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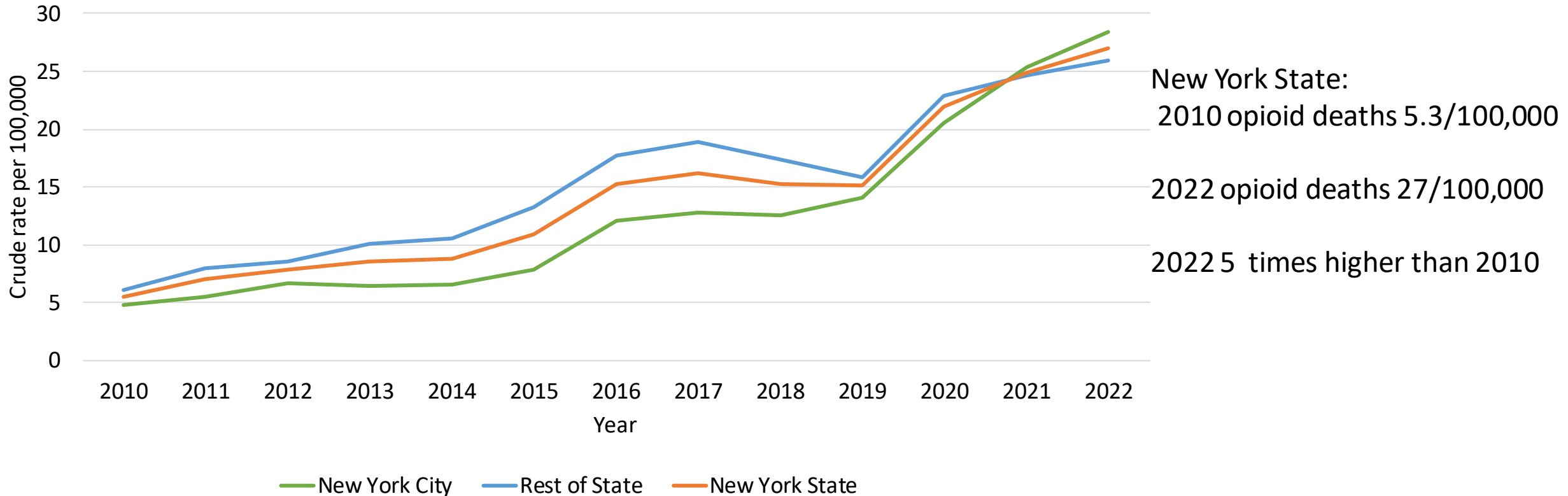
Overview of NYSDOH Overdose Prevention and Response Activities

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Chair, NYS Inter-Agency Task Force on Overdose Prevention**

Data and Surveillance

Overdose deaths involving any opioid, crude rate per 100,000 population by region, New York State, 2010-2022*

