



Health & Human Services Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: October 22, 2024

Title of Item: Opioid Update

- ☒ REGULAR AGENDA
☐ CONSENT AGENDA
☐ INFORMATION ONLY

Action Requested:

- ☐ Approve/Deny Motion
☐ Adopt Resolution (attach draft)

☐ Direction Requested

☒ Discussion Item

☐ Hold Public Hearing*

**provide copy of hearing notice that was published*

Submitted by:
Paula Arimborgo

Department:
H&HS Administration

Presenter (Name and Title):
Liz Short, H&HS Public Health Nurse

Estimated Time Needed:
20 min

Summary of Issue:

Liz Short will give an update on the Aitkin County Opioid Settlement subcommittee. Jim Jensen, who is a member of the opioid subcommittee will speak to his experience on the committee as well as his lived experience in the community.

Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:

Recommended Action/Motion:

Financial Impact:

Is there a cost associated with this request?

☐ Yes

☐ No

What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$

Is this budgeted? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please Explain:

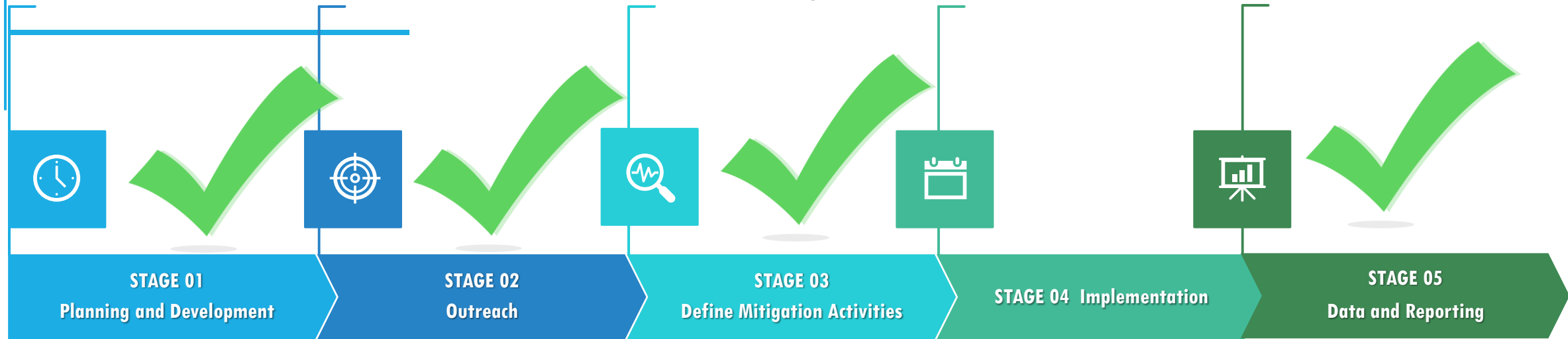
AITKIN COUNTY OPIOID SETTLEMENT UPDATES

10/22/2024



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.
Aitkin County

WHERE WE WERE AND WHERE WE ARE NOW—OUR ROADMAP



COP Members:

