

Saint Paul City Council Organizational Committee | December 13, 2023

# Saint Paul – Ramsey County Public Health Opioid Response Update



OPIOID RESPONSE  
**INITIATIVE**

# Agenda

- Opioid Response team and commitments
- Opioid open data portal and settlement update
- Opioid Response Partnership and priority areas
- New and existing programs and initiatives
- Timeline and next steps

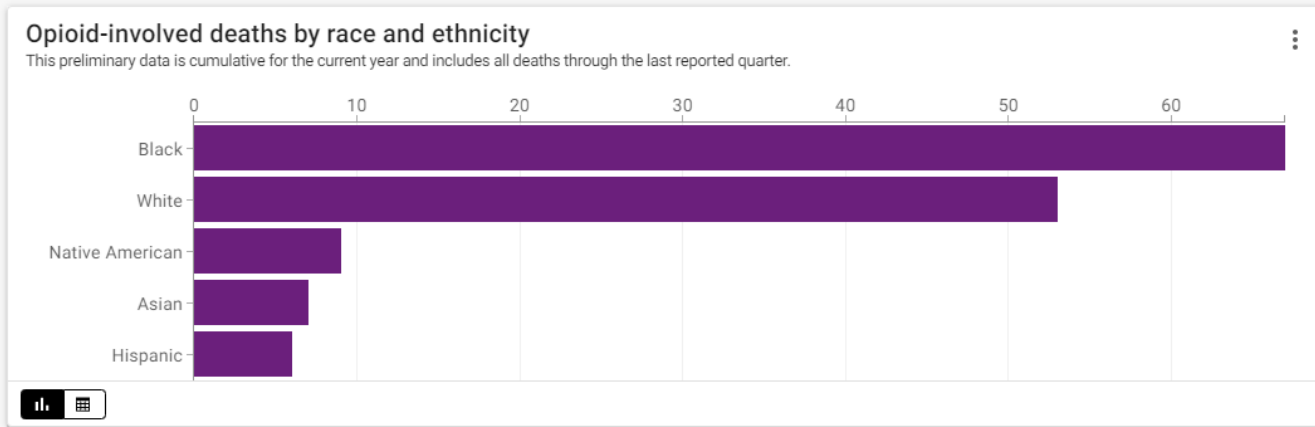
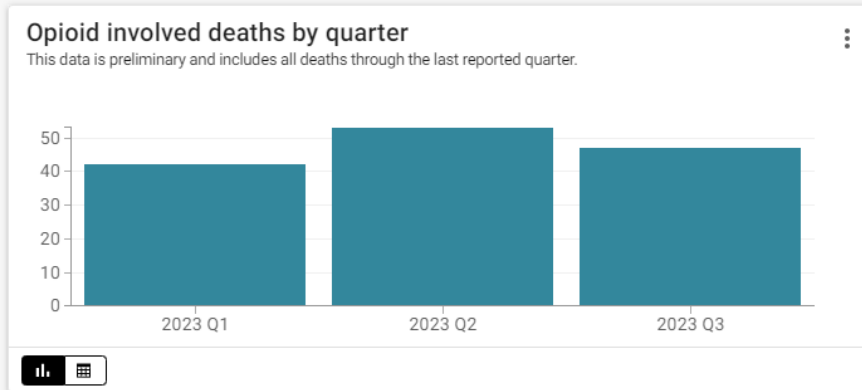
# SPRCPH Opioid Response Initiative Team

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# Saint Paul-Ramsey County Public Health: Opioid Response Initiative Team Commitments

- Listening, building trust and shared accountability through demonstrated approaches that serve our most impacted communities, with a specific focus on Black and American Indian residents in Ramsey County.
- Data-driven decision making that will save lives and improve health outcomes related to substance use through shared resources and access to services.
- Educating, involving and informing the Ramsey County community about the impact of the opioid crisis that will result in:
  - Greater community involvement
  - Easier access to resources
  - Younger generations making knowledgeable decisions regarding drug use and lives saved



## Open Data Portal

- 142 opioid-involved deaths from Jan. 1 – Sep. 30, 2023
- Provided quarterly by Ramsey County Medical Examiner
  - Q1: 42 deaths
  - Q2: 53 deaths
  - Q3: 47 deaths



# Opioid Settlement Funds

- MN Attorney General reached \$26 billion agreement with major opioid manufacturers and distributors: Johnson & Johnson, Cardinal, McKesson and AmerisourceBergen.
- Second wave of settlements are estimated maximum distributions with Teva, Allergan, Walgreens, Walmart and CVS.

City or County	Round 1 (Total Over 18 years)	Round 2 (Approximate)
Maplewood City	\$ 387,155	\$ 315,126
North Saint Paul City	\$ 118,895	\$ 96,775
Roseville City	\$ 355,524	\$ 289,380
Saint Paul City	\$ 7,737,572	\$ 6,298,017
Ramsey County	\$ 14,676,308	\$ 11,945,819

# Ramsey County Opioid Settlement Funds to Date

- To date, Ramsey County has received five payments in 2022 and 2023 for a total amount of \$3,728,022.
- Anticipating to receive five additional payments in 2023 of approximately \$2,470,620 dollars from the recent Teva, Allergan, Walgreens, CVS and Walmart settlements.

Round 1 Total Payments	Payments Received to Date	Round 2 (Approximate)
\$14,676,308	\$3,728,022	\$11,945,819

# Other Opioid and Substance Use-Related Grant Funding

**Current:** \$412,627  
(through June 30, 2024)

Awarded by DHS for the Expansion and Enhancement of a Continuum of Care for Opioid-related Substance Use Disorders Grant Program Funds.

