



OPIOID WORK GROUP  
CITY OF ALEXANDRIA

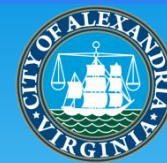
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## **Mission Statement: *Eliminate Opioid Misuse and its Harmful Effects Throughout the City of Alexandria***

- Formed in 2015 to combat the impact of opioid misuse in the city
- Members include: DCHS, APD, AHD, Fire/EMS, IAH, ACPS, Sheriff's Office, Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, SAPCA, Parks and Recreation, Probation and Parole, Court Services, Guest House, Care First Blue Cross Blue Shield



# OVERDOSE DATA\*

(CALENDAR YEAR)

**2017**

Nonfatal: 49

Fatal: 8

**2018**

Nonfatal: 50

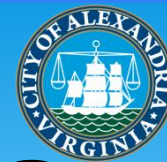
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**2019** (Year to Date)

Nonfatal: 20

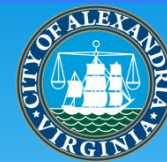
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*\*Data will likely change after current project to include all Fire/EMS data is complete*



# KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Recovery Bag Program with APD and DCHS
- Expansion of Narcan distribution, including to all sworn APD officers and in the IAH ED
- Rapid access to DCHS Opioid Treatment Program
- Alexandria Treatment Court
- Educated restaurant workers on overdoses and physicians on prescribing guidelines
- Creation of Opioid website and educational materials
- Community forums focused on both education and open discussion
- Substance use prevention seminars in ACPS
- Expansion of Drug Take Back opportunities, including take back days and permanent drop off boxes
- Lock and Talk Efforts



# OWG STRATEGIC PLAN (DRAFT)

## SELECTED ACTIONS

### **Goal 1: Utilize prevention and education efforts to reduce opioid use and its harmful effects throughout the city of Alexandria**

- Provide education and develop relationships with the prescribing and providing community
- Plan and promote drug take back events and ongoing efforts
- Provide education and support to the community around opioid use and abuse

### **Goal 2: Provide evidence based and effective treatment services in order to promote long term opioid use recovery**

- Increase availability of Medication Assisted Treatment throughout the community
- Increase Peer Work related to opioid treatment and support
- Increase involvement of the recovery and using community

### **Goal 3: Create an overall opioid supply reduction plan across the City of Alexandria**

- Engage the local prescribing community
- Ensure real time tracking and monitoring of local and national opioid trends
- Continued focused law enforcement work on opioid supply reduction

### **Goal 4: Provide a diversion path from the criminal justice system into treatment for those who qualify and who would greatly benefit from recovery support**

- Expand Alexandria Treatment Court

### **Goal 5: Respond immediately, effectively and collaboratively to all opioid overdoses**

- Maintain the Recovery Bag program
- Continue to assess and develop effective strategies for data collection and monitoring