Lake, Cook, Itasca, Carlton,
Koochiching, St. Louis, Aitkin

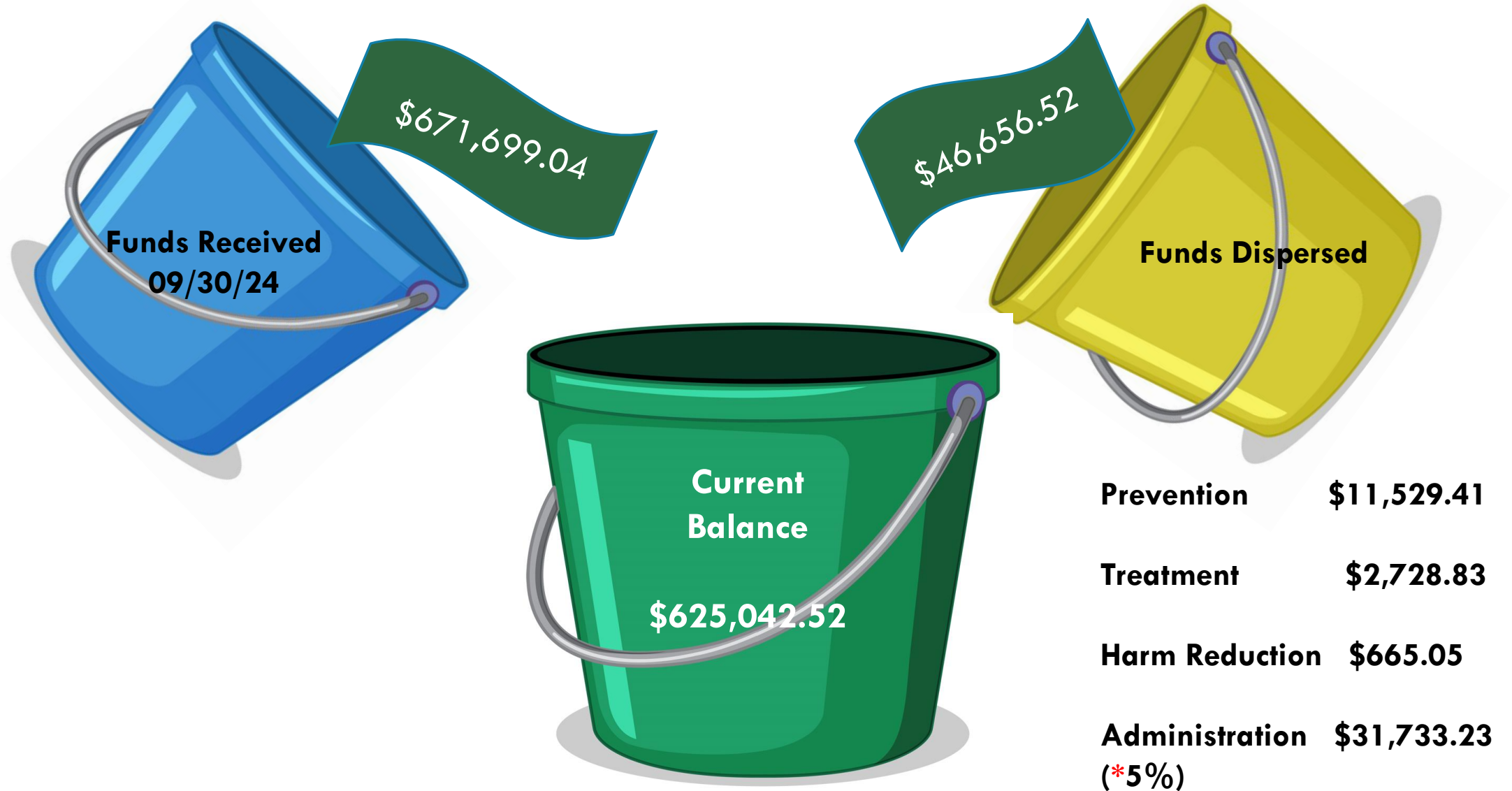
Suggested Subcommittee Representation:

Healthcare	Veterans
Commissioner	Law Enforcement
Public Education	Lived Experience
Youth	Public Health
Community Corrections	

Data and program evaluation monitoring:

Annual Reporting of funds \$25,000 threshold regarding reporting requirements.

