

Opioid Strategy and Implementation of Opioid Settlements

Expanding Michigan's leadership in reducing overdoses

Natasha Bagdasarian, M.D., MPH, FIDSA; Chief Medical Executive

Jared Welehodsky, J.D.; Office of Chief Medical Executive



- **Michigan has been a leader nationally in our approach to opioids.**
 - Harm reduction programs (e.g., naloxone). This was highlighted in a recent state roadmap developed by the National Governors Association.
 - Treatment access and number of providers.
 - Dollars being spent from the opioid settlements.
- **Nationally the opioid crisis worsened during the pandemic.**
 - Michigan overperformed the national trend for overdose (OD) deaths during this time.
 - In 2022, national OD deaths increased, while provisional 2022 estimates suggest Michigan OD deaths decreased.
 - Michigan has gone from having one of the highest rates of overdose to a rate below the national average in five years.
- **BUT there is still work to be done:**
 - **Racial disparities** in OD deaths have widened nationally/in Michigan.
 - **New substances** continue to emerge and cause harm.

Long-Term Strategic Plan



\$1.5 billion over 18 years

Short-term investment – Bulk of the settlements

Long-term investment

Local – 50%

State – 50%

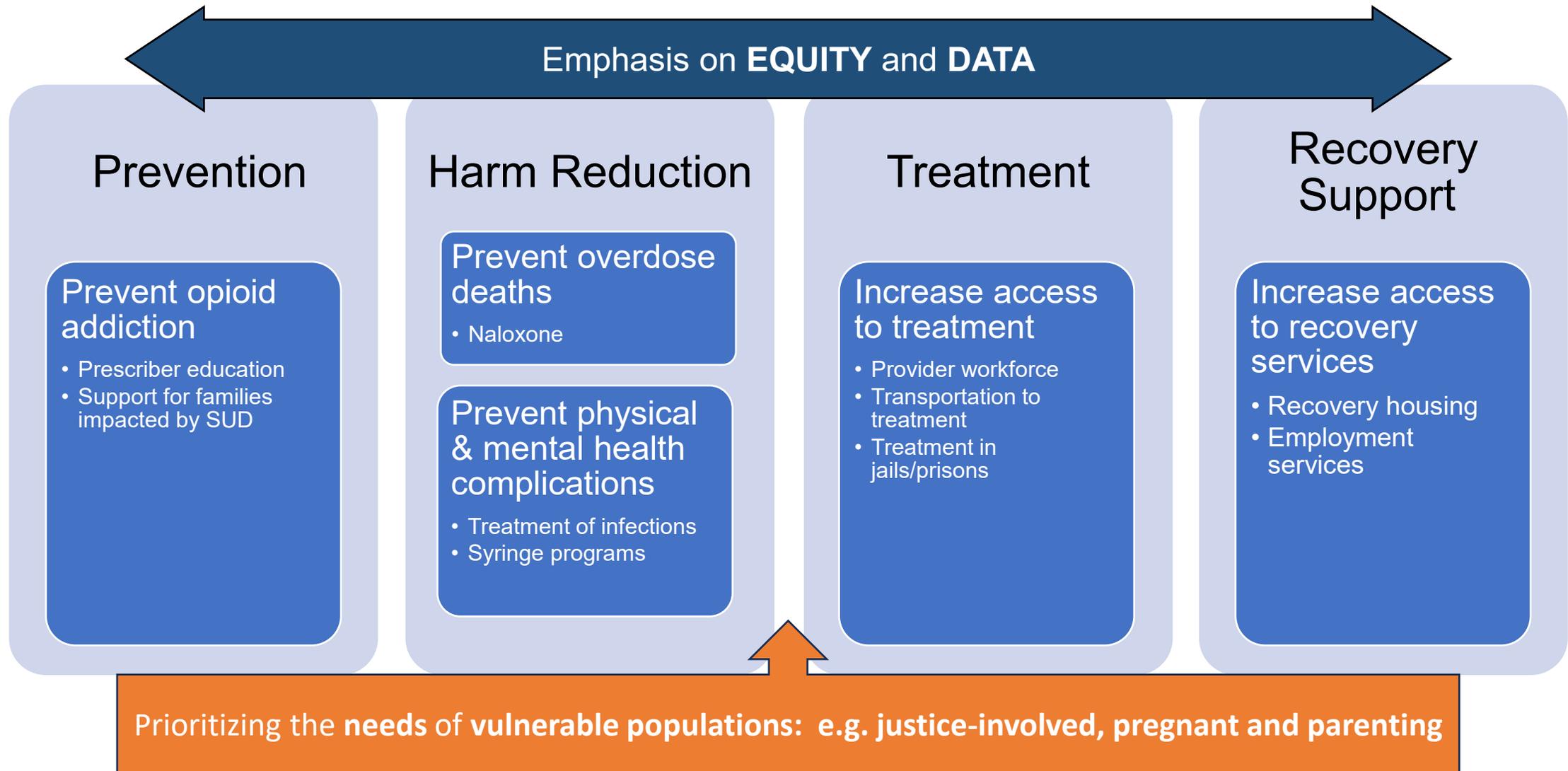
To be used post-2040

If we do nothing, where will be in 18 years?

- Substance Use Disorder (SUD) will continue to be a problem across our country. A **long-term strategy** is needed.
- There will be new drugs. We need flexible funding and the ability to **pivot rapidly**.

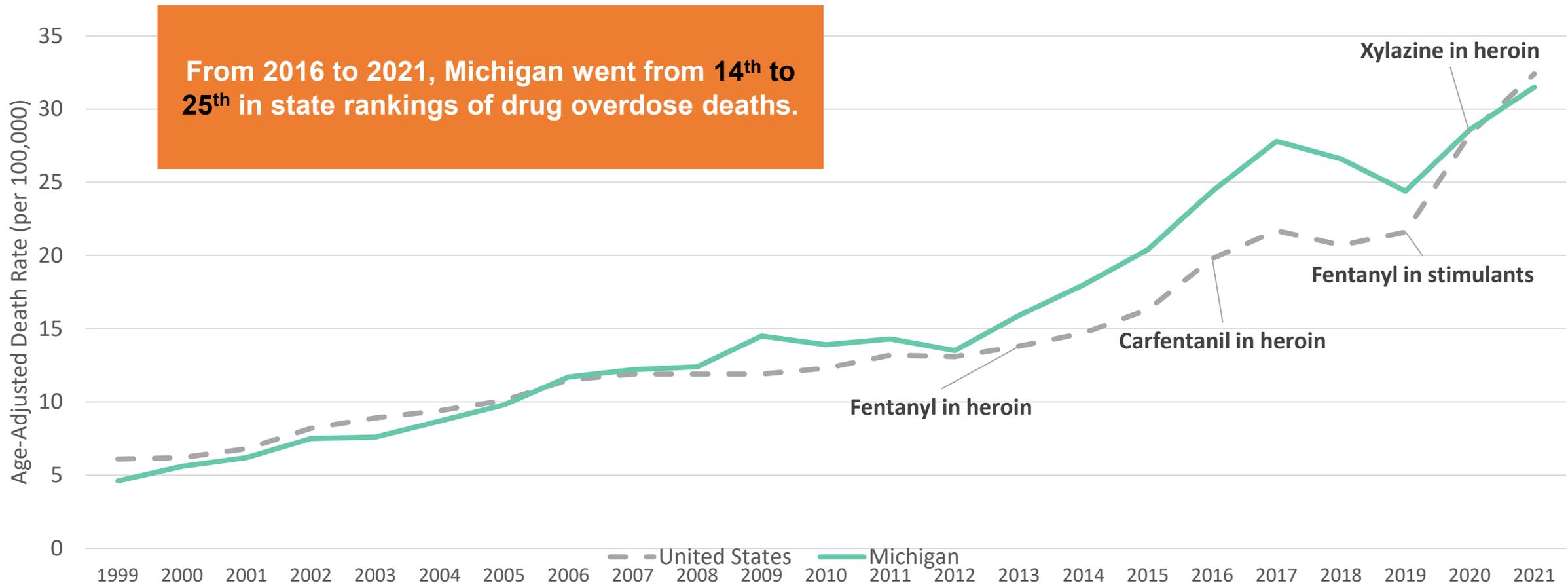
Our goal: Continue Michigan's progress from having one of the highest rates of overdose to one of the lowest.

