#### GWINNETT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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#### Official Informal Presentation Minutes

Tuesday, November 15, 2022 – 3:00 PM Present: Nicole L. Hendrickson, Kirkland Carden, Ben Ku, Jasper Watkins III, Marlene M. Fosque

#### 1. Board of Commissioners

Navigate Recovery

Navigate Recovery Co-Founders Susan and Farley Barge, Gwinnett County Medical Examiner Dr. Carol Terry and GNR Public Health Chief Executive Officer Audrey Arona M.D, provided the Board with an overview of Navigate Recovery's mission and values, discussed Opioid casualties and drug hot spots, and highlighted potential solutions to decrease Opioid deaths. No official action taken.





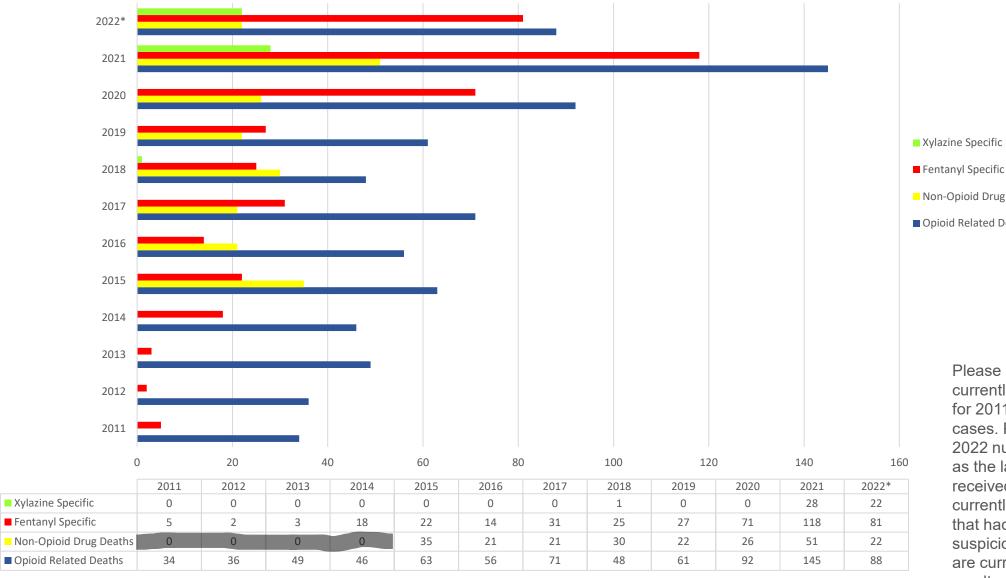
Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners' 3:00pm Informal Presentation

### **WHO WE ARE**

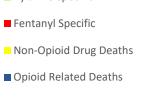


OUR VISION is a community that treats addiction as a chronic condition and those affected with dignity and respect.

