



**Orange County Opioid Advisory Committee and
Settlements Funds
Friday, November 14, 2025
9:00am-10:30am
BCC Chambers 201 S. Rosalind Ave. Orlando FL 32801**



Welcome & Introductions: Dr. Thundiyil, MD.

In Attendance:

Name – Organization

Panel:

Dr. Josef Thundiyil, Orlando Health
Sgt. Kevin Lopez – Orlando Police Dept
Lt. Shane DeJarnett - Orange County Sheriff's Office
Paul Maxwell – Central FL HIDTA
Assistant Chief, Adrian Fernandez – EMS / Orlando Fire Dept
Dr. Robert Karch – FL Dept of Health in OC

Presenters:

Dr. Thomas Hall - OC Drug-Free Office
Ronique Bain - FL Dept of Health in OC
Lt. Michael Sudol – OC Fire Rescue
Paul Maxwell & Britany Brown - Central FL HIDTA
Lt. Shane DeJarnett - OC Sheriff's Office
Sgt. Kevin Lopez - Orlando Police Department
Jaime Bridges - Orlando Health
Michelle Dodson – AdventHealth South
Bri Barbour – STEPS
Lisa Nason – Project Opioid Central Florida
Cory Fisher | Georges Margoles – Recovery Connections of Central FL

Web-ex

Name - Organization

Jasmatti Seearam – OC Drug-Free Office
Kariely Negron- OC Drug Free Office
Joshua Stephany- OC Medical Examiner's Office
Kristen Mueller- Ninth Judicial Circuit Court of FL
Morgan Schell- My FL Families
Robin Borgognone- Anthony House Women's Residential
Carlos Ortiz
Yabercia Perez-Cubillion – Aspire Health Partners
Jasmine Barnaby
JoEllen Revell- Children Integrated Services
Kristen Lewandowski- Aspire Health Partners
Stephanie Boyd

Audience:

Janet Rivera – Drug Free Office
Cristina Teixeira – Drug Free Office
Karyne Jean-Gilles- Drug Free Office
Camila Brugal- Drug Free Office
Megan Giddens – Drug Free Office
Alejandro Rojas – Drug Free Office
Dr. Raul Pino - Health Services
Annie Grace Funderburg- Drug Free Office

Public Comment

No public comment at this meeting

Approval of Minutes

The committee approved the minutes drafted.

Introduction

Orange County Drug Free Community (Dr. Thomas Hall)

- Dr. Thomas Hall: Public Health and Safety presentations and updates from Opioid Settlement Funds

Florida Department of Health in OC *(Ronique Bain, MPH)*

- In the 3rd quarter, opioid urgent care visits increased while Fentanyl stayed the same.
- All urgent drug care visits slightly increased.
- Males are still predominantly the ones getting treated.
- White is still the leading race seeking urgent care at 58%, and non- Hispanic or Latino at 72%
- The leading age group is still 35-54 years, with 274 visits.
- Top Orange County Facilities with Ed/ Urgent Care Opioid Related Visits:
 - Orlando Regional Medical Center-56
 - Advent Health East Orlando-55
 - Orlando Health Central-26
 - Dr. P. Philips Hospital-24
 - Advent Health Orlando-21
- About 77% are Orange County residents.

Subcommittee Updates— Law Enforcement

Orange County Fire and Rescue *(Lt. Michael Sudol)*

- The data presented by Biospatial is the only source for OC Fire and Rescue.
- Suspected overdoses with Naloxone have decreased significantly this year.
- Most commonly administered Naloxone Intranasally during EMS, as well as before EMS.
- Age 30-39 in both Females and Males Lead in Naloxone Administered
- Leading in patients by Race is White with 46.2%, followed by Hispanic/ Latino with 27.8%, and then Black with 22.7%
- Heat maps show instances around Orange Blossom Trail, Pine Hills, I-Drive, and the UCF campus.
- The heat map indicated that overdose trends are following a downward trend compared to last year
- Downward trend in suspected opioid encounters
 - 2024: 4,642
 - 2025: 2,776

Central Florida HIDTA *(Paul E. Maxwell, Jr. DIO)*

- Fentanyl/Heroin remains the top drug threat in central Florida.
 - Due to the highest percentage of non-fatal and fatal overdose deaths.
 - In the 3rd Quarter of 2025, the CFHIDTA initiatives seized 11 kilograms of Fentanyl, 505,274 fentanyl pills, and several grams of Heroin.