Opioid Response Framework



Age-Adjusted Death Rate, All Drug Overdoses, Michigan and the United States

Age-Adjusted Death Rate, All Drug Overdoses,
Michigan and the United States

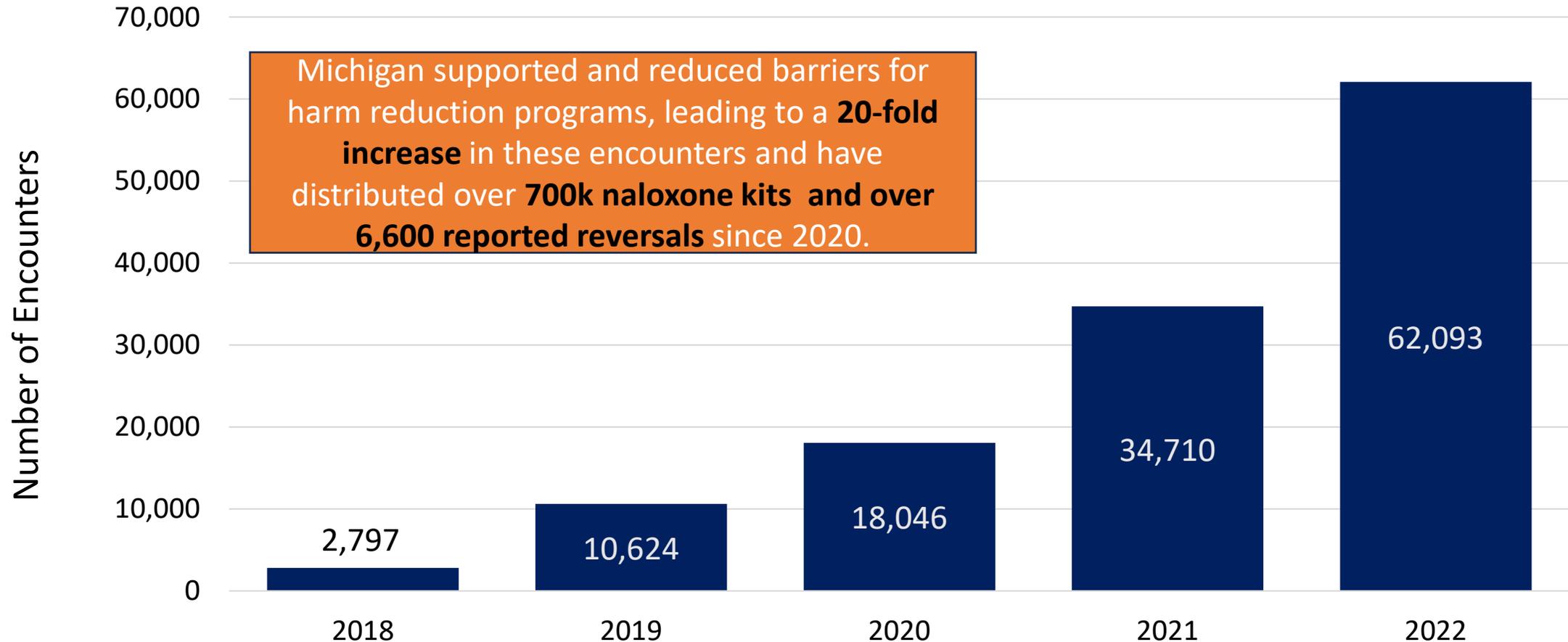


From 2016 to 2021, Michigan went from 14th to 25th in state rankings of drug overdose deaths.

