# The Impact of the Opioid Crisis in Howard County

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## I. Defining the Problem

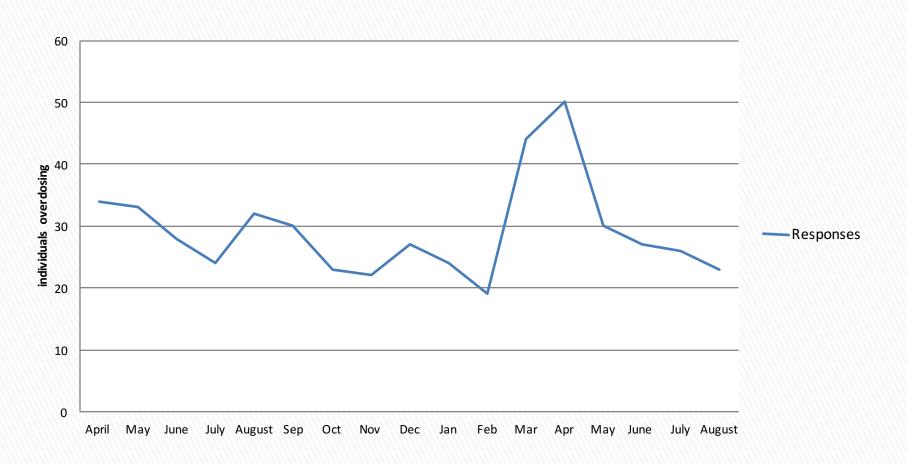


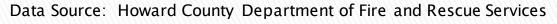
#### **National Statistics**

- 60% of drug overdose deaths involve an opioid
- The number of opioid deaths has quadrupled since 1999
- 91 people die every day from an opioid overdose
- Prescription opioid sales have quadrupled since 1999



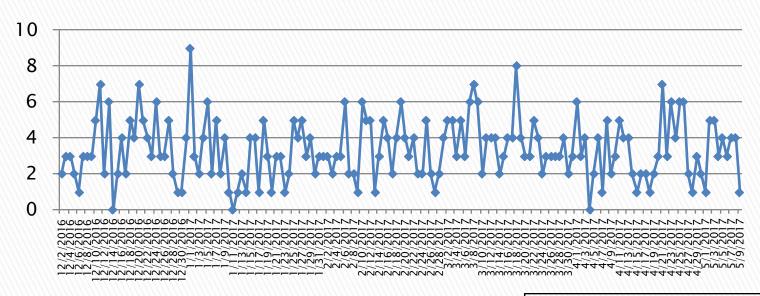
#### Howard County EMS Overdose Responses April 2016 – August 2017







## Substance Use-Related Emergency Room Visits Howard County Residents, 12/2/16 - 5/9/17

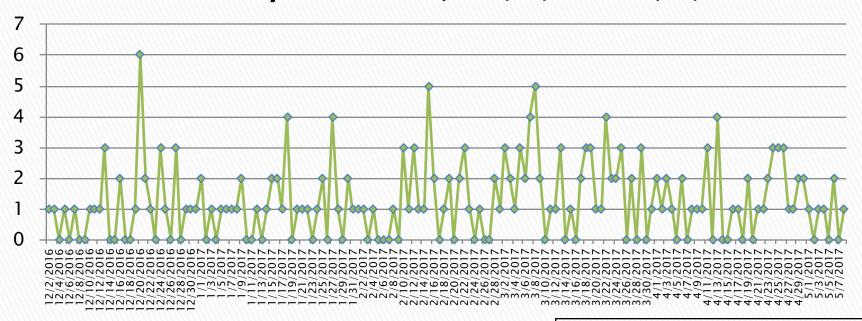


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N=534 Howard County General (58%) St. Agnes (6.6%) Johns Hopkins – Bayview (3%) Johns Hopkins Hospital (2.8%) Laurel Regional (2.6%)



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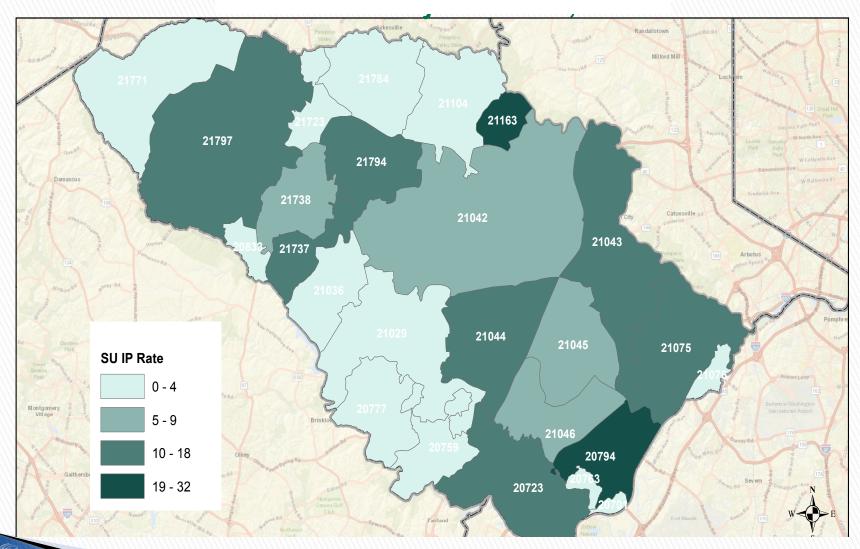


