

# An Update on the Opioid Overdose Emergency and Response

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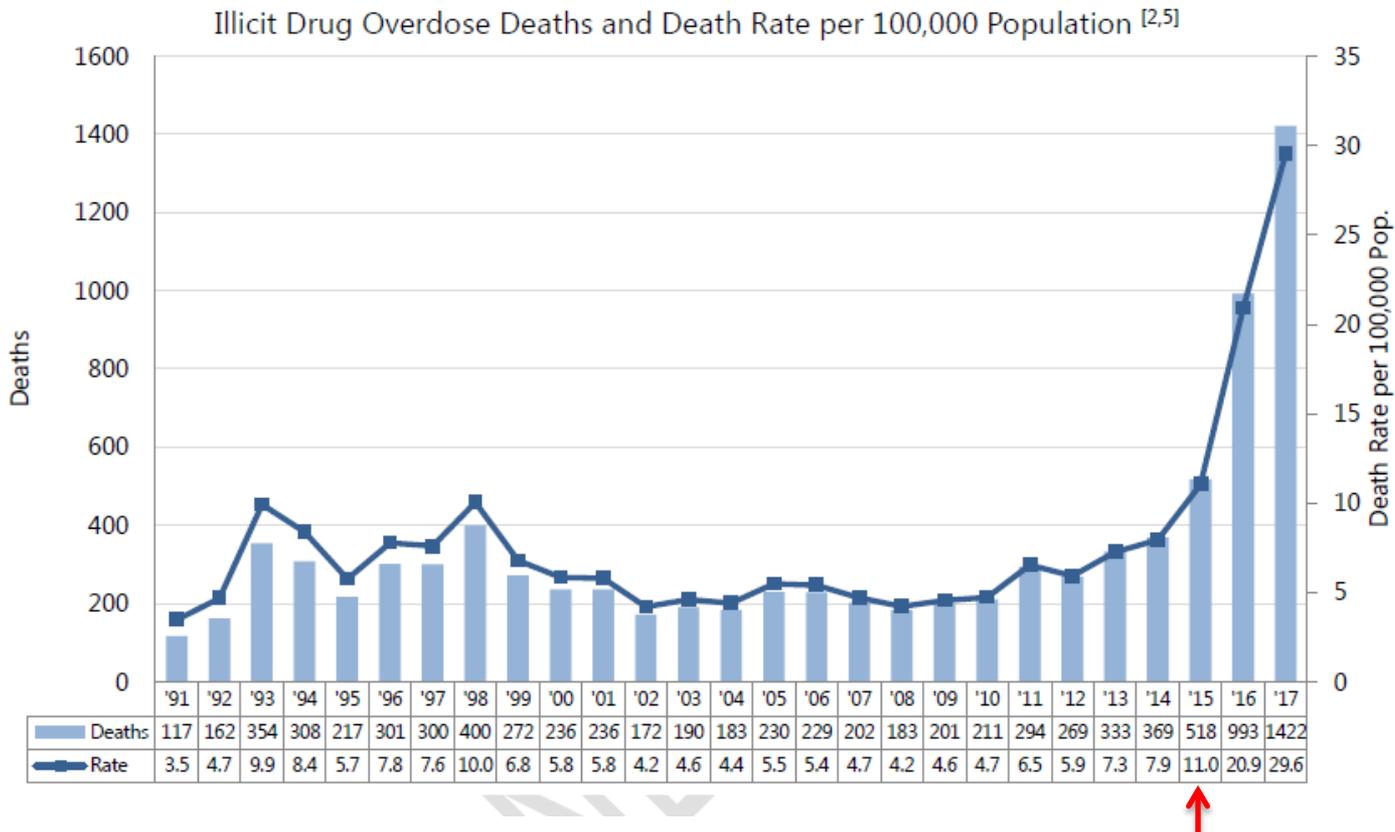
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# Presentation overview

- Share the latest figures on the impact of this crisis, provincially, VCH and Richmond
- Provide an update on actions, focus on Richmond