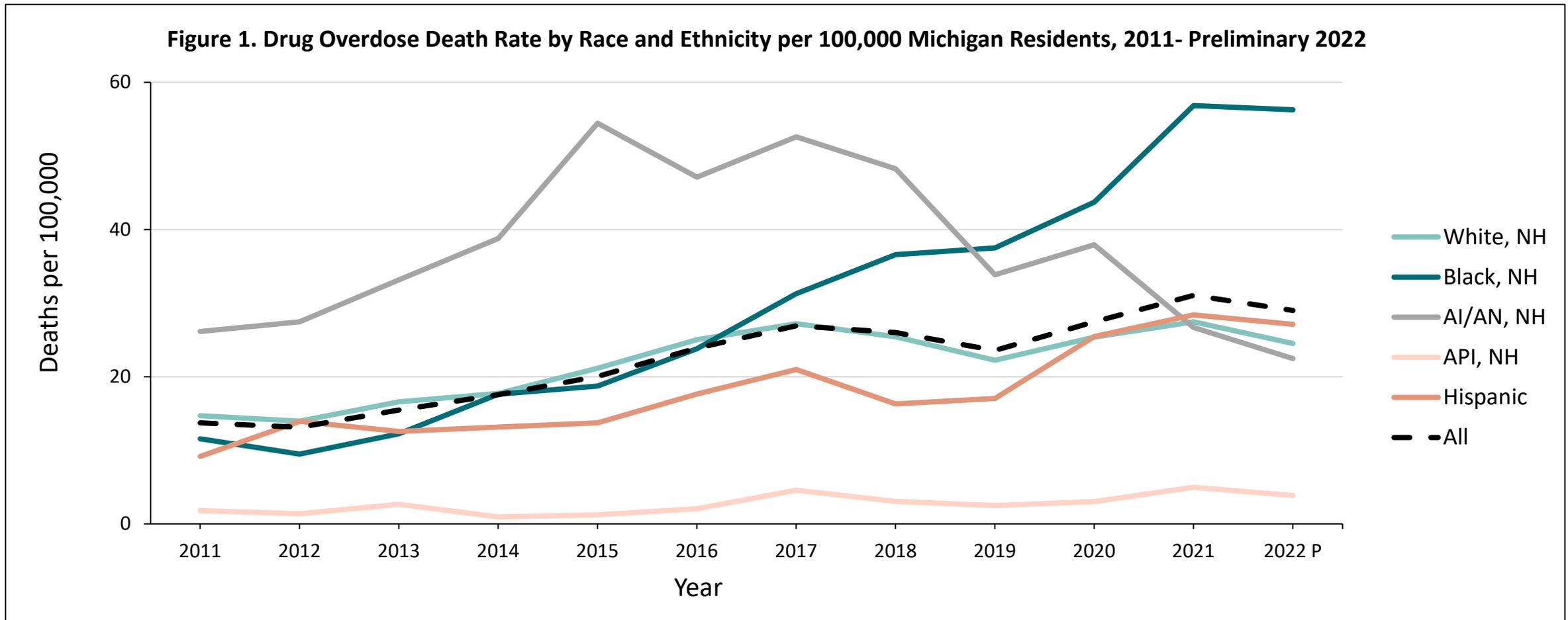
Source: kff.org/opioid-overdose-death-rates.

Harm Reduction Impacts

Syringe Service Program Encounters, 2018-2022



Overdose Deaths: Racial Disparities Have Increased



Source: 2011-2021 Mortality: Finalized Michigan Resident Death files, Office of Vital Records and Health Statistics, MDHHS.

2022 P: Provisional Michigan Resident Death files, Office of Vital Records and Health Statistics, MDHHS, provided for the MiVDRS and SUDORS projects.

