

# Opioid Unified Response in Santa Barbara County

“OUR SBC”



# Overview of Today's Presentation

- Update on Opioid Settlement litigation
- Opioid Settlement Funds projections
- Oversight and use requirements
- Planning and priorities
- Recommendations of use of funds
- Collaboration and next steps

# Introduction to Opioid Settlement Funds

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# Background

- As a result of multiple settlements in the opioid litigation filed against opioid manufacturers, distributors, and pharmacies, state, local, and tribal entities received settlement funds from some defendants.
- First funds received locally in November 2022.
- As of 6/1/24, \$4.29 Million received and an additional ~\$1.6 Million per year anticipated for next 15 years.
- To prioritize best use of funds at CEO's request, Public Health created and led the Opioid Unified Response in Santa Barbara County Team (OUR SBC).

## Overview of Litigation

- January 2019 - Board approves Outside Counsel to file litigation against various opioid manufacturers and distributors on behalf of the County.
- December 2021 - Board approved the County to “Opt In” to the “National Opioid Settlement” with Amerisource Bergen, Cardinal Health, McKesson (“Distributors”), and Janssen.
- July 2022 - Board authorized the County to enter into a Statewide Allocation Agreement with the State of California for local control of funds distributed from opioid defendant Mallinckrodt plc’s bankruptcy.
- April 2023 - Board approved the County to “Opt-In” to the “New National Opioid Settlement” with Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens and Walmart.

# Settlement Funds' Requirements

- The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) oversees the use of opioid settlement funds.
- Use of funds is specific to opioid abatement and generally requires the following:
  - Funds must be used for future opioid remediation, defined as "Core Strategies"
    - Core Strategies includes prevention, treatment, harm reduction, warm hand-off and recovery programs, and evidenced-based data collection and research
    - Reasonable administration costs may be reimbursed with funds

## Settlement Funds' Requirements (continued)

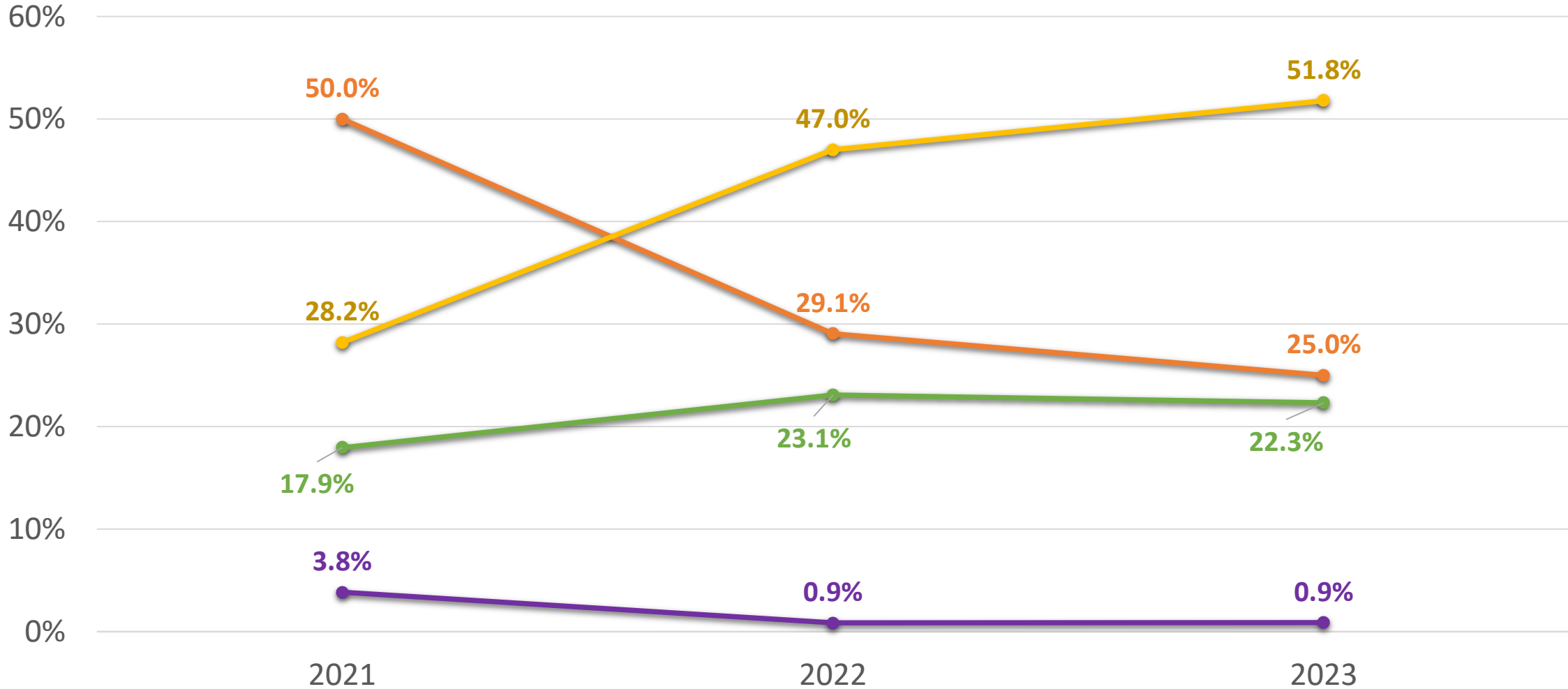
- 50% of abatement funds must be used for "high-impact abatement" activities.
- Subdivision funds can be used to reimburse past expenses, including outside counsel contingency fees and litigation costs.
- Funds must be expended or encumbered within five years of receipt, or seven years of receipt for capital outlay projects.