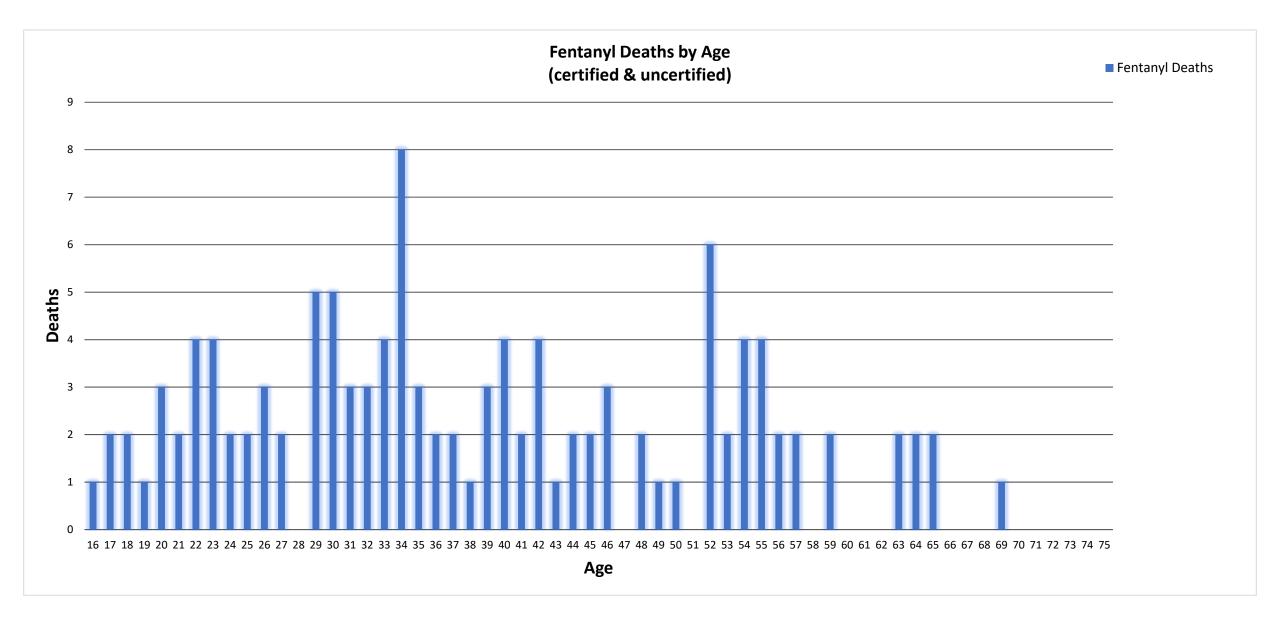
**OUR MISSION** is to serve individuals and families affected by addiction, connecting them to the resources they need and removing barriers that prevent them from getting and staying well.



2011-Present Gwinnett County Drug Related Deaths



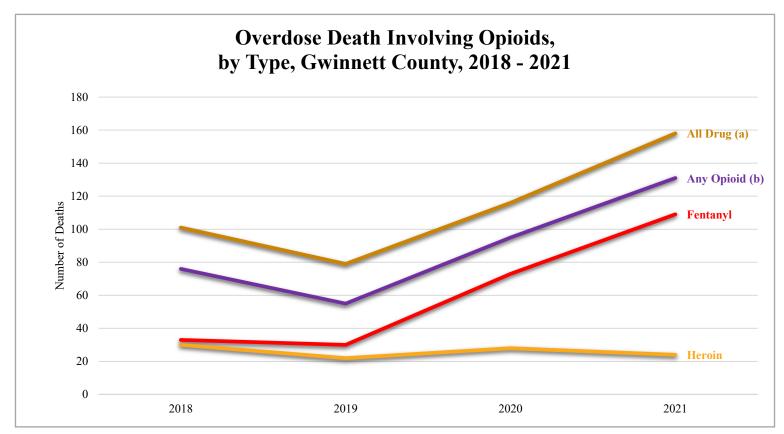
Please note that we do not currently have specific numbers for 2011-2014 for "non opioid" cases. Please also note that 2022 numbers are only as good as the latest toxicology results received and that there are currently 52 "uncertified" cases that had positive screens or suspicious circumstances that are currently pending toxicology results.