Michigan's Breakdown of Opioid Settlements



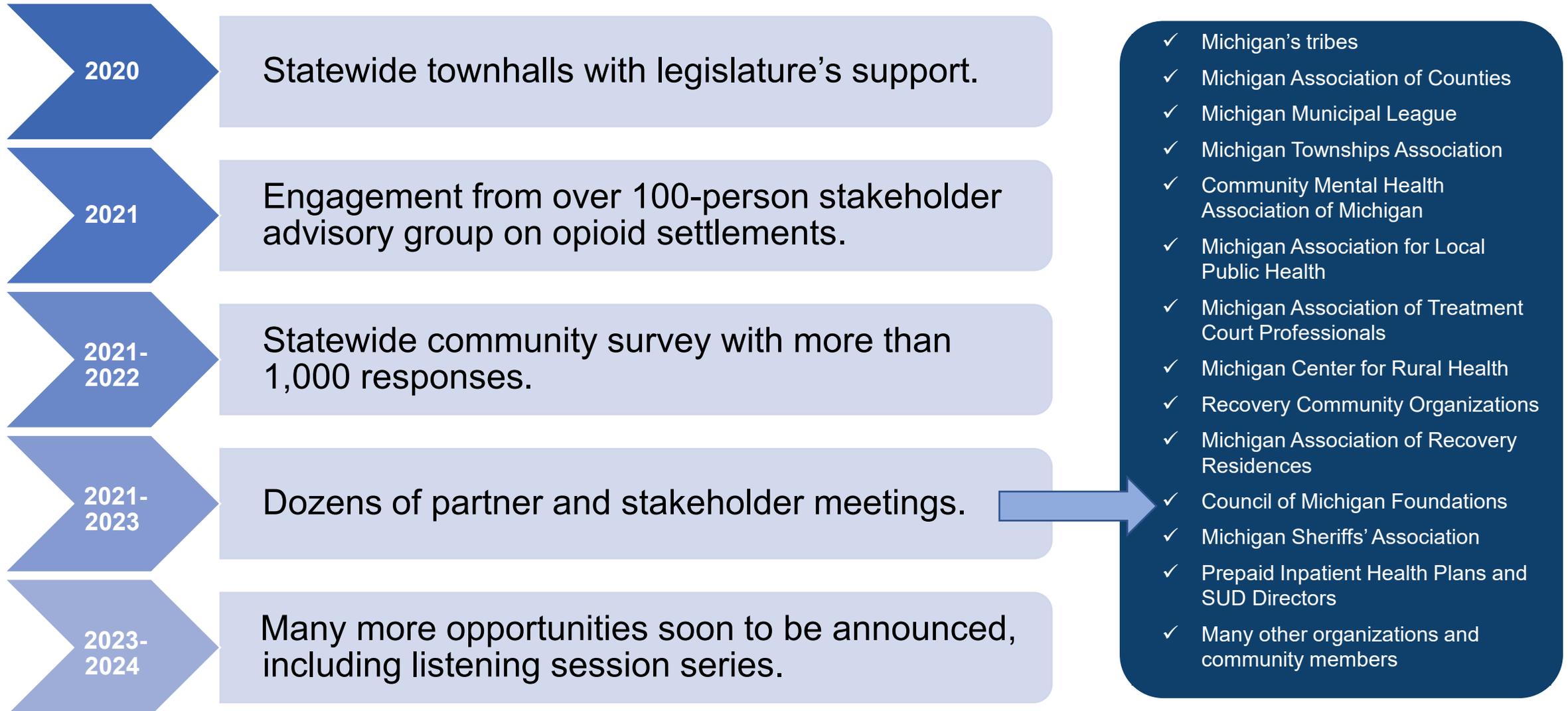
Current Settlements

- ✓ McKinsey – \$19.5 million received by the State of Michigan.
- ✓ Cardinal, McKesson, and AmerisourceBergen (Distributors) and Janssen - \$776 million over 18 years, split 50/50 state and local.
- ✓ Additional settlements in the future.

Settlement	Year 1 Local Government Share	Year 1 State Share
Distributors (Cardinal, McKesson, and AmerisourceBergen)	\$13,482,437.84	\$13,457,661.78
Johnson & Johnson* (Janssen)	\$53,976,185.46	\$54,638,181.13
TOTALS	Year 1 Local Government Total: \$67,458,623.20	Year 1 State Total: \$68,095,842.80