# Review of Opioid Overdose Ongoing Efforts and Gaps Assessment in Santa Barbara County

- OUR SBC Team provided education on the use of funds at community meetings.
- Assessed ongoing drug overdose efforts and gaps/opportunities through a community survey and a focus group.
- Results from these efforts highlighted the following opportunity areas:
  - Care coordination and case management
  - Residential and Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)
  - Focus on special populations:
    - Incarcerated or justice-involved, diagnosed with mental health conditions, Spanish/Mixteco speakers, unhoused, and youth/adolescents + their families



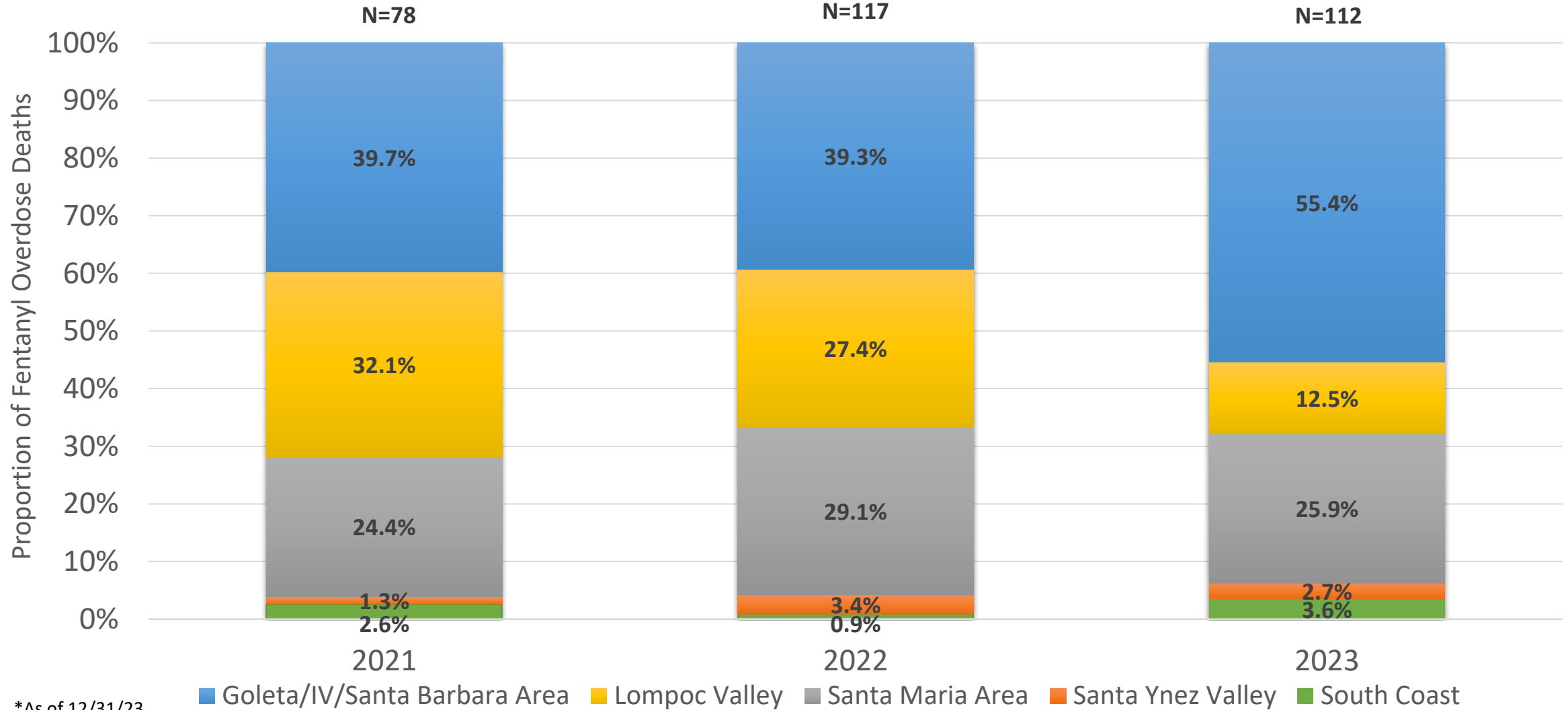
# Fentanyl Overdose Deaths by Age Range, 2021-2023\* N=307



\*As of 12/31/23

● <18 ● 18-34 ● 35-54 ● 55+

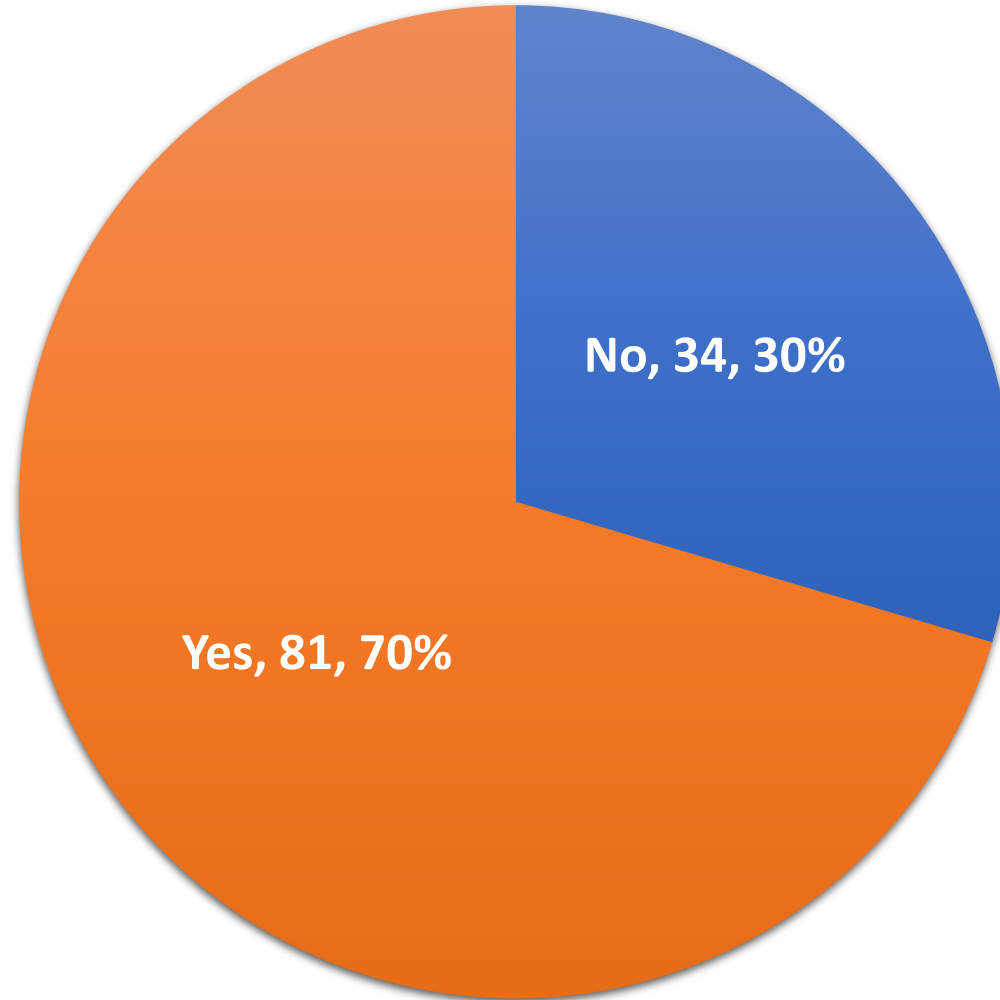
# Fentanyl Overdose Deaths by Area, 2021-2023\* N=307