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N=201 Howard County General (57%) St. Agnes (8.5%) Johns Hopkins – Bayview (6.5%) Baltimore Washington Med Ctr (5.5%)



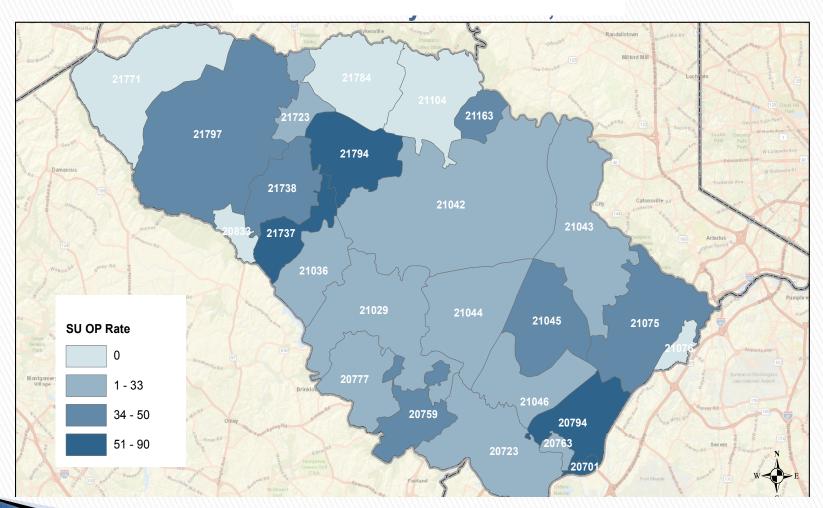
#### SUD Inpatient Admissions 2015





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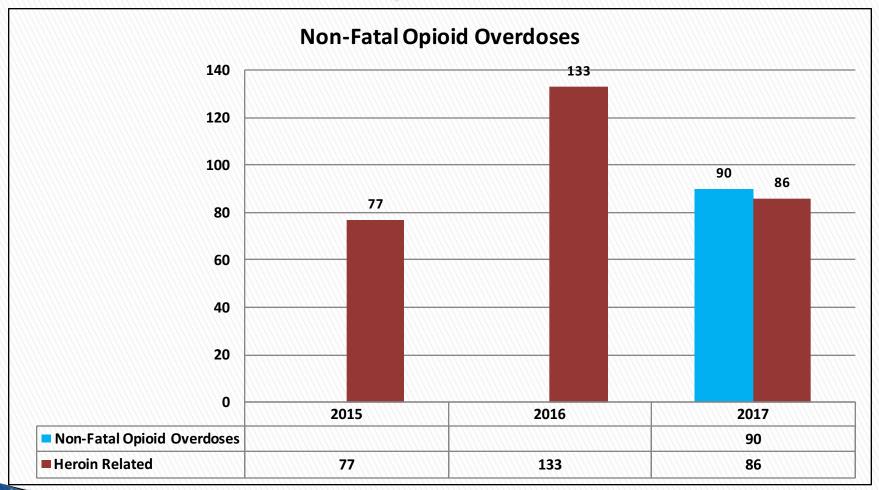
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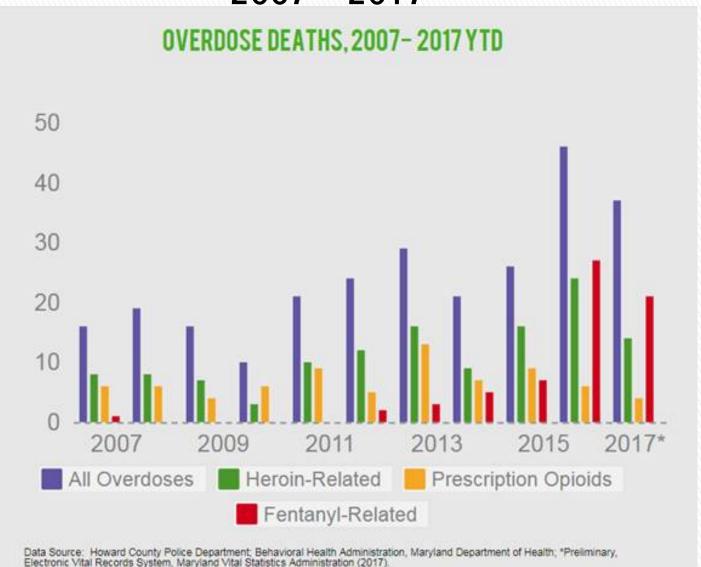
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### Howard County Non-Fatal Opioid Overdoses, 2015 – 2017