**Johnson & Johnson Year 1 payment included the first four years of payments up front.*

Spend Plan Development: Community Engagement Efforts



Spend Plan Development: 2021-2022 Opioid Settlements Prioritization Survey



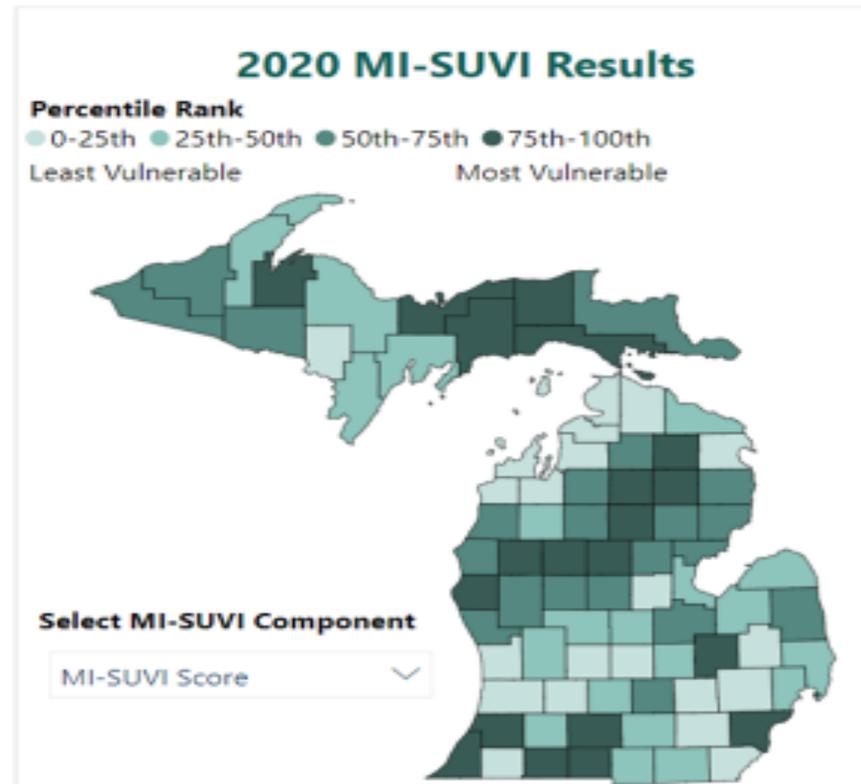
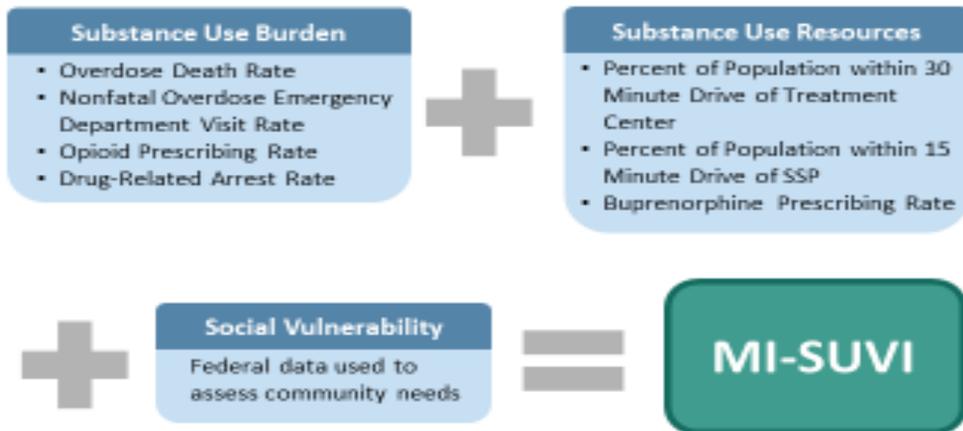
Between October 2021 and January 2022, over 1,000 respondents across Michigan completed a survey of priorities for opioid settlements.

Survey respondents identified three top priorities for opioid settlements spending:



1. **Recovery support services** including peer support specialists and wraparound services for individuals with substance use disorder and co-occurring mental health diagnoses.
2. **Prevention programming** including training and education, media campaigns and drug disposal programs.
3. **Expanding access to medications that effectively treat opioid use disorder (MOUD)** and other opioid-related treatment.

Spend Plan Development: Substance Use Vulnerability Index



Data Review:
Substance Use Vulnerability Index

Opioid Settlements Spend Plan Development

Community feedback was solicited on the opioid strategy and spending plan.



2020-2022

Spring 2022

MDHHS internal consensus on opioid strategy and spend plan.



Legislature approved funding.



July 2022

First payment received by State of Michigan from the distributors.



December 2022

First payment received by State of Michigan from Janssen, and spending begins.



January 2023

Opioid Settlements FY23 Spend Plan Initiatives (\$39 million)



Prevention

FY23: \$4.5 million

- Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) initiatives.
- Quick Response Teams.
- Community coalitions training.

Harm Reduction

FY23: \$8.5 million

- Naloxone Portal.
- Syringe Service Program operations.

Treatment

FY23: \$9.1 million

- Staffing incentives.
- Infrastructure grants.
- Expanding capacity to treat stimulant and polysubstance use.

Recovery

FY23: \$7.6 million

- Recovery Community Organizations.
- Recovery housing.
- Other recovery supports.

Prioritizing the Needs of Vulnerable Groups

FY23: \$9.3 million

- Medications for opioid use disorder in prisons and jails.
- Overdose surveillance system improvements, maintenance and rapid toxicology from medical examiners.
- High-touch, high-tech screening expansion for pregnant individuals.
- Rooming-In for infants born with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS).
- Technical assistance to local governments on best practices.
- Projects related to opioids task force Racial Equity Workgroup.