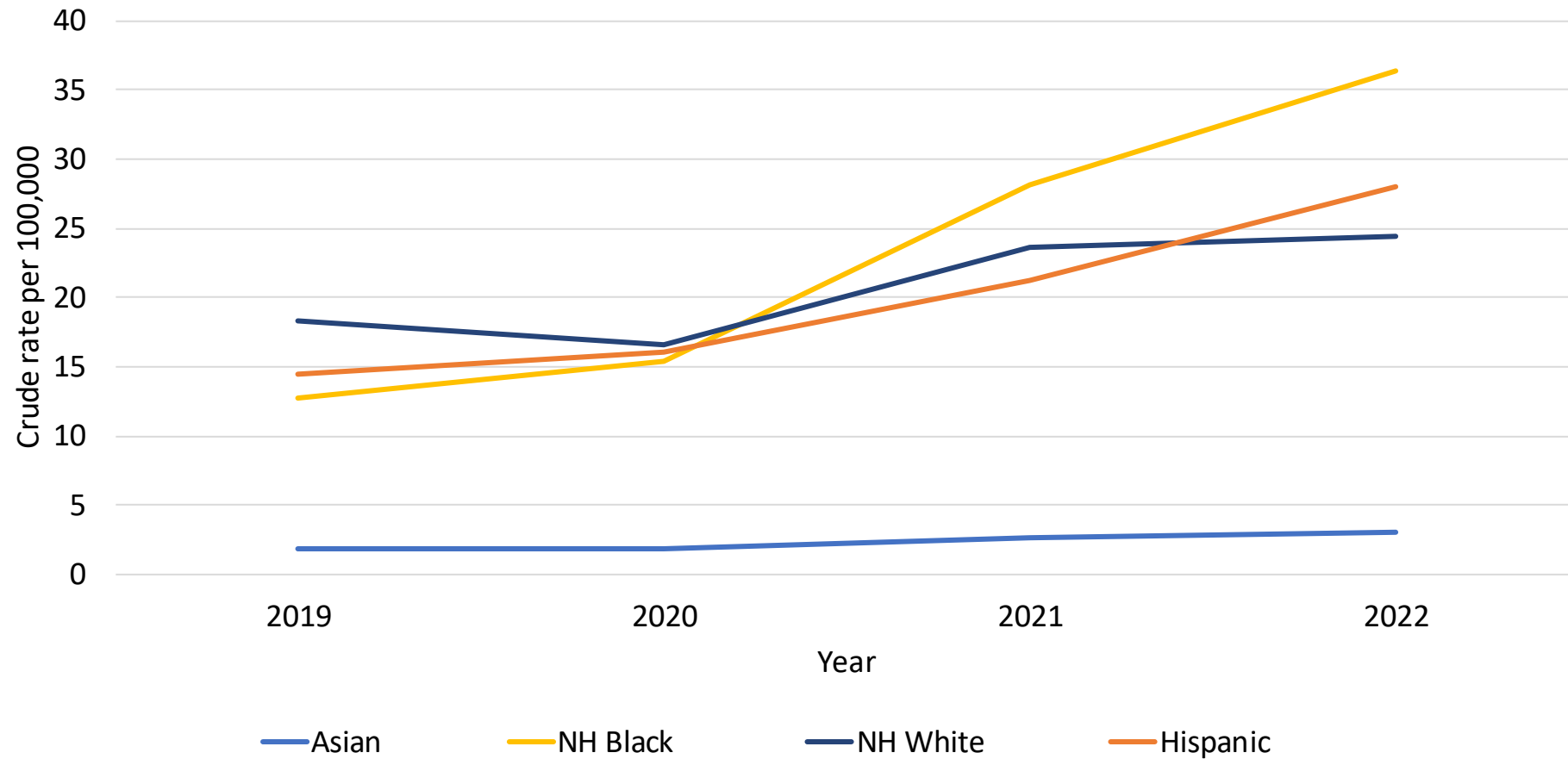


Year	New York City		Rest of State		New York State	
	Deaths	Rate	Deaths	Rate	Deaths	Rate
2022*	2,408	28.4	2,953	26.0	5,361	27.0

Data source: CDC WONDER; Accessed August 2023

*2022 data are provisional, subject to change.

Overdose deaths involving any opioid, crude rate per 100,000 population by race/ethnicity, New York State, 2019-2022*



Data source: CDC WONDER; Accessed August 2023

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NH = non-Hispanic

Data, Surveillance Activities:

Office of Science/Public Health Information Group:

- Compiles information re. overdose mortality, law enforcement programs, hospitalizations and ED visits, OASAS treatment admissions, etc.
- NYS Opioid Surveillance Page, Annual and Quarterly Reports, Data to Action briefs
- NYS Opioid Data Dashboard

Bureau of EMS:

- DOH provides LHDs with EMS incident location data to identify overdose hot spots
- LHDs are provided with demographic data (age, gender), incident location, amount of naloxone administered (by whom and what route), and response time and date
- LHDs will be able to assess overdose trends over identified periods and receive alerts when overdose responses spike above the average