- Kilograms of seizures have gone down, but Fentanyl pill seizures have gone up compared to Q2.
 - There is an increase in heroin seizures in the western regions of the United States.
- Crystal Methamphetamine/ Ice ranked second-highest threat in Central Florida.
 - Testing between 95-98 percent in purity.
 - In the 3rd Quarter of 2025, the CFHIDTA initiatives seized approximately 27.5 kilograms of Methamphetamine.
 - In the 2nd Quarter of 2025, the CFHIDTA initiatives seized approximately 18.3 kilograms of Methamphetamine.
 - Starting to see an upward trend.
- Cocaine Ranked Third-Highest Threat in Central Florida
 - Mainly supplied by Colombian TCOs via the Caribbean Corridor and smuggled to Puerto Rican and Dominican drug Trafficking organizations.
 - In the 3rd Quarter of 2025, the CFHIDTA initiatives seized approximately 119 kilograms of Cocaine.
 - In the 2nd Quarter of 2025, the CFHIDTA initiatives seized approximately 157 kilograms of Cocaine.
 - Cocaine has gone down, but until there is a downward trend, they cannot attribute it to anything.
- Bromazolam (aka BTMPS)
 - It has been found in animal lab testing to reduce the tolerance of Fentanyl; users' tolerance levels could be reduced.
 - The current FDLE laboratory analyst has detected BTMPS in numerous drug seizures, almost always combined with Fentanyl.
- Protonitazene
 - A potent synthetic opioid that has been found in Lee and Lake County could potentially head toward Orange County.

Orange County Sheriff's Office (Lt. Shane DeJarnett)

- Seeing a 20-40% reduction in overall overdoses and deaths.
- We have had 30 Narcan Deployments so far this year, compared to 47 in 2024.
- Recent Cases:
 - Ecstasy in Multicolored "LEGO" pills.
 - Fake M30 pills containing Fentanyl.
- Recent Seizures (Dogs)
 - 20lbs of Methamphetamine coming from the West Coast.
 - 11lbs of Cocaine coming from the Northeast.

Orlando Police Department *(Sergeant, Kevin López)*

- Events 3rd quarter 2025
 - Orlando Police Explorer Academy- the Drug Enforcement Division Overdose Investigative Unit was invited to present.
- Case Update: Indictment
 - On August 26, 2025, OIU and the state Attorney's Office presented the overdose death case to a Grand Jury. Amber Zallenick and Carlos Quinche were indicted for: Death caused by the Unlawful Distribution of Fentanyl (Capital), Delivery of Fentanyl, and Unlawful use of a two-way Communication Device.
- Statistical Comparison 2024 VS 2025
 - Overdose Deaths – Q3 2024: 12 | Q3 2025: 14
 - Naloxone Deployments – Q3 of 2024: 26 | Q3 2025: 26
- Year-To-Date Comparison
 - 2024 vs 2025 Fatal Overdoses increased 2% as of 10/28/2025

Opioid Settlements Funds Activities

Orlando Health *(Jaime Bridges, LCSW)*

- Opioid Tracking Patients' 3rd quarter
- Bat Program Key Metrics
 - Referrals from BAT Initiative: 65
 - Individuals completed Assessment: 51
 - MAT Participation: 26
 - Successful Discharges: 19
- 428 Narcan and Fentanyl Take Back kits in Q3:
 - Orlando Medical Center:374
 - Dr Phillips Hospital: 48
 - Health Central Hospital: 6
- Inpatient MAT and Pharmacy Initiatives:
 - 351 referrals
 - 44 Methadone inductions or restarts
 - 58 administrations of buprenorphine
 - 50 alcohol Mat inductions
- In Q3.
 - Consults to Substance use: 712
 - Assessment: 561
 - Referrals to Providers (either outpatient referrals or inpatient services): 492
 - Referrals to Pharmacy: 346

AdventHealth (Michelle Dodson, LCSW)

- 1608 patients in Q3.
 - 1150 of which are at Orange and East Orlando.
- 380 patients initiated on MAT.
 - 87 Patients initiated buprenorphine
- All patients are scheduled with an appointment in the community within 2 weeks of discharge and are sent home with a 2-week supply of meds, regardless of financial means.
- Consults for Chemical Dependency vs Addiction Medicine
 - 1,473 consults to chemical dependency and 677 consults to addiction medicine
- Referring patients to various levels of care
 - With most of them referring to Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT), at 123, followed by Support Groups at 121.