**First payments arrived December 2022.
Money distributed starting January 2023.**

Opioid Settlements FY24 Spend Plan Initiatives (\$41.2 million)



Prevention \$2.3 million

- Quick Response Teams.
- Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) initiatives.
- Overdose fatality reviews.
- Community coalitions trainings.
- Prevention request for proposal (RFP) for innovative services.

Treatment \$9.8 million

- Transportation support.
- Expanding capacity to treat stimulant and polysubstance use.
- Emergency Dept. MOUD access.
- Treatment RFP for high need locations.
- Continued infrastructure, workforce support.

Harm Reduction \$9 million

- Naloxone Portal.
- Syringe Service Program operations.

Recovery \$5.2 million

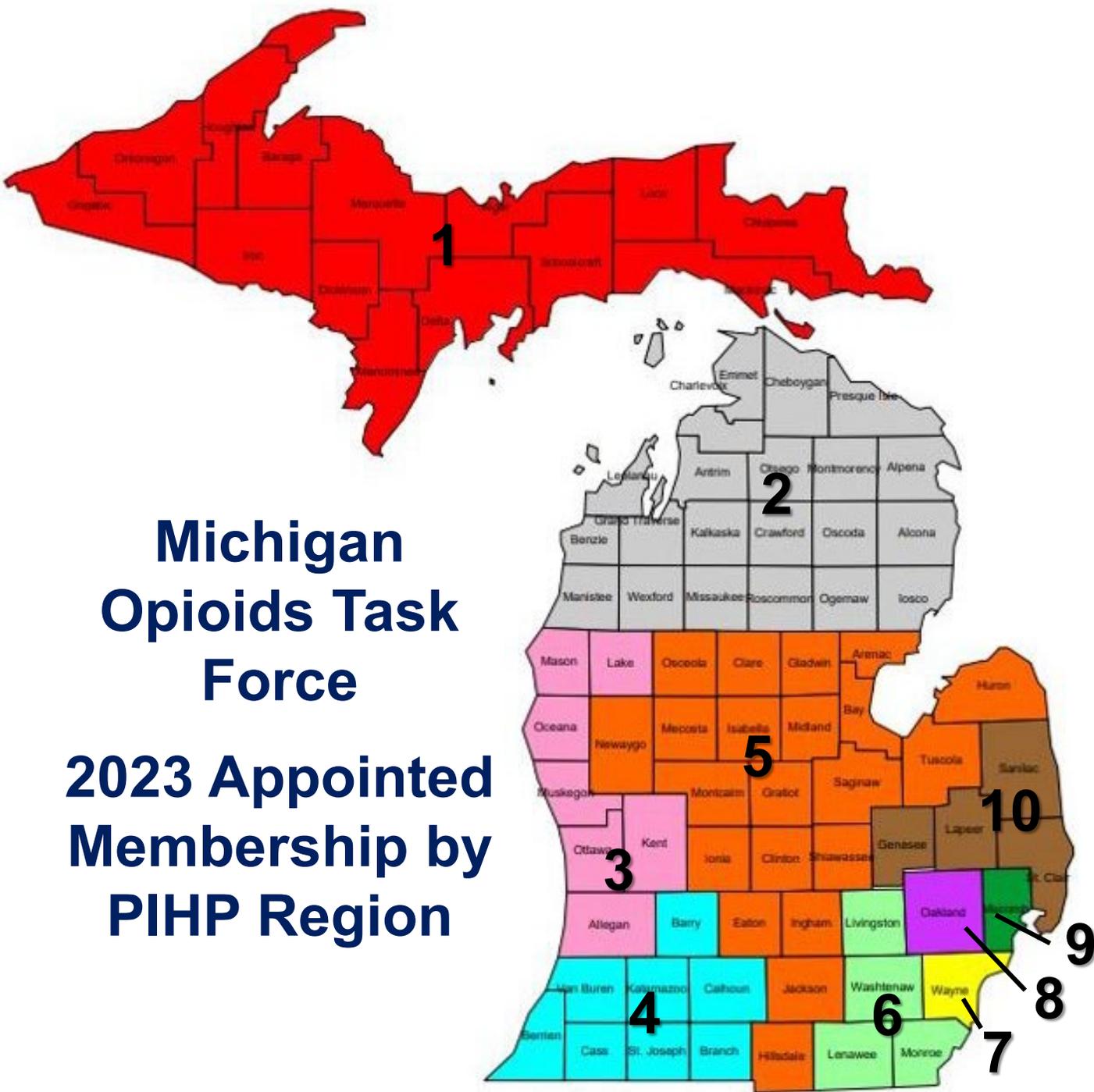
- Recovery housing.
- Recovery Community Organizations.
- Recovery RFP for additional supports.