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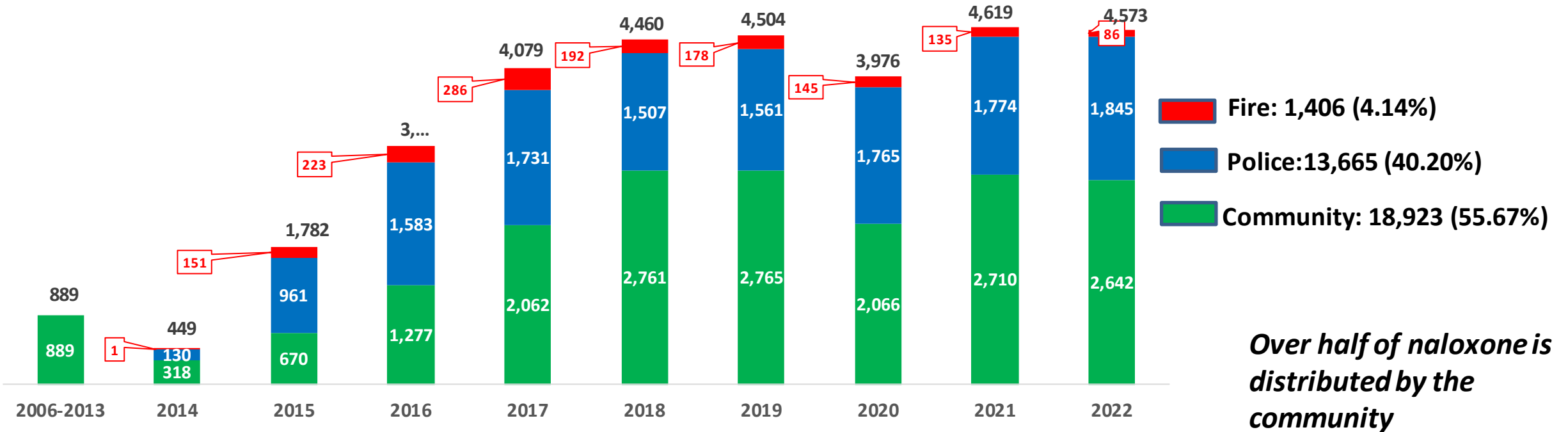
Office of Drug User Health Drug Overdose Surveillance and Epidemiology (DOSE) Unit:

- Conducts activities related to overdose mortality through the State Unintentional Drug Overdose Reporting System (SUDORS) from coroners and medical examiners/death certificates
- Constructing a ‘real-time’ surveillance system for fatal and non-fatal drug overdoses utilizing available and novel data sources – **Overdose Rapid Response Program**
 - Utilizes data from multiple partners – Electronic Syndromic Surveillance System (ESSS), Bureau of EMS, law enforcement agencies, syringe exchange programs, drug checking/toxicology, etc.

Prevention and Response Programs

Opioid Overdose Prevention Initiative

Community and Public Safety Reported Naloxone Administrations, 2006 – 2022*
 (By Year and Responder Type) (n=33,994)



As of August 22, we have **1,007** registered programs (691 outside of NYC, 316 within NYC)

*Reports received through June 5, 2022



Syringe Exchange Programs (SEPs), Drug User Health Hubs (DUHHs)

Syringe Exchange Programs:

Currently **31 registered SEPs** in NYS

In 2022, NYS SEPs served **36,558 participations** and furnished **16 million syringes**; participants served continues to grow year over year

In 2022 there were **over 230,500 participant encounters** at SEPs statewide

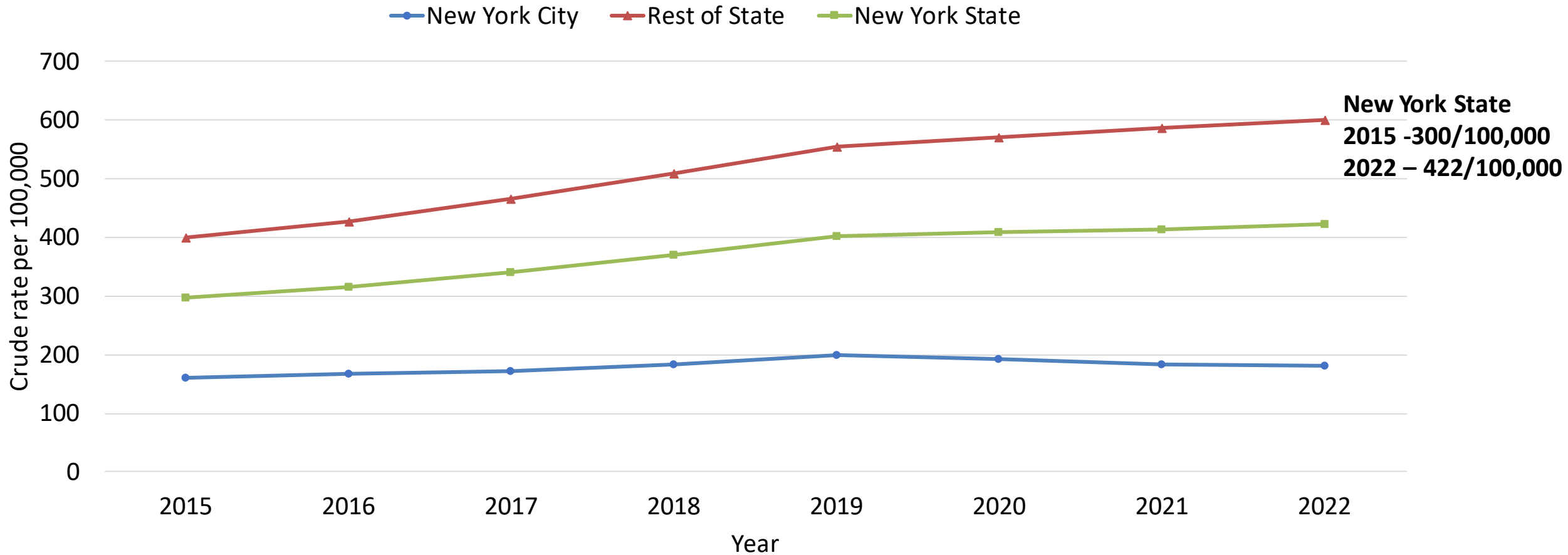
Drug User Health Hubs:

Since 2017, DUHHs have offered low-threshold medication for opioid use disorder (MOUD)/buprenorphine

In 2022, DUHHs served **1,444 unique patients**

2017-2022: the number of per-capita prescriptions increased from **5.6 to 8.1** – more patients are being maintained in care for longer

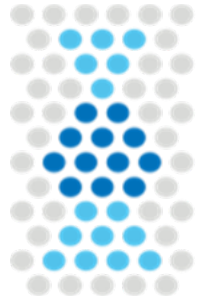
Patients who received at least *one buprenorphine prescription* for opioid use disorder, crude rate per 100,000 population, by region, New York State, 2015-2022



Data Source: NYS Prescription Monitoring Program; Data as of May 2023

Post Overdose Response Team (PORT)

- PORT reaches out to persons who recently experienced an overdose, as well as loved ones of persons who experienced a fatal overdose
- PORT conducts home and phone visits throughout NYC
- Resources offered include education, naloxone training, linkage to bereavement counseling, *MOUD, other drug treatment, mental health services, harm reduction, employment and housing