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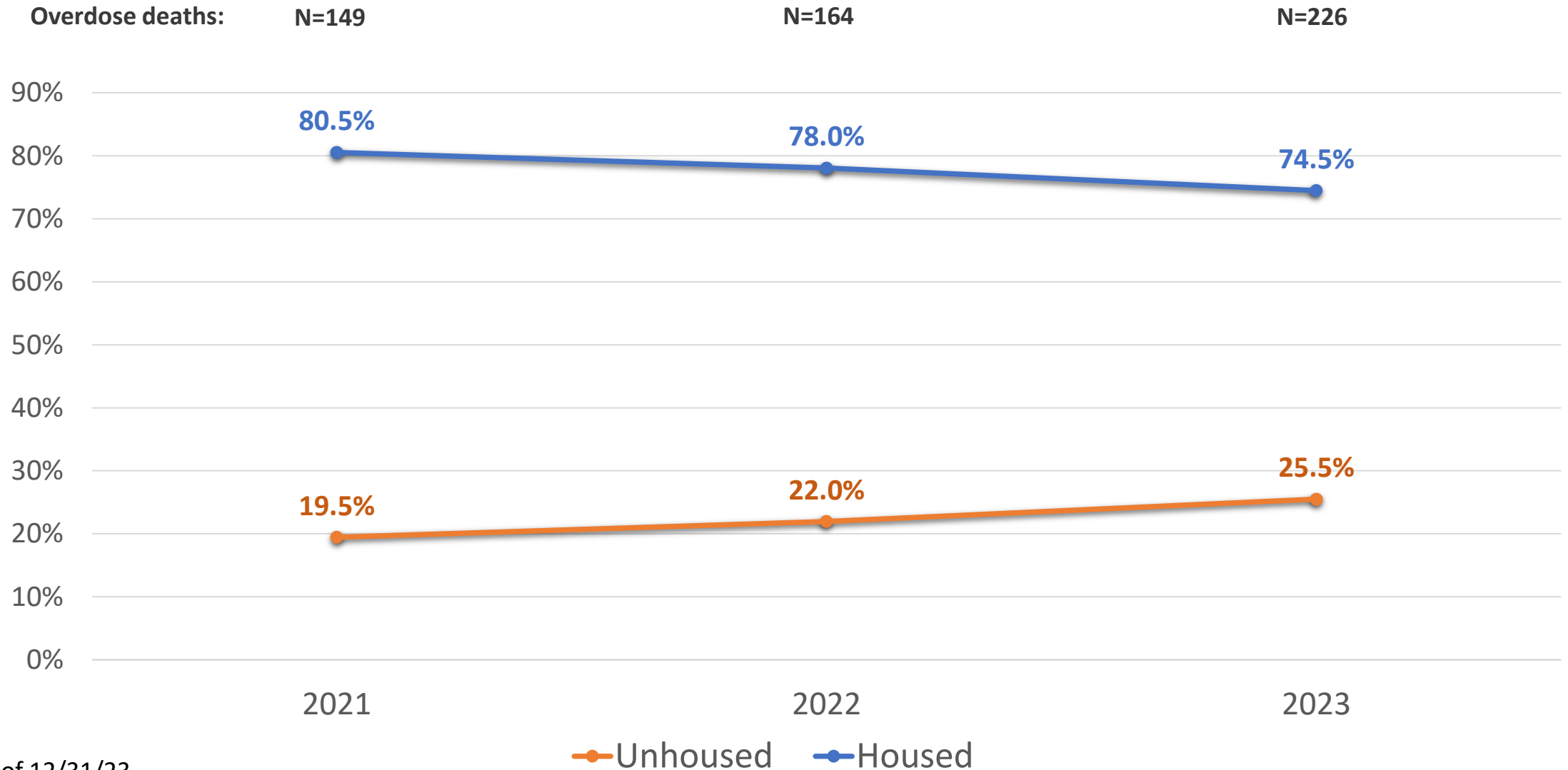
# Previously Incarcerated in Santa Barbara Sheriffs' Office Custody Facility