CURRENT FINANCIALS



AREAS OF MITIGATION REVIEW



Treatment



Harm Reduction



Prevention



Research and Training

GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR SPENDING REVIEW

DEVELOPED BY JOHN'S HOPKINS-BLOOMBERG SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH



Spend Money To Save Lives



Use Evidence to Guide Spending



Invest in Youth Prevention



Focus on Racial Equality

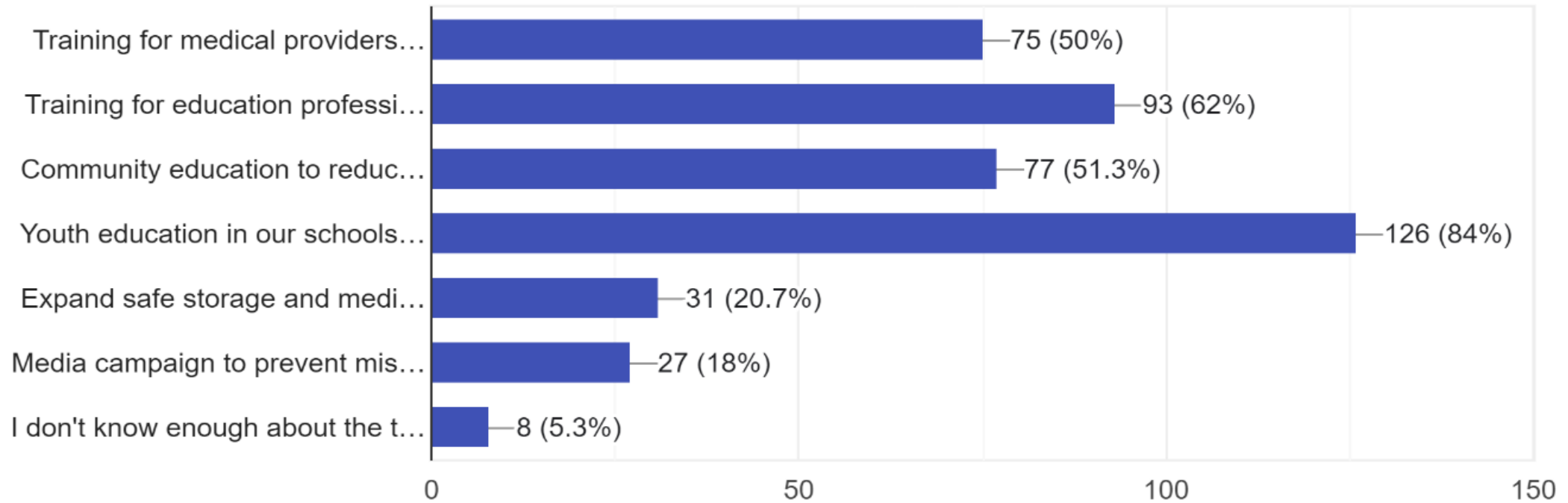


Develop a Fair and Transparent Process for
Spending Funds

Aitkin County Survey

In the area of Prevention, please choose the top three priorities in which you think resources should be spent.

150 responses



RESPONDING TO THE COMMUNITY SURVEY WITH OPIOID FUNDING

2023

THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC

A COMMUNITY PRESENTATION
with Representative Dave Baker

Dave and his wife, Mary,
lost their 25 year-old
son, Dan, to an
opioid overdose in
2011. Hear his
story and how you
can support ongoing
efforts to combat the
opioid crisis.



Wednesday
October 4th, 2023
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Aitkin High School
Auditorium

COME EARLY FOR A
FREE COMMUNITY MEAL
AT 5:30 PM



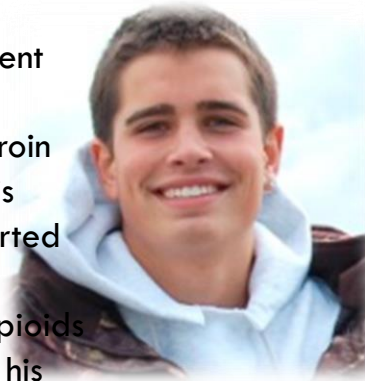
For more information,
contact Liz Short, PHN
at 218-927-7267.