# Drug overdose deaths in BC 1991-2017

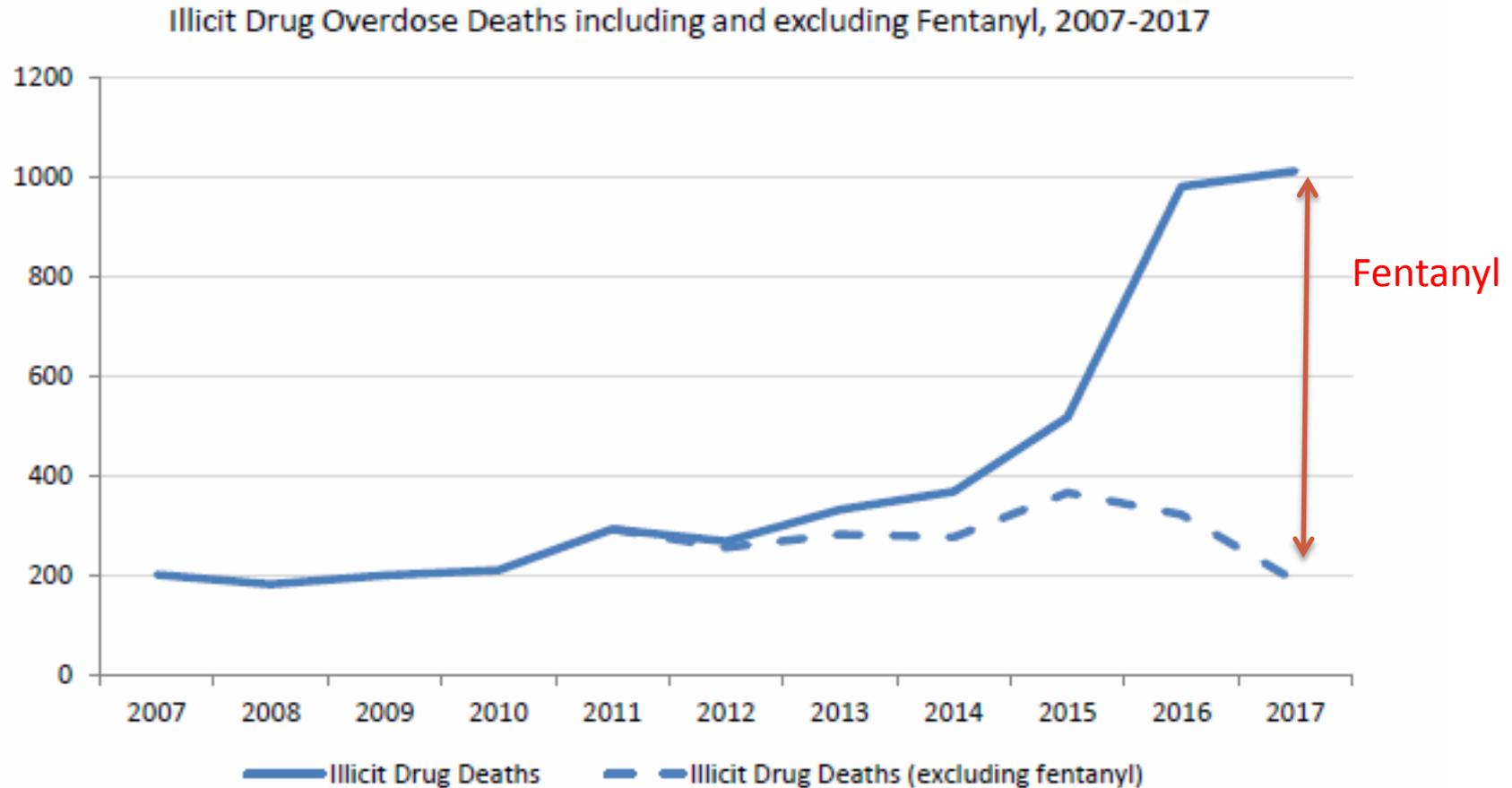
## BC Data and Rates



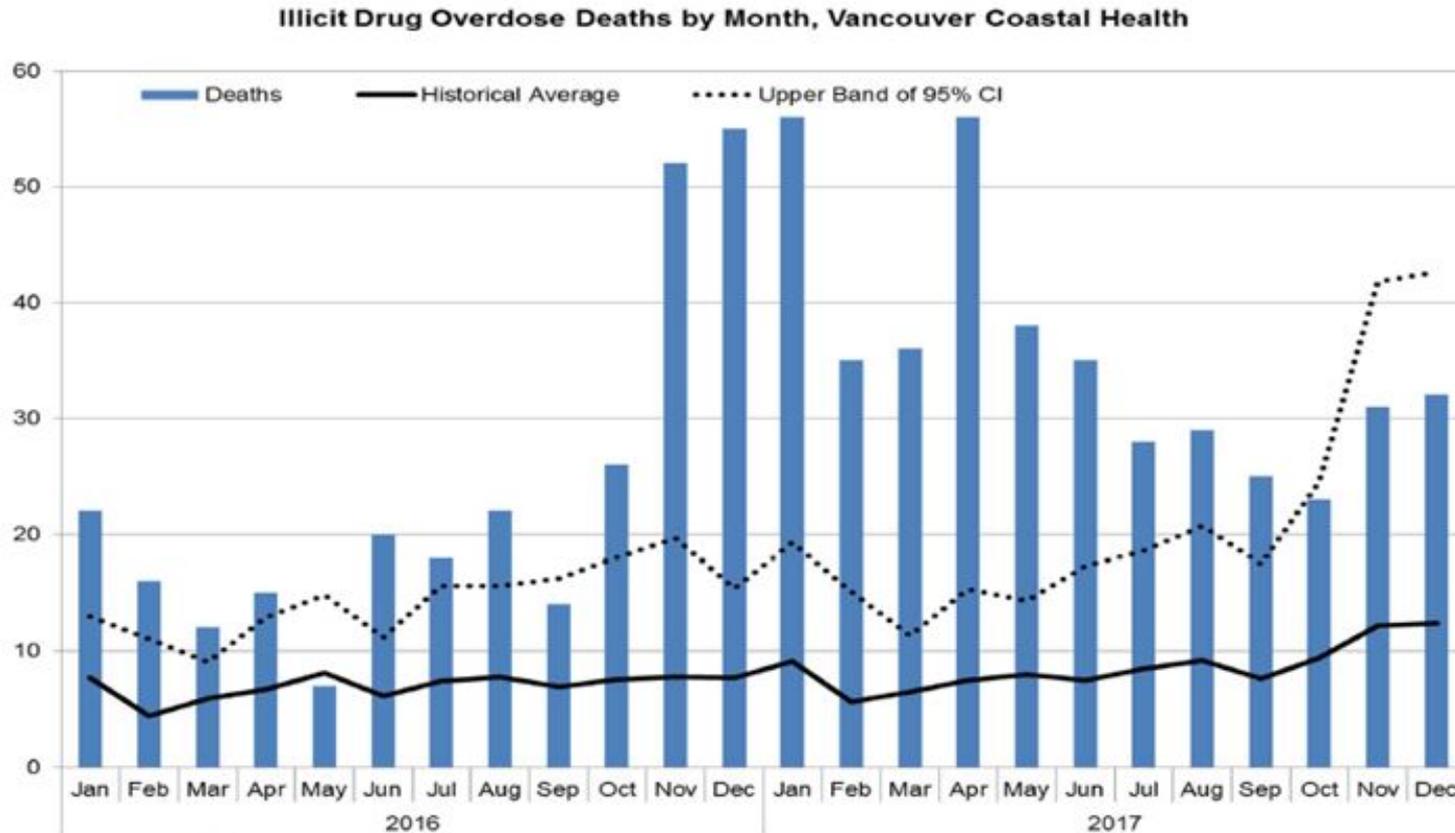
# Overdose deaths in BC, 2017

- There were 1,422 suspected drug overdose deaths in 2017. This is a 43% increase from 2016 (933).
- Men account for 82% of fatalities.
- Ninety percent of individuals are ages 19-59 years.
- Location: 88% of deaths occurred inside (60% within a private residence, and 28% other residences)
- Fentanyl was detected in 67% of deaths in 2016 and 81% of deaths in 2017.
- There were no deaths at supervised consumption sites or overdose prevention sites.

# Impact of Fentanyl



# Overdose deaths by month, VCH



# OD deaths by health service delivery area

	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>VCH Overall</b>	95	119	157	279	<b>424</b>
<b>Vancouver</b>	80	101	136	233	<b>358</b>
<b>Richmond</b>	3	3	6	14	<b>24</b>
<b>Coastal</b>	12	15	15	31	<b>42</b>

# Response



# New provincial response structure

- Announced Dec. 1, 2017 by Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, Judy Darcy
- Overdose emergency operation centre located at Vancouver General Hospital
- Builds on work to date and addresses gaps
- Led by the Ministry for Mental Health and Addictions in partnership with Health, Public Safety and Social ministries
- Strong focus on local, action-oriented, rapid response
- New investment in HA response: \$15M (17-18), \$18.9M (18-19, and 19-20)