# AUDREY ARONA, M.D.

**CEO/District Health Director** 

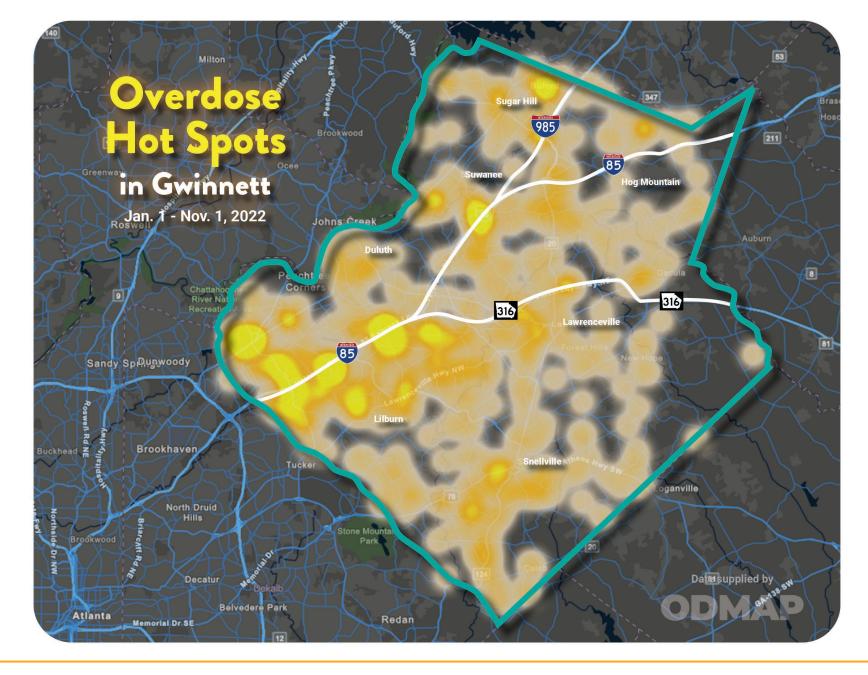


Data Sources: Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) Vital Records death certificates. Includes deaths that occurred in Georgia, Online Analytical Statistical Information System (OASIS).

(a) All Drug Overdoses refers to overdoses caused by acute poisoning only. May involve any over-the-counter, prescription, or illicit drugs

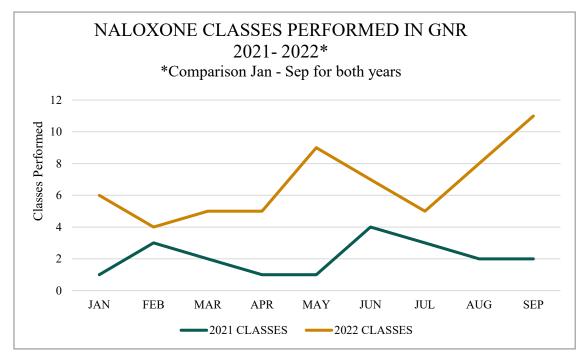
(b) Any Opioid involves both prescription opioid pain relievers (e.g., hydrocodone, oxycodone, and morphine), opioids used to treat addiction (e.g., methadone), as well as heroin, opium, and synthetic opioids (e.g., tramadol and fentanyl that may be prescription or illicitly-manufactured).

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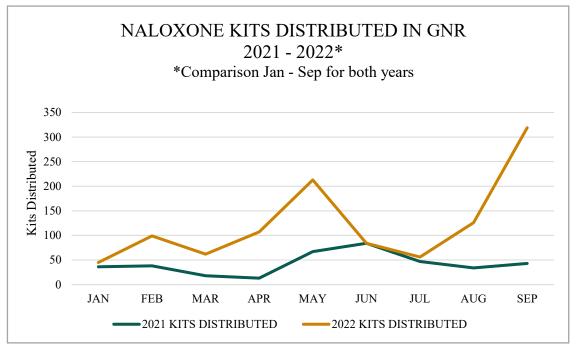


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Throughout 2022 to date, 98% of the Naloxone administered during opioid overdoses have resulted in non-fatal overdose cases.



Data Source: GNR Opioid Surveillance Program

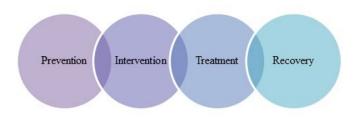


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### Gwinnett County Overdose Fatality Review Team

Est. 2022



GNR Public Health Atlanta-Carolinas High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) CDC Foundation GA Dept of Public Health

### **Mission:**

"A partnership of Gwinnett County agencies, service entities, and the community working together to reduce drug overdose deaths through prevention efforts and education in the community."