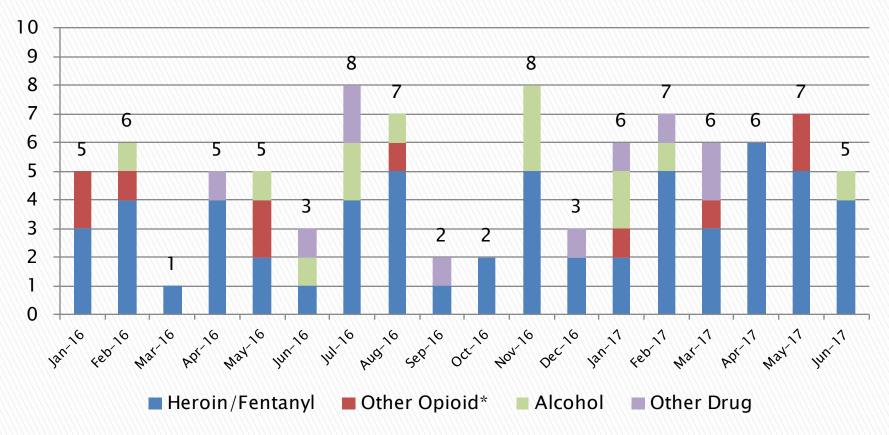


## Howard County SUD-Related Deaths 2007 - 2017





## Howard County Overdose Fatalities by Substance Involved, Jan 2016 - Jun 2017

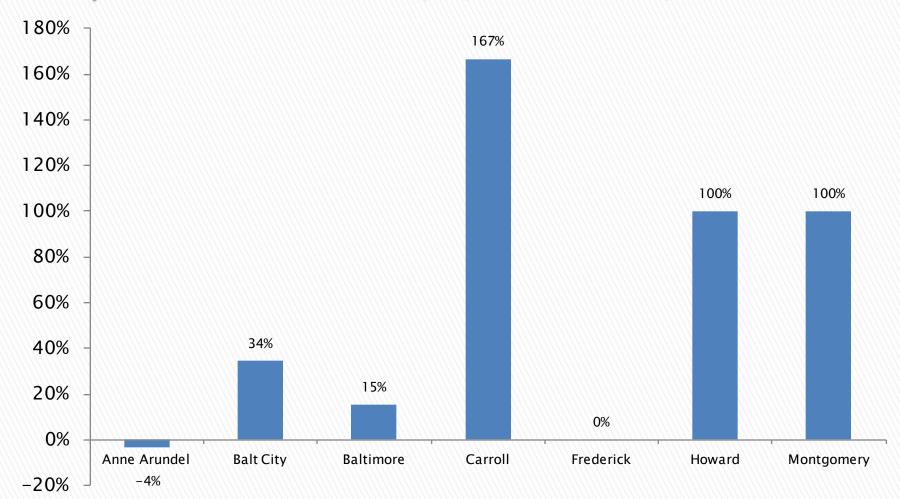


Data Source: Electronic Vital Records System (EVRS), Maryland Vital Statistics Administration. ^Occurred in Howard County.

\*includes methadone, morphine, oxycodone, hydrocodone, hydromorphone.



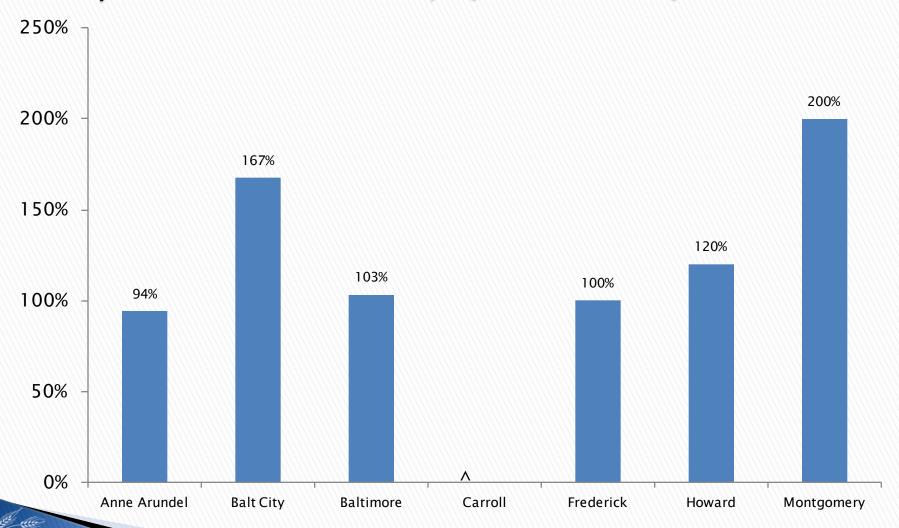
#### Percent Change in Heroin–Related Deaths by Place of Occurrence, Qtr1 2016 – Qtr1 2017

