



## Notes

### Collaboration Meeting Group

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

2:00-3:30 pm

TEAMS

### Present

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>
Elizabeth Stamm	PCHD
Sara Lind	PCHD
Mayra Jeffery	PCHD
Arisia Lee	PCHD
Hollie Watson-Smith	PCHD
Alex Fernandez	CODAC
Christina Saxton-Valdez	CODAC
Claudia Adams	Arizona Complete Health
Kristin Lindberg	The Haven
Sarah Graham	Oxford House
Shawn Wooll	CODAC
Wanda Winningham	La Fronterra
Nicole Struck	Tucson Osteopathic Medical Foundation (TOMF)
Eli Joy	CODAC
Nick Onate	Etano Center Clinic
Leah Morales	PCHD
Leslie Gallaher	Tucson Police Department
Kimberly Wang	PCHD
Dedra Clark-McGee	PCHD
Adriana Laigo	PCHD

### Welcome/Overview of Today's Meeting

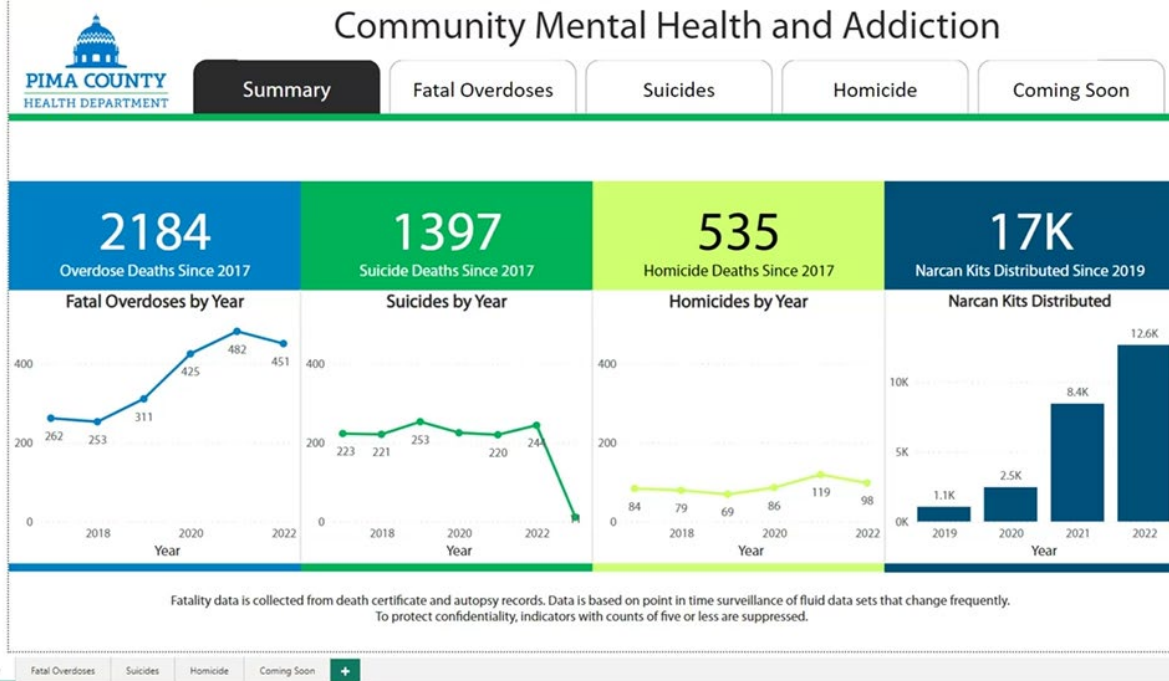
- Alex Fernandez, CODAC

### SUD Updates

- AZ Complete Health: Claudia Adams
  - If you know of someone who has gaps in their service, have them reach out to AZ Complete Health at [Claudia.Adams@azcompletehealth.com](mailto:Claudia.Adams@azcompletehealth.com)