2024



Lucas Ronnei 20 Years
Old
College Student
St. Paul, MN
Died of a heroin
overdose. His
addiction started
after being
prescribed opioids
after getting his
wisdom teeth out.

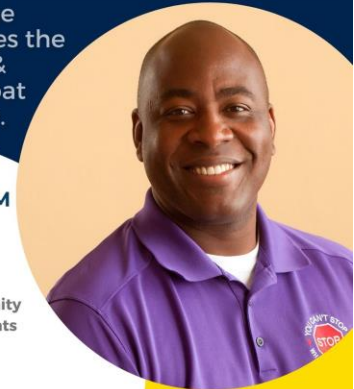


2025

Tall Cop Says Stop

You Can't Stop What You Don't Know.

Tall Cop Jermaine
Galloway provides the
tools, resources &
training to combat
substance abuse.



SEPT 25 6:30-8:00 PM

Gichi-zibi Center for
the Arts at Brainerd
High School

- Audience: Community
Members and Parents

SEPT 26 9:00-4:00 PM

CWC Land Services
Building 322 Laurel St.
Brainerd

- Audience: Professionals
working with substance
misuse individuals



Free event. No registration required

SUMMARY OF ALL FUNDED PROJECTS

- Representative Dave Baker: Address community and youth about opioid prevention and use
- Making A Change: Provides financial and nutrition education for recovery court participants
- Naloxone Training for County Employees : County employees can access naloxone to carry in the field with supervisor approval and completion of an online training course
- Installation of emergency naloxone boxes in the Government Center and ISD#1
- Change the Outcome: Address community and youth about opioid prevention and use
- ISD#1 Interventionist: One-one intervention for students to assist with vaping cessation. Individual counseling and use of the American Lung Association N-O-T and IN-DEPTH curriculum for students
- Aitkin County Sobriety Court: Promote and support those in recovery with pro-sober social events
- Tall Cop: Address community, health professionals, law enforcement and youth about opioid prevention and use

Making Progress, More To Do

Trends over time

Drug Type
All drug

Visit Type
All hospital visits

Year

2021

Data view

- ☒ Year
☐ Quarter
☐ Month

County

Aitkin

County is based on where the patient lived at the time of their hospital visit.

Age Group

All Ages

Gender

- ☒ All Patients
☐ Female
☐ Male

Race or Ethnicity

All Races and ...

TIP

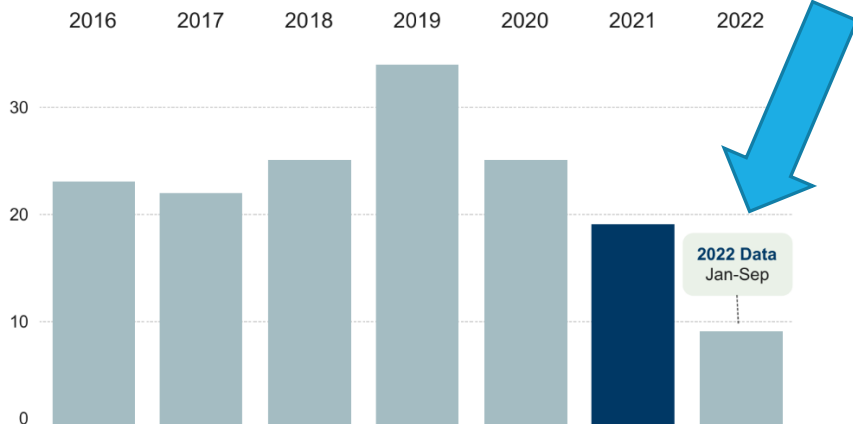
If this section is empty, there were no nonfatal overdoses among the population during that time.

Nonfatal drug overdose continues to affect the lives of many Minnesotans.

How have trends in nonfatal All drug overdose changed over time?

In **2021**, there were **19** nonfatal **hospital visits** for **All drug** overdose among all Minnesotans from **Aitkin County**.

