## Tri-County Opioid Safety Coalition: Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington Counties

Coordinating Committee March 2017 Meeting Summary and Subsequent Updates

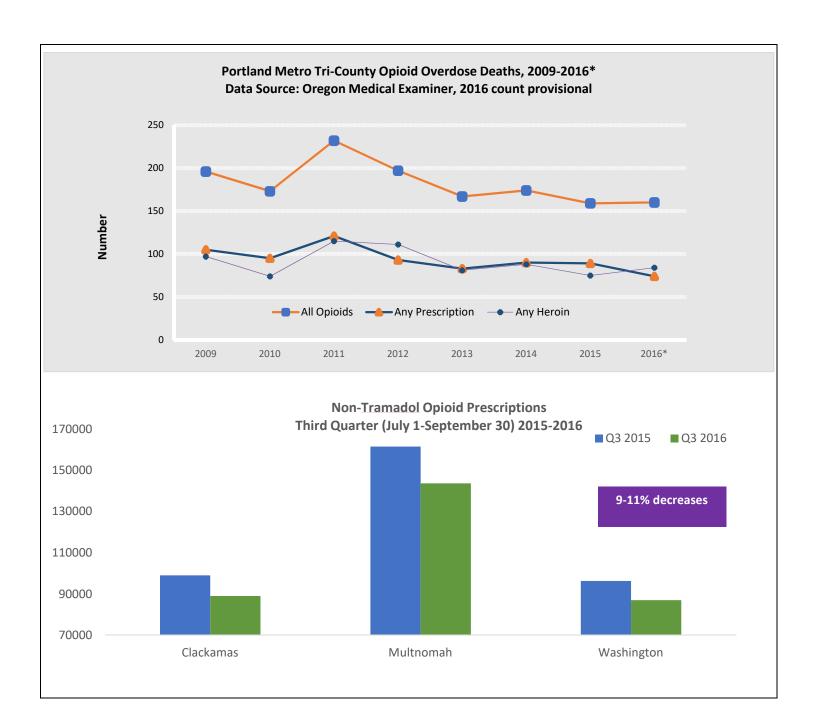


## The five "take aways" from the meeting (with updated information when available):

- 1) The number of non-tramadol opioid prescriptions has decreased in all three counties. Based on provisional data, opioid-related deaths have remained relatively steady since 2015 with a slight increase in heroin deaths and slight decrease in prescription drug deaths (see graphs at the end of this document.) Moving forward, outcome data will be presented at the quarterly Coordinating Committee meetings on: deaths, prescribing, and possibly emergency medical response.
- 2) The Tri-County Monitoring Impact work group will convene in May. They will present a proposal on how and what data could be tracked. Individuals expressing interest in being part of this group can expect a Doodle poll in late April.
- 3) Putting Policy into Action: Coordinating a Public Health and Public Safety Response to Prescription and Illicit Drug Abuse in Oregon's Tri-Counties—the Tri-County Summit is being planned for late Fall 2017. Currently, OrCRM is discussing ideas and gauging interest with community corrections, treatment, CCOs, and housing stakeholders. The public health departments are engaging County leadership and elected officials.

The event's <u>purpose</u> will be to obtain commitment(s) by leaders to implement specific policies that address needs and gaps identified by key stakeholders. The desired <u>outcomes</u> include:

- 1) Shared understanding of the opioid problem in the Tri-County Region
- 2) Vision for county and regional opioid-related work in corrections-involved population
- 3) Identify ideas for collaboration and policy development specifically addressing the opioid epidemic (prevention of overdose, substance-use treatment access upon release, diversion, etc.)
- 4) There are several efforts focusing on clinician education on pain.
  - The Oregon Pain Commission is working with a graphic artist on making their education module interactive.
  - <u>Senate House Bill 50</u>, requiring certain health care professionals to complete pain management education once every four years, has been introduced and had a public hearing on March 14, 2017.
  - Members of the Tri-County Improving Access to Pain Care work group are working on an education presentation covering
    the OHP's spine benefit along with treatment pathways for each of the provider types covered in the benefit, (i.e., DC, PT,
    LAc, NP, MD/DO, ND, PA). The intent is to post the narrated slide presentations of these additional trainings online as well
    as promote these trainings to professional associations. In addition, members of the work group could be available to
    present the material at association meetings. The extent the presentations and speaking engagements can be
    implemented is contingent on securing funding.
- 5) Watch Oregon House Bill 3440
  - Specifies that Oregon Health Authority may use prescription monitoring information to determine whether practitioners are prescribing opioids or opiates in compliance with guidelines for prescribing opioids and opiates.
  - Removes special training requirement from statutes governing prescribing, dispensing, and distributing naloxone.
  - Specifies that reimbursing cost of inpatient treatment for opioid or opiate abuse or dependency for first two weeks of treatment and cost of initial 30-day supply of medication prescribed for purpose of treating opioid or opiate abuse or dependency does not require prior authorization.
  - Specifies that individual may not be denied entry into specialty court in this state solely for reason that individual is taking, or intends to take, medication prescribed by licensed health care practitioner for treatment of drug abuse or dependency.
  - Establishes Task Force on Opioid and Opiate Abuse and Dependency for purpose of studying opioid dependency.



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