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The Office of the Medical Examiner (OME-19) provides overdose fatality records to the Florida Department of Health's Bureau of Vital Statistics.

Florida HEALTH

VITAL STATISTICS

The Overdose Fatality Review case investigator requests overdose fatality data directly from Vital Statistics to support case reviews and analysis.

OPIOID ABATEMENT PROGRAM

The Overdose Fatality Review case investigator reviews and analyzes data to identify selected cases for next of kin interviews and cases for presentation to the review team.



NEXT-OF-KIN INTERVIEW

Investigator obtains an in-depth look at how someone lived, their social supports, and the circumstances that led to an overdose death through next of kin interviews.

OVERDOSE FATALITY REVIEW

Overdose Fatality Review Committee conducts closed case reviews, with active participation from multiple agencies including law enforcement, medical examiner, EMS, individuals with lived experience, treatment, harm reduction, behavioral health and prevention professionals.



RECOMMENDATIONS

The coordinator summarizes key findings and generated recommendations of the Overdose Fatality Review Committee.

OVERDOSE FATALITY REVIEW RECOMMENDATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Prioritizes, develops, and supports actionable, data driven recommendations from the committee.



IMPLEMENTATION

Key agency partners, stakeholders, and community members lead implementation of recommended initiatives.



ASSESS INITIATIVES

The Recommendation Subcommittee conducts routine assessment of initiatives for progress/completion.



REPORT RESULTS

Florida Department of Health in St. Lucie County and Recommendation Subcommittee monitors implementation, documents outcomes, and reports back to the Overdose Fatality Review Committee.