Rates are not available due to a count of less than 20 among this population.



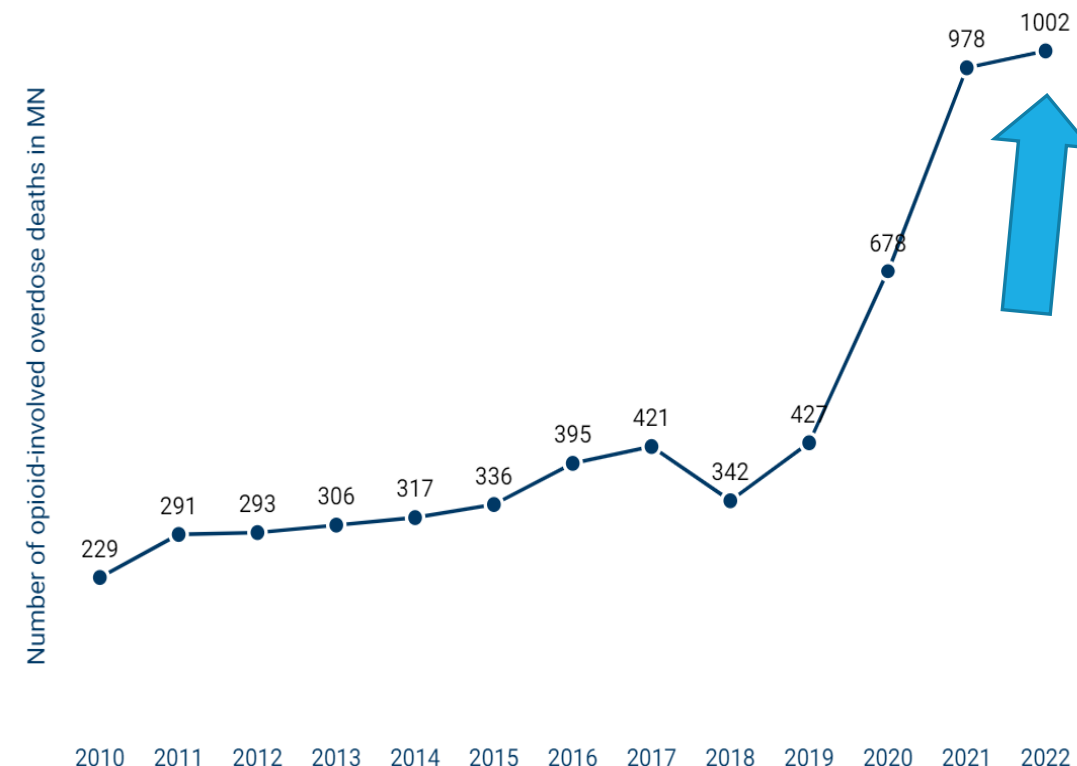
What do trends in nonfatal All drug overdose look like right now?

Through September **2022**, there have been **9** nonfatal **hospital visits** for **All drug** overdose among all Minnesotans from **Aitkin County**.

During the same time in **2021**, there were **14** nonfatal **All drug** overdoses among this population.

Opioid Overdose Deaths

The number of opioid-involved drug overdose deaths in 2022 increased by 3% from the previous year.



[Download data](#)

Source: Minnesota death certificates

*NOTE: Any 2022 drug overdose death data is considered preliminary and is likely to change when finalized. The 2022 data included here is indicative, not final, of 2022 drug overdose deaths.

OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES

Opportunities

There are no deadlines to spend funds

We can focus on one or all of the mitigation strategies

Building on current evidenced based models requires less resources

Community involvement at all levels maintains transparency and ongoing support of this work

Challenges

Garnering community engagement around OUD

Community education around OUD

Some entities may want the funds but have limited resources to expand programs

Sustainment over 18 years

Ongoing litigation

OPIOID SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS