimated Completion	Current (C), Planned (P), Completed (COMP.)	Progress Notes
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.
Strategy 3.3: Expand harm reduction tools based on CarePoint survey results		Estimated Completion	Current (C), Planned (P), Completed (COMP.)	Progress Notes
Action Item #1:	Complete survey of CarePoint clients and summarize results	December 2021	C	CarePoint continues to survey clients, as appropriate. With COVID-19 safety concerns, this work has been a bit delayed.
Action Item #2:	Explore feasibility of additional harm reduction tools needed based on results	December 2021	P	

4. Education and Information Branch

Objective 1: Increase public awareness of ongoing problem with addiction throughout the community				
Strategy 1.1: Increase general public awareness of addiction to any substance		Estimated Completion	Current (C), Planned (P), Completed (COMP.)	Progress Notes
Action Item #1:	Promote Addiction Policy Forums videos and materials on addiction's impact on the brain	Ongoing	C.	Built into Social Media Toolkit. Hosted enCompass, a training developed by Addiction Policy Forum and inclusive of this content.
Action Item #2:	Host quarterly campaigns promoting voices of those in recovery (ex. bathroom stall advertising campaign)	Ongoing	COMP.	“Addiction Happens but so does Recovery” campaign launched June 2021, promoting recovery and letting the community know that recovery is possible.

Action Item #3:	Develop social media toolkit (encompassing Addiction Policy Forum materials, polysubstance use, resources available, etc.)	October 2021	C	Marketing agency provided draft of social media toolkit language and imagery for review and feedback. Final toolkit anticipated to be available to partners Q1 2022.
Strategy 1.2: Increase general public awareness of resource availability		Estimated Completion	Current (C), Planned (P), Completed (COMP.)	Progress Notes
Action Item #1:	Promote community educational opportunities and trainings to increase awareness of resources available	Ongoing	COMP.	Revised the one-page “COVID Addiction Resource Flyer” to remove COVID-19 references, and to continue using for promotion of critical addiction related resources.
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, anticipated to be complete Q4 2021, with dissemination to partner agencies Q1 2022.
Objective 2: Target drug abuse and addiction education to specific populations				
Strategy 2.1: Increase knowledge of overdose risks among seniors taking opiate medications		Estimated Completion	Current (C), Planned (P), Completed (COMP.)	Progress Notes
Action Item #1:	Partner with Area Agency on Aging and other senior organizations to offer educational opportunities.	May 2021	COMP.	An “Older Adults Medication Safety” educational campaign was completed. The campaign targeted older adults and senior living facilities. Over 500 disposal bags and 4000 brochures were provided to older adult serving organizations.
Action Item #2:	In partnership with Montgomery County Prevention Coalition and Goodwill, distribute safe medication storage and disposal materials to senior groups.	Ongoing	C	Distributed medication disposal pouches as part of Older Adult Medication Safety. Outreach has been completed. Over 500 disposal bags and 4000 brochures were provided to older adult serving organizations.

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				Additionally, MCPC continues Quarterly Distribution Days where pouches, along with educational literature, are distributed to agencies in targeted zip codes.
Strategy 2.2: Increase knowledge of nursing home staff treating those with addiction		Estimated Completion	Current (C), Planned (P), Completed (COMP.)	Progress Notes
Action Item #1:	Conduct environmental scan of existing educational materials and opportunities for nursing home staff	March 2021	COMP.	Worked 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	February 2022	C	Created a template presentation. 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	March 2022	P	
Strategy 2.3: Increase addiction knowledge within faith-based community		Estimated Completion	Current (C), Planned (P), Completed (COMP.)	Progress Notes
Action Item #1:	Conduct environmental scan of existing educational materials and opportunities already present within the faith community	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. 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	October 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	C	Promoting the LOVE Epidemic II – a virtual event hosted by community partners scheduled for November 16, 2021 that

