



INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE ON OVERDOSE PREVENTION

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2023 | 11:00AM – 1:00PM
(VIRTUAL)
AGENDA**

- Welcome 11:00am – 11:05am
 - o *James McDonald, MD, MPH, Commissioner, Department of Health*
 - o *Chinazo Cunningham, MD, Commissioner, Office of Addiction Services and Supports*

- Agency Presentations 11:05am – 11:35am
 - o *Joseph Popcun, Executive Deputy Commissioner, Division of Criminal Justice Services*
 - o *Lessie Branch, Special Assistant for Community Engagement, Division of Veterans Services*
 - o *Charles Williams, Charlie Williams, Assistant Director for Healthy Aging and Longevity, State Office of the Aging*
 - o *TENTATIVE OCFS*

- Questions/Open Discussion 11:35am – 12:55pm
 - o *Full Board Members*

Questions for discussion include:

- o What has been the impact of the overdose epidemic on your agency/workforce?
- o Are there touch points with your agency where a primary prevention strategy could be utilized?
- o Are there opportunities where we could facilitate linkage to care/treatment?
- o For individuals who use drugs but are not ready for treatment, are there opportunities where we can better facilitate access to harm reduction services that make overdose/fatality less likely? (e.g., naloxone, test strips, etc.)
- o Would a training for all state employees providing a background on overdose prevention/harm reduction strategies be valuable?
- o Are there ideas you have seen in other places that we should recommend the state consider, in addition to recommendations mentioned so far? (Please see attached document.)
- o Beyond the Task Force, are there specific collaborations we can continue/create?
- o What are areas that opioid use prevention can be incorporated into existing programming/services?

- Conclusion 12:55pm – 1:00pm
 - o *James McDonald, MD, MPH*
 - o *Chinazo Cunningham, MD*