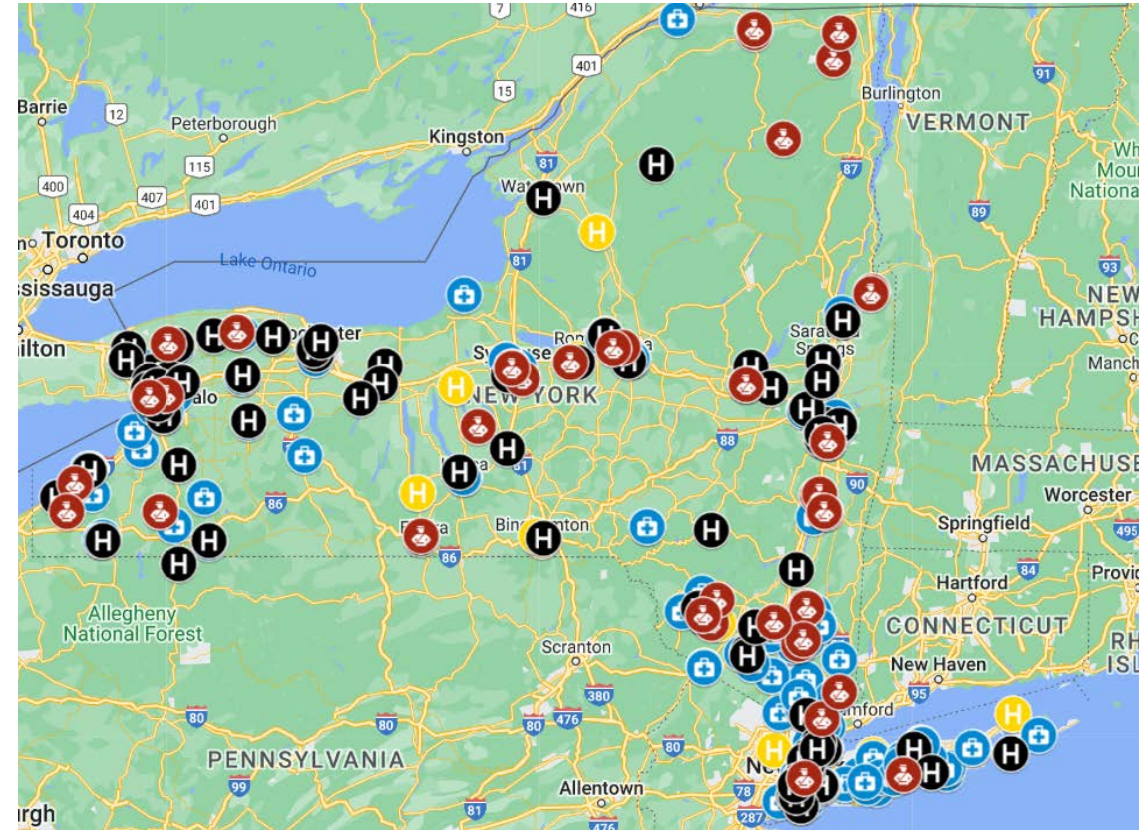


MATTERS

Medication for Addiction Treatment & Electronic Referrals

Electronic platform accepts referrals from emergency departments, OB/GYN offices, correctional facilities, inpatient units, pre-hospital settings, etc. to harm reduction and treatment programs and other community-based clinics and resources

DOH activities: technical assistance, linkages to syringe services, manage statewide referral platform



Clinics *204



Future Partners (Hospitals & Clinics) *26

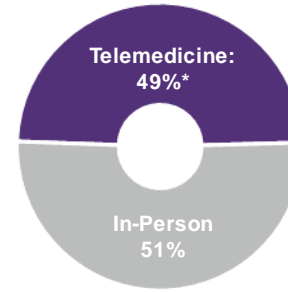
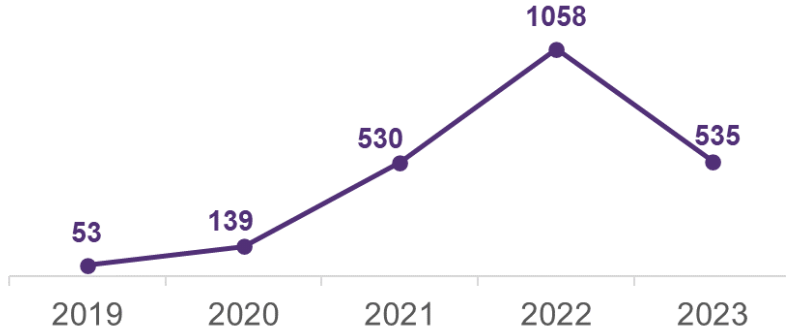


Hospitals *75



Criminal Justice Settings
(Jails, Prisons, Courts and Probation) *46

2,315 total referrals



Telemedicine referrals have been made for patients from **all 10 NYS regions**

* Telemedicine referrals are primarily supported by Erie County Medical Center and Kaleida Virtual Emergency Rooms.