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				<p>will explain trauma’s impact, educate on trauma’s influence, and equip attendees with trauma-informed interventions.</p> <p>Offered the Addiction Policy Forum enCompass training July 22, 2021.</p> <p>Will continue to offer training to those faith partners in need.</p>
Strategy 2.4: Enhance treatment and recovery supports on college campuses.		Estimated Completion	Current (C), Planned (P), Completed (COMP.)	Progress Notes
Action Item #1:	Conduct environmental scan of existing educational materials and opportunities already present within college campuses.	October 2021	COMP.	<p>Partnership with Treatment and Recovery Branch to create a toolkit for college campuses to promote treatment and recovery services.</p> <p>Workgroup actively working on toolkit for local universities based on needs identified.</p>
Action Item #2:	Create a toolkit of resources for college campuses as it relates to addiction and recovery supports.	August 2022	C	<p>Partnership with Treatment and Recovery Branch to create a toolkit for college campuses to promote treatment and recovery services.</p> <p>Workgroup actively working on toolkit for local universities based on needs identified.</p>
Objective 3: Increase number of employers who will employ people in recovery				
Strategy 3.1: Identify employers who will employ people with a criminal history		Estimated Completion	Current (C), Planned (P), Completed (COMP.)	Progress Notes
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	COMP.	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.	December 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.
Strategy 3.2: Support employers who will hire people in recovery		Estimated Completion	Current (C), Planned (P), Completed (COMP.)	Progress Notes
Action Item #1:	Promote ADAMHS workplace programming to support current employers (Bureau of Workers Compensation program), including drug-free workplace policies.	Ongoing	C	<p>Will be providing information to community partners on an upcoming TA Clinic scheduled for November 15-16. Montgomery County ADAMHS, through its Wellness at Work initiative, is offering a 6-hour TA clinic (split into 2 session) to provide area employers with the education and tools to review their existing drug-free workplace efforts against best-practice strategies.</p> <p>“Employer Perspectives on Hiring & Retaining People in Recovery” was hosted by Dayton Area Recruiters Association and Montgomery County ADAMHS on March 18, 2021.</p> <p>BWC programming continues to be promoted.</p>
Action Item #2:	Educate employers on benefits of hiring people with SUD (ex. Educate on Ohio’s Work Opportunity Tax Credit through ODJFS).	Ongoing	C	
Action Item #3:	Provide outreach to businesses to help them understand addiction, specifically with local data.	December 2020 / October 2021	COMP.	<p>UPDATE: One-page data snapshot was updated with 2020 data.</p> <p>Created a one-page data snapshot for employers to</p>

				better understand the impact addiction has on Montgomery County.
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5. Response Branch

Objective 1: <i>Expand Impact of QRTs to beyond opioids</i>				
Strategy 1.1: <i>Improve monitoring systems</i>		Estimated Completion	Current (C), Planned (P), Completed (COMP.)	Progress Notes
Action Item #1:	Improve tracking metrics with QRTs	Ongoing	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	Overdose text alert system is being built by Ascend Innovations. The text alert system will be used for the public when we are seeing an increase in overdoses in the community. Goal to launch in Q1 2022. EpiCenter is the surveillance system for hospital data at Ohio Department of Health. We will also utilize ODMAP once additional agencies onboard to help inform OD spikes.
Action Item #4:	Increase coordination between law enforcement, GROW teams, and treatment providers	Ongoing	C	Connected Montgomery County Prevention Coalition with Montgomery County Drug-Free Coalition to collaborate on Quarterly Distribution Days and GROW Blitzes.

Strategy 1.2: Combine QRT into a countywide team working with those struggling with SUD		Estimated Completion	Current (C), Planned (P), Completed (COMP.)	Progress Notes
Action Item #1:	Connect individuals with alcohol related ailments (OVI crash, alcohol poisoning) with QRTs	December 2021	P	Will look at this enhancement in 2022.
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. Final draft of foldable business cards to be used for overdose follow-up complete.
Objective 2: Expand drug take back program				
Strategy 2.1: Expand drug take back program to underserved communities		Estimated Completion	Current (C), Planned (P), Completed (COMP.)	Progress Notes
Action Item #1:	Partner with MCPC to expand program	November 2021	C	Looking at opportunities for mobile take back, or a “take back to the people” concept. Due to COVID-19, this concept is on hold. MCPC supported DEA Take Back Day on October 23, 2021 at Goodwill Easterseals. Overdose prevention literature was provided for attendees of the event.
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	COMP.	Supported the October & April 2021 DEA Drug Take Back Day events.
Objective 3: Decrease the number of African American overdoses				