March-August 2023, N=115\*



\*Data for overdose deaths that occurred between 3/1/2023-8/31/2023

# Overdose Deaths by Housing Status, 2021-2023\* N=539



\*As of 12/31/23

## OUR SBC Priorities

- The following priorities were determined based on the survey results, focus group feedback, and needs identified:
  - Expansion of Prevention Strategies
  - Strengthening Treatment and Harm Reduction Programs
  - Supporting Data Collection and Research
- Central to all efforts are equity, homeless and community empowerment, and attention to special populations.

# Recommendations to Allocate Funds

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# Recommended Use of Funding

## Community Partner Grants

- \$500,000 one-time funds for allocation to community partner agencies through Request for Proposals process

## Expansion of Behavioral Wellness Sobering Center

- Contribution of \$300,000 one-time funds towards project for purchase and siting of a modular structure that increases the number of beds from 7 to 10 at the South County Sobering Center

## Expansion of Behavioral Wellness Recovery Residences

- \$600,000 one-time funds (\$200K/annually for 3 years) for an additional 12 recovery residence (sober living) beds

## Recommended Use of Funding

### In-Custody Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Expansion

- \$437,900 one-time for FY 23-24 and \$600,600 ongoing for FY 24-25 to build on the existing MAT program in jail by providing medication and healthcare staffing
- Anticipate future costs will be partially reimbursable by CalAIM Medi-Cal Justice Involved Initiative



## Recommended Use of Funding

### Homeless Outreach and Engagement Support Team

- \$375,000 for FY 24/25 and \$750,000 ongoing funds starting FY 25/26 for agreement to provide homeless outreach and support services (current provider: Good Samaritan Shelters)
- These services are currently funded through ARPA and Encampment grants through December 2024
- Funds may be reduced in future if other state, federal or local funding becomes available

### Treatment and Housing Beds

- Additionally, staff recommend dedicating opioid funding as grant match to state or federal funding opportunities for treatment and housing beds (specific amounts TBD)

## Recommended Use of Funding

### City of Santa Barbara – Reallocation Request

- \$79,675.26 one-time funds for return of City's direct allocation from the Janssen settlement due to City's claiming oversight
- Seeking Board Direction to reallocate and establish purchase agreement with City