Referring Hospitals

78 live hospitals



Other Referring Sites

116 other referring sites

33 correctional settings (93 referrals)
14 court systems (1 referral)



Receiving Clinics

207 live clinics

1 telemedicine clinic (REACH Medical)



91 patients from 10 of the 10 NYS regions have been referred to REACH Medical

Data from a subsample of top clinics suggest **52% of patients attend their first clinic visit** and **41% are retained at that clinic at 30 days**. At an included **NYSDOH Drug User Health Hub**, **76% attended their first visit** and **65% were retained** at 30 days.



635 naloxone kits provided at the time of referral



759 connections to peer support services



250 medication vouchers redeemed



16 transportation vouchers redeemed

Innovation

Drug Checking

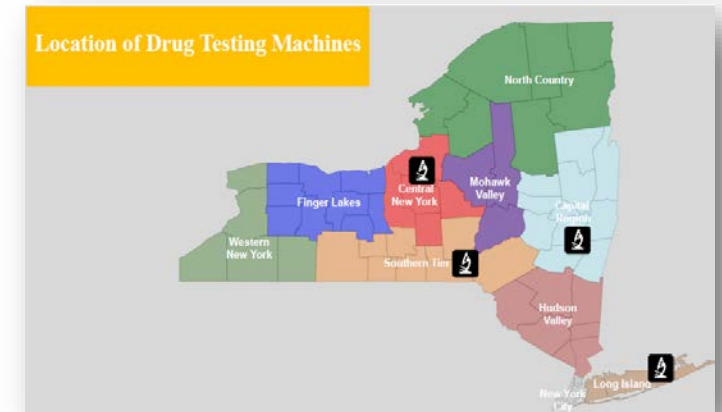
- Drug User Health Drug Checking Program at Drug User Health Hubs
- Rapid Drug Analysis and Research (RaDAR) - Piloting mail-based system
- Distribution of Fentanyl and Xylazine Test Strips to all NYS Syringe Exchange Programs

Harm Reduction Vending Machines

- Offers syringes, naloxone, fentanyl & xylazine test strips, educational materials, wound care items, safer use supplies, personal hygiene kits

Biosurveillance – Wadsworth Laboratories

- Pilot project to identify all drugs from emergency room samples



Billing and Regulatory

Medicaid & Pharmacy

- Removed prior authorization requirements for MAT pursuant to Social Service law (SSL) § 365 and Public Health Law (PHL) § 273
- Monitor prescription opioid utilization trends among Medicaid members to address over-prescribing of opioids
- Offer free, online opioid trainings via the Medicaid Prescriber Education Program that meet the mandatory prescriber requirements outlined in Public Health Law (PHL) §3309-A(3) <https://nypep.nysdoh.suny.edu>
- Offer free, online education for pharmacists on dispensing naloxone via a non-patient specific prescription <https://nypep.nysdoh.suny.edu>

Harm Reduction Billing

In 2017, CMS approved five harm reduction services, with 15-minute billing units, to be provided at NYS-waivered Syringe Exchange Program sites, with Medicaid coverage effective in July 2018.