### ALL COMMUNITY PARTNERS NEEDED

- Awareness and Education
- Prevention Services Including School-Based, Youth-Focused
- Comprehensive Wrap-Around Services
- Enhance Recovery Options Including Peer-Based Programs
- Explore Diversion Programs
- Explore and Expand Treatment Programs
- Engage Non-Profits, Faith-Based Communities and Community Anti-Drug Coalitions
- Support Data Collection and Research



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# **Questions?**

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**GWINNETT RE-ENTRY INTERVENTION PROGRAM** 



### The Partnership Center

Center for Faith-based and U.S. Department of Health Neighborhood Partnerships and Human Services

### EMORY JOHNS CREEK HOSPITAL







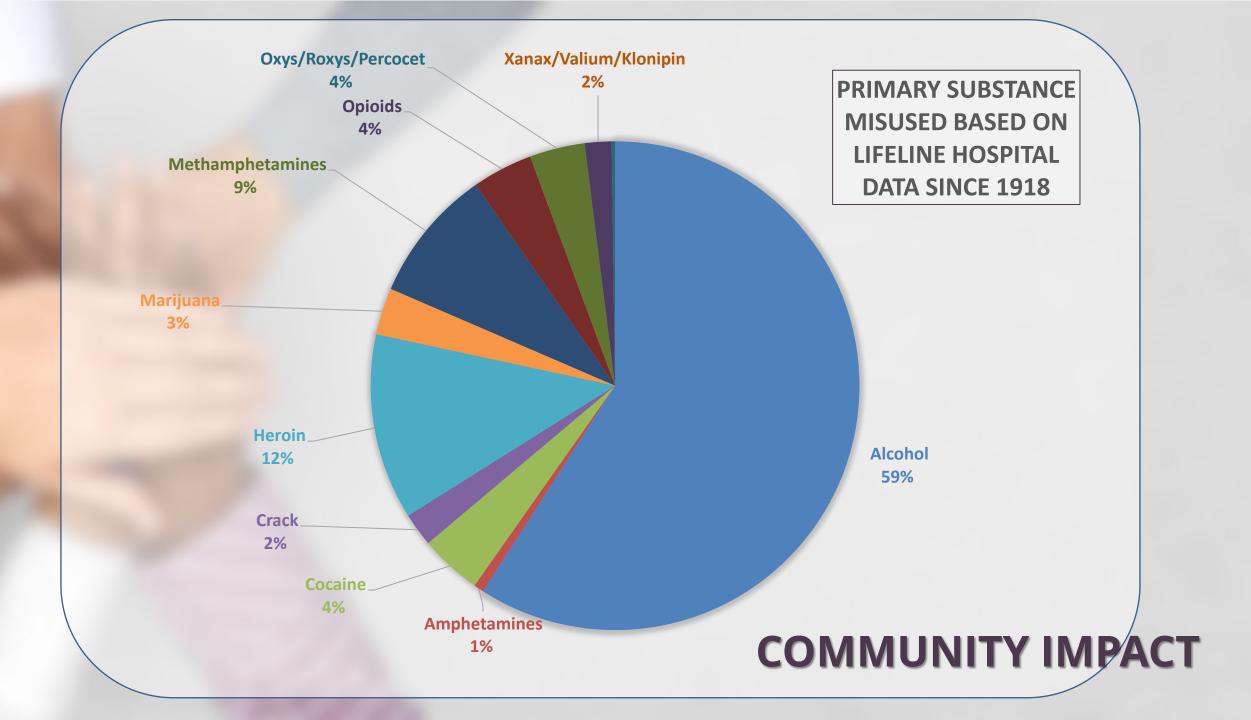


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22,800 REMOTE SUPPORT - LL

20,000+ MEETINGS & EVENTS - SH

17,417+ RECOVERY ENCOUNTERS



## LET'S TALK SOLUTIONS

- Educate and equip community partners to engage with the public about the dangers of Fentanyl poisoning, the science of addiction and remove stigma and shame
- Provide life saving naloxone throughout the county, especially in hotspot areas
- Train and provide first responders, county employees, educators, resources officers and school nurses with naloxone
- Raise the bar for addiction recovery beyond emergency medical treatment to provide short and long term housing solutions for those seeking active recovery

## LET'S TALK SOLUTIONS

- Engage with community stakeholders to develop a coordinated strategy to address the fentanyl crisis, utilizing opioid settlement dollars and other resources
- To minimize unnecessary overlap in services, streamline and deliver cost effective solutions that meet community needs now and in the future
- Collect data and distribute to front line stakeholders to target hotspots in our community
- On-going education with stakeholders to keep abreast of current trends and challenges to our Gwinnett community

