An Update on the Opioid Overdose Emergency and Response

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Presentation overview

• Share the latest figures on the impact of this crisis, provincially, VCH and Richmond
• Provide an update on actions, focus on Richmond
Drug overdose deaths in BC 1991-2017

Overdose deaths in BC, 2017

- There were 1,422 suspected drug overdose deaths in 2017. This is a 43% increase from 2016 (933).
- Men account for 82% of fatalities.
- Ninety percent of individuals are ages 19-59 years.
- Location: 88% of deaths occurred inside (60% within a private residence, and 28% other residences)
- Fentanyl was detected in 67% of deaths in 2016 and 81% of deaths in 2017.
- There were no deaths at supervised consumption sites or overdose prevention sites.

Impact of Fentanyl

Overdose deaths by month, VCH

Illicit Drug Overdose Deaths by Month, Vancouver Coastal Health

- Deaths
- Historical Average
- Upper Band of 95% CI

Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec
2016: 10 | 12 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 30 | 28 | 22 | 18 | 15 | 10 | 8
2017: 20 | 25 | 30 | 35 | 40 | 45 | 50 | 48 | 42 | 38 | 34 | 30

Analysis prepared by VCH Public Health Surveillance Unit
### OD deaths by health service delivery area

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<td>VCH Overall</td>
<td>95</td>
<td>119</td>
<td>157</td>
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Response
New provincial response structure

• Announced Dec. 1, 2017 by Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, Judy Darcy
• Overdose emergency operation centre located at Vancouver General Hospital
• Builds on work to date and addresses gaps
• Led by the Ministry for Mental Health and Addictions in partnership with Health, Public Safety and Social ministries
• Strong focus on local, action-oriented, rapid response
• New investment in HA response: $15M (17-18), $18.9M (18-19, and 19-20)
Regional response teams

Mandate:
• Develop & lead regional implementation plans to ensure comprehensive response
• Actively monitor community overdose indicators & support community actions
• Develop Community Action Teams in priority communities (Powell River, Richmond, Vancouver)
• Share the latest figures on the impact of this crisis, provincially, VCH & Richmond
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• Chris VanVeen, Caitlin Etherington, Dr. Reka Gustafson, Dr. Mark Lysyshyn
Community action teams

- Established in communities with most urgent need
- Ensure high level of local coordination and communication amongst community stakeholders
- Membership to include reps from: Municipality, First responders, Front-line community agencies, Divisions of Family Practice, lived experience/family groups, First Nations communities and First Nations Health Authority
- Work with Health Authorities, other government agencies to access community-level data to guide decision-making
- Escalate priority issues to Regional & Provincial levels
- $3M Community Crisis Innovation Fund with grants up to $100,000 per community action team
## Actions in Richmond community

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<td>Fall 2016</td>
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<td>Public overdose forum at Richmond High School</td>
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<td>Service providers forum hosted by VCH to understand priority needs</td>
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<td>Fall 2017</td>
<td>Service providers forum hosted by VCH and Richmond Addictions Services Society</td>
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<td>Fall 2017-Spring 2018</td>
<td>Overdose Prevention and Education Network grant facilitated community engagement, needs assessment and public and service providers forums</td>
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What we heard from the community in 2018
## Actions by VCH-Richmond

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| **Naloxone**                                     | • Expansion of THN availability to 7 sites*  
|                                                  | • 2550 kits distributed in 2017                                                                                                                                                                      |
| **Overdose Prevention Service**                  | • Need for safe consumption service and drug testing identified                                                                                                                                         |
| **Acute Overdose Risk Management**               | • Review of overdose care to identify quality opportunities  
|                                                  | • Provide outreach to high risk individuals and those who leave hospital without a connection to community services                                                                                   |
| **Treatment and Recovery**                       | • Same day access to care at Anne Vogel Clinic, ED  
|                                                  | • After hours care being expanded  
|                                                  | • Treatment options also being expanded  
|                                                  | • Strengthen collaboration with community physicians to offer oral Opioid Agonist Treatment                                                                                                          |
| **Coordination of care with community partners** | • Richmond Community Action Team about to be created                                                                                                                                                  |
Anti-Stigma Campaign

- Launched Jan. 29 by Minister Darcy, Kirk McLean
- [www.StopOverdoseBC.ca](http://www.StopOverdoseBC.ca)
- Featured at all Canucks home games
Thank you

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