STEPS (Specialized Treatment, Education, and Prevention Services)

(Bri Barbour, LMHC)

- Women's Residential Facility at 100% Occupancy
 - Since May 2024, 33 unduplicated women with children have been served
 - 100% Child Welfare Reunification
 - 0 re-admissions within one year
 - Bed Capacity has risen from 65 to 85, with 10 beds funded by Orange County.
- Provides services for Pregnant Post Partum Women: Parenting, anger management, trauma, domestic violence, nutrition, self-help coping skills
- Reducing immense costs to multiple publicly funded systems
 - \$1,250,00 - Neonatal care (5 drug-free babies)
 - \$1,036,000 – Jail nights (20 x women diverted from 365-day)
 - \$120,000 – Foster Care (18 children)
- MAT Clinic
 - Referrals:
 - BAT Mobile Unit- 44%
 - Community- 29%
 - Hospital- 12%
 - Jail- 15%
 - Medications Prescribed:
 - Brixadi, Vivitrol, BUP.
 - Noticing Brixadi injections have increased since last quarter.

- Working with corrections to ensure new releases are connected to an external treatment service has increased the number of inmates continuing treatment.
 - Also provides Case management, transport, Partner referrals, and Cell phones; Bridging gaps that have caused failures in the past
- Return on Investment Savings
 - \$91,638 – 27 Non-Emergency ER Admissions \$3,394 (average cost reported by MIRA)
 - \$184,500 – 9 Overdose ICU admissions (\$20,500 ICU cost reported by HFMA)
 - \$750,00 – Healthy newborns (\$250,000 NICU stay)
 - \$473,040 9 x One year jail sentences (\$144 per day cost)
 - \$69,120 x 15 VOP (30-day average jail nights)
 - \$14,000 x 14 Baker Act (\$900 based on a 30-Day stay reported by legal clarity)
 - \$13,728 x 32 Non-violent Crimes (\$429 cost to respond only to a non-violent crime reported by RAND)

Project Overdose *(Lisa Nason)*

- In 2024 and 2025, Project Overdose was the leading distributor of Naloxone in Florida.
- FY 2025 Distribution (Oct 2024- Sept 2025):
 - Naloxone kits distributed: 72,801
 - Training Sessions Conducted: 307
 - Individuals Trained: 4,482
- Over the last 2 years, 100,994 kits were distributed, 403 Training sessions were conducted, and 7,046 individual training sessions were held.

Recovery Connections *(George J. Margoles & Corey Fisher)*

- A nonprofit recovery community organization. Substance Use Disorder Focused and Long-term recovery led.
- Services Provided:
 - Peer Recovery support services
 - 24/7 helpline/ information and referral
 - Wrap-around services
 - Transportation service
 - Housing support services
 - Recovery community centers
 - Justice involved peer support
 - Mobile peer support
- Orange County Partnership:

- Over 100,000 calls have come in through the (407) RECOVER Helpline
- 6,396 rides provided through the transportation rideshare program
- 39 individuals served with housing support services
- 79 unduplicated individuals have been served in the Problem-Solving Court program
- Q3 Numbers
 - 64% of calls from the helpline come from Orange County
 - 1256 unduplicated individuals served in Orange County
 - 69% retention rate MoM
 - Over 120 treatment providers for behavioral health and MAT services

Open Discussion (*Thomas Hall*)

- The committee will continue to discuss funding proposals for opioid settlement funded prevention activities.

Adjournment: 10:30 am

Next Quarterly Meeting: 2/27/2026 at 9:00 am

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