Strategy 3.1: Provide greater outreach to minority communities		Estimated Completion	Current (C), Planned (P), Completed (COMP.)	Progress Notes
Action Item #1:	Educate African Americans about available harm reduction services	Ongoing	C	COAT Harm Reduction Branch has harm reduction tip cards available. Current cards include fentanyl, excessive alcohol use, benzodiazepines, methamphetamine and cocaine. Finalizing a marijuana harm reduction tip card. 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.
Objective 4: Ensure community preparedness for OD spikes				
Strategy 4.1: Implement community response plan for overdose spikes		Estimated Completion	Current (C), Planned (P), Completed (COMP.)	Progress Notes
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	Members are currently completing annual evaluation of the plan and will make any necessary revisions and/or additions.

6. Criminal Justice Branch

Objective 1: Reduce number of people with SUD in system				
Strategy 1.1: Increase awareness and education of House Bill 110		Estimated Completion	Current (C), Planned (P), Completed (COMP.)	Progress Notes
Action Item #1:	<p>Re-educate law enforcement agencies on House Bill 110. *</p> <p><i>*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.</i></p>	July 2021	COMP.	<p>Public Defenders' Office is working on a one-page FAQ related to House Bill 110 program.</p> <p>Created video on the Freedom From Drug Conviction Program, available to all community partners for use. Video was also added to Public Health YouTube page for ease of access.</p> <p>Developed educational postcards for the Freedom From Drug Conviction Program through the Public Defender's Office.</p>
Action Item #2:	Educate the community on House Bill 110.	July 2021	COMP.	See above.
Strategy 1.3: Explore additional opportunities to improve continuity of care for those involved in the criminal justice system.		Estimated Completion	Current (C), Planned (P), Completed (COMP.)	Progress Notes
Action Item #1	Collaborate with CareSource on their population health dashboard to inform/support improved system alignment.	Ongoing	C	CareSource team provided branch with an overview of population health dashboard and will continue providing updates as appropriate.
Action Item #2	Explore ways that individuals involved in the criminal justice system can be linked to a certified peer supporter.	Ongoing	C	Outlined all criminal justice partners in our community and which agency they work with (if any) to connect those struggling with

				addiction to peer support services. For those without peer support connections, we will provide education on benefit of peer support, and then work to connect them with a local peer-staffed team.
Strategy 1.3: Advocate for single model streamlining court ordered assessment referral process to minimize duplication of services.		Estimated Completion	Current (C), Planned (P), Completed (COMP.)	Progress Notes
Action Item #1	Convene subcommittee to investigate possibility of establishing a single assessment process for the courts. *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.	December 2021	C	
Action item #2	Research states and/or communities that have already done this.	December 2021	C	
Objective 2: Increase the number of community members trained in crisis intervention				
Strategy 2.1: Increase training and education of community members when it comes to meth-induced psychosis		Estimated Completion	Current (C), Planned (P), Completed (COMP.)	Progress Notes
Action Item #1:	Implement trainings for first responders (those in the field) with SMEs that talk specifically about meth induced psychosis	June 2021	COMP.	Hosted a meth-induced psychosis training for various segments of our first responder, criminal justice, and behavioral health professional population on May 28, 2021.
Action Item #2:	Implement trainings for licensed behavioral health professionals	June 2021	COMP.	See update under action item #1.

	with SMEs that talk specifically about meth induced psychosis			
Action Item #3:	Implement trainings for dispatchers with SMEs that talk specifically about meth induced psychosis	June 2021	COMP.	See update under action item #1.
Action Item #4:	Implement trainings for medical staff (specifically EDs) with SMEs that talk specifically about meth induced psychosis	June 2021	COMP.	See update under action item #1.
Action Item #5:	Implement trainings for certified peer supporters with SMEs that talk specifically about meth induced psychosis	June 2021	COMP.	See update under action item #1.

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 Poisoning Death Review Report and OFR Addendum
- 2020 COAT Data Unit Annual Report
- 2020 6-Month Data Unit 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 or by calling 225-6026.