**New:** \$499,975 per year  
(September 30, 2023 –  
September 30, 2028)

Awarded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to provide comprehensive, coordinated, and evidence-based treatment and housing referrals for justice-involved and unsheltered community members with Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and co-occurring mental health conditions in Ramsey County, Minnesota.

**Pending:** \$1.2 million  
(November 2023 – June 30,  
2026)

Pending an award by DHS for the Ramsey County Harm Reduction and Treatment Connection (HRTC) grant project aimed at providing harm reduction services and treatment referrals to justice involved individuals and people experiencing homelessness through Ramsey County correctional facilities, the Syringe Exchange and Mobile Medical Unit. No Award letter or contract in place yet.





# Opioid Response Initiative Partnership Engagement

This was an opportunity for community partners:

- To substantively shape the way the County approaches opioid remediation;
- To respond to SPRCPH's proposed Commitments;
- To ask questions and assess level of interest in working with or alongside the County; and
- To begin developing a relationship of trust and responsiveness between SPRCPH and key community stakeholders around opioid remediation.



## 2024-2025 Priority Areas

1. Pregnant / parenting women and babies (90.86%)
2. Supports for people in treatment / recovery (90.08%)
3. Treatment (88.67)
4. Connect people to services (86.50%)
5. Help people in the justice system (85.99%)

## Internal Naloxone Training Program

- Since 2022, our Peer Specialist has provided 57 trainings to 946 county staff, including senior and executive leaders, on how to use naloxone and other harm reduction resources.
- Estimated to train over 1,000 individuals by the end of 2023.
- Nasal Narcan® was given to each employee after training completion.

*Funded by the DHS Opioid Epidemic Response Advisory Council (OERAC) grant through 2024*




# NEW! Community Naloxone Distribution Pilot Program

- Public Health is making naloxone (Narcan ®) available to residents through a distribution mailing program.
- Residents of Ramsey County will be able to fill out an online order form on the [Opioid Response Initiative](#) website to request naloxone.
- Naloxone will be made available to Ramsey County residents at no charge.

**You Can Stop an Overdose**


**Take these steps:**

- Check for overdose.
- Call 9-1-1.
- Give naloxone.
- Give breaths.
- Stay until help arrives.



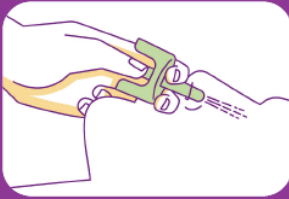
**Check for Overdose**

- Not breathing well.
- Blue/gray lips and fingertips.
- Does not answer to noise.
- Person won't wake up; try pinch or knuckle rub on chest.




**Call 9-1-1**

- Call 9-1-1.
- Say "someone isn't breathing."
- Stay until help arrives, even if the person seems better.




**Give Naloxone**

- Hold container with thumb on bottom plunger, two fingers on both sides of the nozzle.
- Put the nozzle into the nose, push plunger.



**Give Breaths**

- Make sure nothing is in mouth.
- Tilt head, lift chin, pinch nose.
- Give 1 breath every 5 seconds.
- If the person does not wake up in 2-3 minutes, give second dose on other side of nose.



**Stay Until Help Arrives**

- Continue giving breaths until help arrives.

*Steve's Law protects the person overdosing and one other person who calls 911 and stays with the person who overdosed.*

The Ramsey County Naloxone Distribution Project is being offered by Saint Paul – Ramsey County Public Health and funded in part by Minnesota's settlements with opioid companies.

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Funded by the Opioid Settlement. Watch the [naloxone video tutorial](#).



## COMING SOON! One Door QR Code

- Saint Paul-Ramsey County Public Health was awarded the Department of Human Services – Opioid-related Substance Use Disorders grant.
- As a part of that work, Community Corrections in partnership with Public Health, developed a QR Code that will link directly to the Ramsey County website.
- This QR Code will provide information on chemical- and mental health-related services, where to find booking reports for the ADC and RCCF, contact information for attorneys, and information related to Court, among other resources.

## COMING SOON! Community Based Naloxone Training Program

The Opioid Response team and the Syringe Services Program (SSP) team will partner to provide community-based Naloxone training to Ramsey County organizations.

Priority populations:

- Ramsey County Residents.
- People who use drugs (PWUD), and those who work/live/associate with PWUD.
- Communities with disproportionate overdoses.
- All marginalized communities.

*Funded by the DHS Opioid Epidemic Response Advisory Council (OERAC) grant through 2024; by the Opioid Settlement; and SSP funding.*

## **COMING SOON!** Community Opioid Response & Prevention Grant

- Part of the Purchasing and Contracting Transformation (PACT) pilot.
- Proposed priority funding areas in 2024:
  - Resources and services for pregnant/parenting women and babies
  - Holistic, alternative or culturally specific approaches supports for people in treatment/recovery
  - Connect people to services through health education, awareness or outreach
  - Supportive services to people in the justice system
  - Education and outreach to youth and young adults about the dangers of opioid, fentanyl, and xylazine use

*Funded by the Opioid Settlement.*







## Ramsey County SUD/MOUD Related Programs

- Detox and Withdrawal Management
- Syringe Services Program (555 Cedar)
- Substance Use Disorder Treatment with Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (SUD/ MOUD) Program
- Youth and Adult Co-occurring Recovery Program





# Timeline and Next Steps





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# Thank you!

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<https://www.ramseycounty.us/your-government/projects-initiatives/opioid-response-initiative>