Prioritizing Vulnerable Populations \$10.4 million

- Opioid Task Force Racial Equity Workgroup projects.
- MOUD in prisons/jails and criminal justice supports.
- Peer supports and programs for families engaged with Children's Services.
- Expansion of screenings for pregnant individuals and Rooming In for infants born with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS).

Maximizing Impact \$4.5 million

- Incentives for local governments.
- Training & technical assistance for local governments.
- Evaluation.
- Overdose surveillance improvements/maintenance.
- Communications.
- Administration.



Michigan Opioids Task Force

2023 Appointed Membership by PIHP Region

- 1 Northcare Network**
Greg Toutant, Great Lakes Recovery Centers, Inc.
- 2 Northern MI Regional Entity**
Sue Winter, Northern MI Substance Abuse Services
- 3 Lakeshore Regional Entity**
Stephen Alsum, The Grand Rapids Red Project
- 4 Southwest MI Behavioral Health**
Bradley Casemore, Southwest MI Behavioral Health
- 5 Mid-State Health Network**
Sam Price, Ten16 Recovery Network
- 6 CMH Partnership of Southeast MI**
Amanda Scott, Detroit Recovery Project
- 7 Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network**
Darlene Owens, Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries
- 8 Oakland Community Mental Health Network**
Kristie Schmiede, National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence – Greater Detroit
- 9 Macomb County Mental Health Services**
Helen Klingert, Macomb County CMH
- 10 Region 10 PIHP**
Kimberly Shewmaker, Flint Odyssey House, Inc.

Opioids Settlement Website



www.michigan.gov/opioids/opioidsettlements content includes:

- Overview and status of settlements.
- Resources to support implementation of local opioid abatement strategies.
- Allowable uses for funds and resources to aid in creation of strategies and spend plans.
- A request form for accessing no-cost technical assistance for local governments.
- A detailed description of state opioid abatement investments.
- Program monitoring and evaluation dashboard for state initiatives.
- Information on equity specific investments and equity considerations in all investments.
- Contact information, including a link to a settlement-specific inbox at: MDHHS-opioidsettlementhelp@michigan.gov.

www.michigan.gov/opioids/opioidsettlements

Support to Local Governments

The Michigan Opioid Settlements Technical Assistance Collaborative

- ✓ MDHHS has contracted with Michigan State University, the University of Michigan, and Wayne State University to provide technical assistance to local governments to ensure they have resources available to make the most impactful investment decisions for opioid settlements for their communities.
- ✓ Together with MDHHS, the universities have formed the Technical Assistance Collaborative (TAC) to share information with local governments regarding best practices for opioid-related issues.
- ✓ The TAC provides individualized technical assistance to counties requesting it, as well as educational webinars and resources that are available to all local governments across Michigan.



Technical Assistance Collaborative (TAC)



Individualized Technical Assistance

- Local governments can submit technical assistance (TA) request forms that are referred to TAC for engagement and consultation.
- As of October, TAC is engaged with 21 counties across Michigan that have requested TA for their communities.
- TA requests have focused primarily on guidance for conducting community needs assessments and support for evaluation.



Informational Webinars

- Local governments are invited to monthly TAC webinars that provide education on settlement-specific topics, including evidence-based opioid abatement efforts, such as settlement agreement overview & compliance, determining local needs and assets through engaged community assessments, and treating opioid use disorder in jails.



Resources

- TAC links local governments to virtual resources on evidence-based opioid abatement strategies and is currently developing additional content to share.
- Virtual resources are also accessible to community stakeholders providing advocacy or are involved in community planning efforts.



Community Presentations

- MDHHS has provided numerous presentations to stakeholders across Michigan to provide an overview of settlement-related efforts and network with local communities to connect them to information and resources.

Questions?



MDHHS Contact Information

Chardaé Burton

Director of Legislative Affairs

(517) 243-3221

BurtonC5@michigan.gov