### Public Health Administration

- \$50,000 ongoing funding, and indirect/admin for community partner grants

# Funding Summary

RECOMMENDATION	FY 23/24	FY 24/25	FY 25/26 and Ongoing
<b>Community Partner Grants</b>		\$500,000	
<b>Behavioral Wellness – Sobering Center</b>		\$300,000	
<b>Behavioral Wellness – Recovery Residence (Sober Living) Beds</b>		\$600,000	
<b>Sheriff – Mediation Assisted Treatment in Jail</b>	\$292,900 (staffing); \$145,000 (pharmaceuticals)	\$440,600 (staffing); \$160,000 (pharmaceuticals)	\$440,600 (staffing); \$160,000 (pharmaceuticals)
<b>Community Services – Homeless Outreach and Engagement Support Team</b>		\$375,000	\$750,000
<b>City of Santa Barbara – Reallocation Request</b>		\$79,676	
<b>Public Health – Administrative Allocation</b>		\$50,000	\$50,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$437,900</b>	<b>\$2,505,276</b>	<b>\$1,400,600</b>

# Ongoing Collaboration and Next Steps

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# Ongoing Collaboration



Opioid Safety Coalition is saving lives and preventing opioid misuse through expanding public education and media outreach, enhancing opioid surveillance, preventing overdose and promoting Naloxone distribution, promoting safe disposal practices, encouraging early intervention, and expanding treatment access and recovery.

Access Support Network  
Aegis Treatment Centers  
CenCal Health  
Community Health Centers  
Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse  
Behavioral Wellness  
Dignity Health, Marian Medical Center  
Fighting Back, Santa Maria Valley  
Future Leaders of America  
Good Samaritan Shelter  
Health Management Associates  
Lompoc Valley Community Health Care Organization  
Lompoc Valley Medical Center  
Pacific Pride Foundation  
Recover  
Sanctuary Centers

Santa Barbara City College, Student Health Services  
Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital  
Emergency Medical Services Agency  
Probation Department  
Public Health Department  
Sheriff's Office  
Santa Barbara Neighborhood Clinics  
Santa Ynez Tribal Health Clinic  
Santa Ynez Valley People Helping People  
UCSB Student Health Alcohol and Drug Program  
Wellpath

## Next Steps

- Public Health Department anticipates releasing Request for Proposal for community partner grants by August 2024 with proposals tentatively received by Fall 2024
- Updates and projections provided to Board during annual budget process

# Recommendations

- A. Receive and file a report on the Opioid Unified Response in Santa Barbara County strategic priorities and provide initial direction for utilizing the Opioid Settlement Funds in Santa Barbara County;
- B. Approve funding recommendations for FYs 2023-24 and 2024-25 as detailed in Attachment A;
- C. Approve the City of Santa Barbara's one-time request for \$79,675.26 in Opioid Settlement Funds, which represents the City's direct allocation of funds from the Janssen settlement, subject to a purchase order agreement specifying certain requirements and approved uses of funds;
- D. Approve Budget Revision Request (BRR 0009764) for FYs 2023-24 opioid settlement funding to the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$437,900 for allocation towards medication assisted therapy (MAT) pharmaceuticals and MAT program staff costs at Santa Barbara County Jail (Attachment F) (4/5 note);

# Recommendations

E. Delegate the Public Health Department, in coordination with the County Executive Office, as the lead department in managing receipt and distribution of opioid settlement funds, including establishment of a new special revenue fund where funds will be deposited, and the annual submission of required reporting to the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) starting FY 2024-25, subject to the Board's authority to rescind this delegated authority at any time (4/5 vote);

F. Provide other direction, as appropriate; and

G. Determine that the recommended actions are not a project within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines, since the recommended actions are an organizational or administrative activity of the government that will not result in direct or indirect physical change in the environment.