### Data Sharing

- Hollie Smith-Watson, PCHD

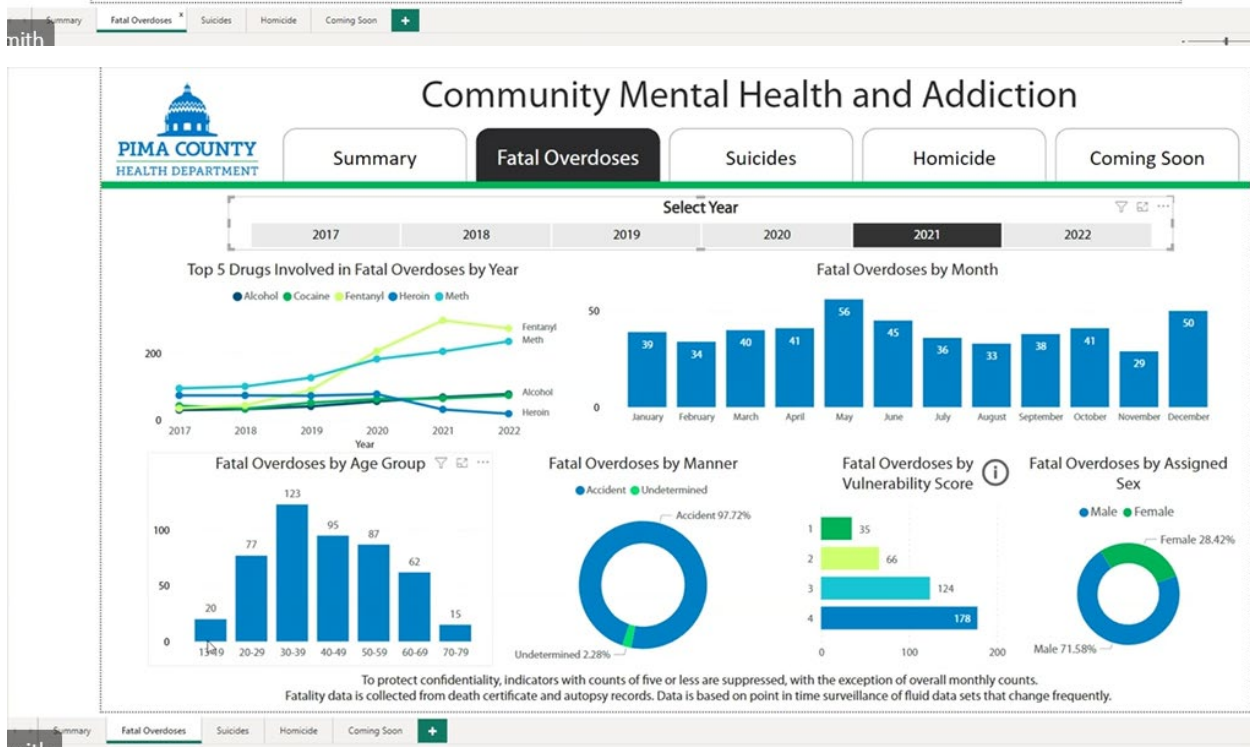
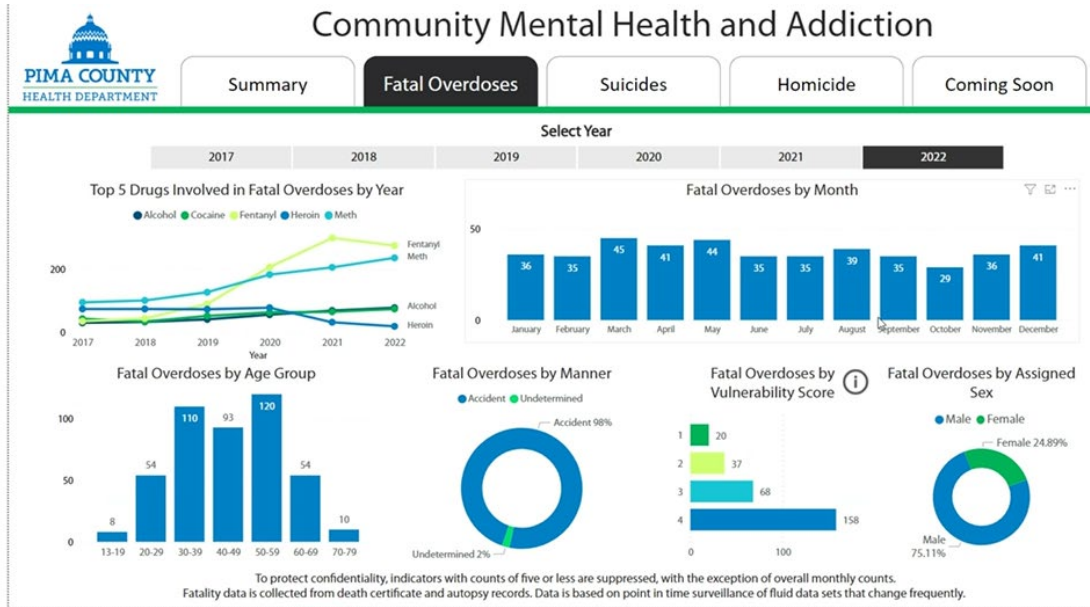


### Fatal Overdoses by Year

- The dashboard will now only reflect unintentional deaths due to overdose, intentional deaths from overdoses will go under suicides.
- This is preliminary data for 2022 and is not complete, but they numbers are not expected to increase by much.
  - As of right now, fatal overdose deaths for 2022 is at 451
  - It does not look like the number of overdose deaths will reach 482 deaths, the number of deaths from 2021
  - So we are looking at somewhat of a decrease in 2022
  - A little plateau is good news.

### Suicides by Year

- There are quite a bit more suicides than the prior year.
- There were 244 deaths from suicides in 2022
  - This is 24 more that in 2021



#### Top 5 Drugs Involved in Fatal Overdoses by Year

- Fentanyl is at the top.
  - Overall it is going down. The decrease in deaths from Fentanyl is believed to be due to Nalaxone.
- Meth is a close second.
- The number of deaths due to Meth is getting closer to Fentanyl, it is not going to surpass Fentanyl, but the gap between the two is decreasing.



#### Fatal Overdoses by Month

- A formal alert will be sent for an increase in overdose deaths in December.
  - The primary driver of these deaths is Fentanyl
  - In October and November deaths decreased a little, but went back up in December.

#### Fatal Overdoses by Age Group

- Teen deaths went down a bit from 2021
- In 2022, there was an increase in deaths in the 50-59 year old age group.
  - We are not sure what is driving this increase in the 50-9 year old age group.

#### Questions

- Is there an increase in people who have Methadone in the systems?
  - Anecdotally there is Methadone present, but it is not the only cause of death.
- What is driving the meth overdose increase?
  - It is suspected that since we don't have the Naloxone equivalent for meth that is why there is an increase.

#### General Information

- [New, Dangerous Synthetic Opioid in D.C., Emerging in Tri-State Area \(dea.gov\)](https://www.dea.gov)
- [Animal Sedative Mixed With Fentanyl Brings Fresh Horror to US Drug Zones - The New York Times \(nytimes.com\)](https://www.nytimes.com)

#### **Action Plan: Finalize**

- Arisia Lee, PCHD
  - The 2022 Action Plan was finalized during this meeting: [Collaboration Meeting Group Action Plan](#)

#### **Wrap Up**

- Alex Fernandez, CODAC

#### **Next Meeting**

February 28, 2:00-3:30, Teams

Data Sharing

Action Plan: Updates