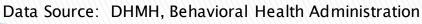




Data Source: DHMH, Behavioral Health Administration

#### Percent Change in Fentanyl-Related Deaths by Place of Occurrence, Qtr1 2016 - Qtr1 2017





**Howard County** 

Health Department

# Howard County Overdose Fatality Data, 2016

- 57 individuals\* died from drug/alcohol OD
- 25% of residents died outside of HC
- 29% of individuals who died in HC were residents of other counties
- 27% had at least 1 interaction with HCDFRS
- ▶ 61% fentanyl related



## Howard County Overdose Demographic Data, 2017

- Age range: 19 75 years
- Mean age: 45 years
- ▶ 80% white
- > 70% males
- 21/24 zip codes represented
  - Highest prevalence in 21075, 21044, 21042

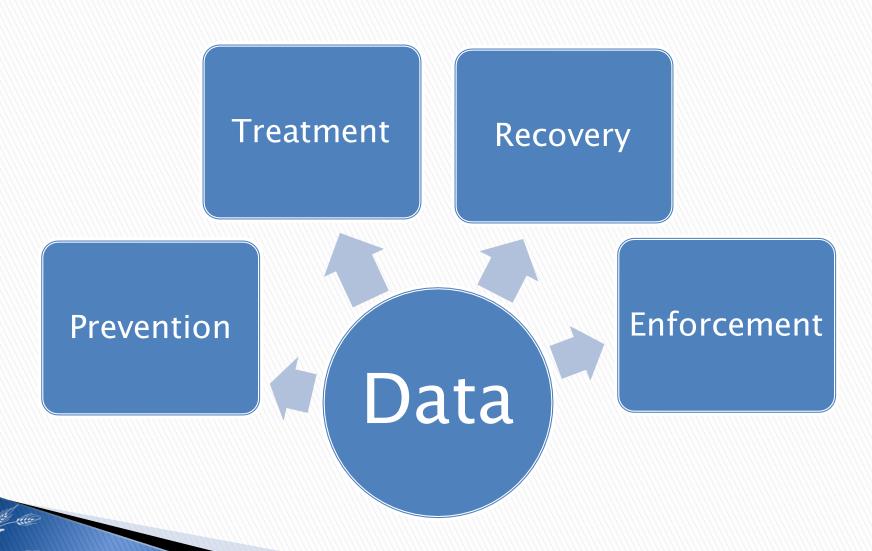
Data Source: Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue Services



## II. Howard County's Response



### Policy and Program Formation



Health Department

#### Response Strategy

#### Prevention

- Awareness
- Public Education
- Prescriber Monitoring
- Drug Disposal



- Crisis Services
- Naloxone
- Expansion (detox and residential), Outpatient, Detention Center

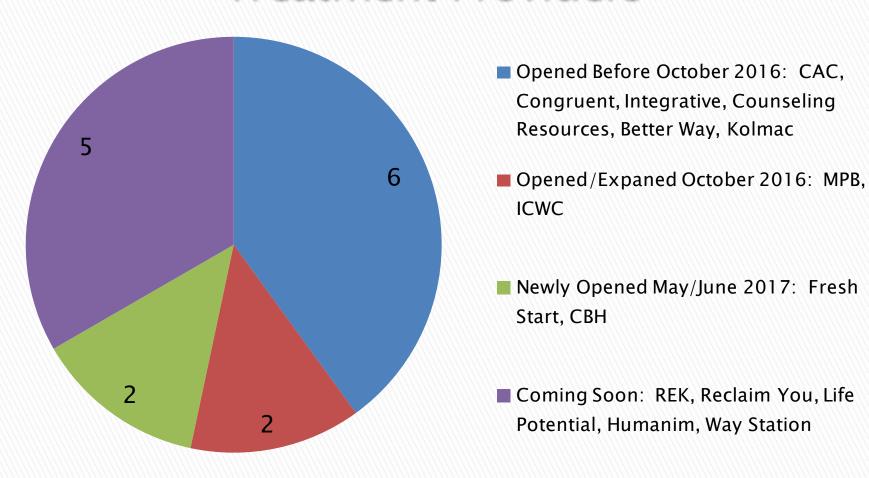


#### **Recovery Support**

- Peer Support Counselors
- Drug Court
- Supportive Housing,Employment and Education



## Howard County Outpatient SUD Treatment Providers





### Question & Answer