In April 2023, a revised HRS SPA was approved and includes the following:

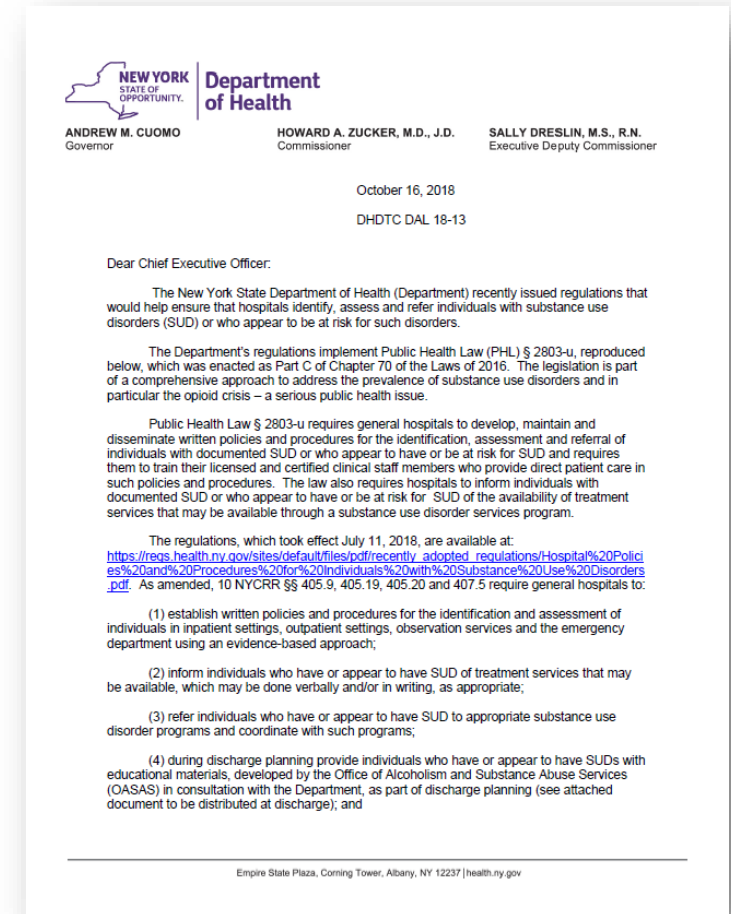
- The addition of a linkage and navigation category
- Removal of the more stringent educational requirements for the peers and other staff performing the activities at our SEP locations
- Increased rates for onsite, offsite, and groups across the state including NYC. (The only rate that was not amended was the NYC rate for onsite services because through a fiscal analysis it was determined that this was “fair”.)

Hospital Referrals to Substance Use Disorder Resources

In 2018, the Department of Health promulgated regulations pursuant to PHL 2803-u, which requires the referral of individuals with substance use disorder, or who appear to be at risk for substance use disorder, to appropriate care

Hospitals are required to have written policies and procedures for the ID, assessment, and referral of patients with or at risk for substance use disorder

The law also requires hospitals to inform persons with or at risk for substance use disorder of the availability of treatment services



NYS Prescription Monitoring Program

- Secure method for viewing patient controlled substance prescription history
- Supports practitioners' ability to make informed prescribing decisions
- Provides source of data for prevention strategy development
- Provides source of data to support investigations into inappropriate prescribing practices.

Opioid Prescriber Education Program

- Fulfills NYS PHL
- Covers topics in federal requirements for prescribing controlled substances; pain management; appropriate prescribing; managing acute pain; palliative medicine; prevention, screening, signs, and responses to misuse and opioid use disorder; and end of life care

Data Sharing

- Make PMP data available through NYSDOH Opioid Data Dashboard and Opioid Annual Report to support research and overdose prevention planning
- Provide data to Office of Drug User Health (ODUH) to support efforts to address patient abandonment
- Provide PMP data to local health departments to support local prevention planning

Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement

– *Efforts to Address Overdose*

Drug Take Back

Supports efforts to mitigate misuse and diversion

Work is supported by both BNE and the CDC Overdose Data to Action grant

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Opioid Stewardship Act Opioid Excise Tax

Administer the Opioid Stewardship Act and Opioid Excise Tax for manufacturers to recognize their responsibility in the opioid crisis and help fund recovery from opioid addiction.

Revising Regulations to Improve Access

Working to conform New York State regulations with Federal DEA flexibilities related to Buprenorphine prescribing and telemedicine.

Synthetic Fentanyl Analogues

Added deadly Fentanyl Analogues to the controlled substance schedules as CI controlled substances in alignment with the DEA.