# Regional response teams

## Mandate:

- Develop & lead regional implementation plans to ensure comprehensive response
- Actively monitor community overdose indicators & support community actions
- Develop Community Action Teams in priority communities (Powell River, Richmond, Vancouver)
- Share the latest figures on the impact of this crisis, provincially, VCH & Richmond
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- Chris VanVeen, Caitlin Etherington, Dr. Reka Gustafson, Dr. Mark Lysyshyn

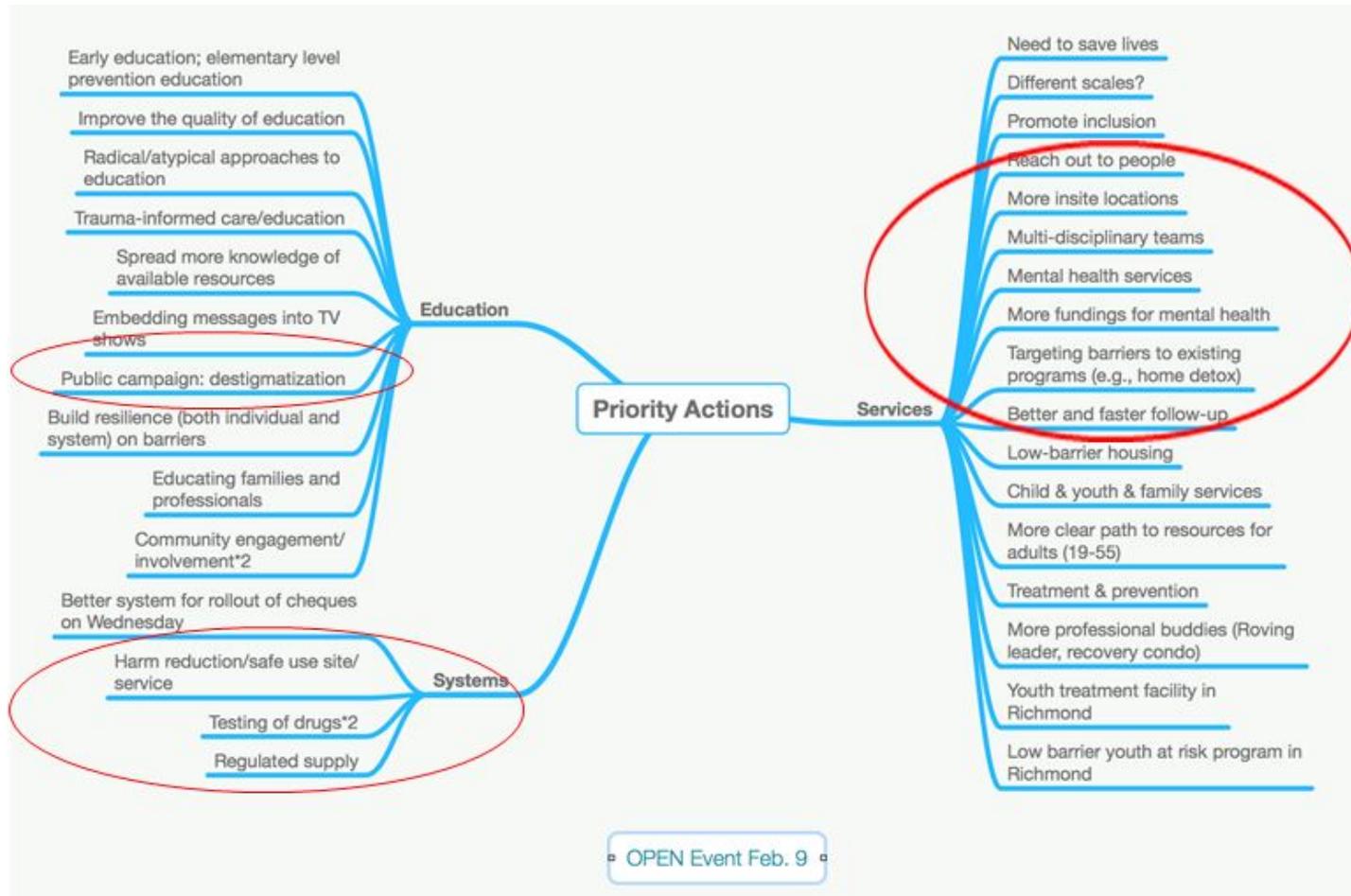
# Community action teams

- Established in communities with most urgent need
- Ensure high level of local coordination and communication amongst community stakeholders
- Membership to include reps from: Municipality, First responders, Front-line community agencies, Divisions of Family Practice, lived experience/family groups, First Nations communities and First Nations Health Authority
- Work with Health Authorities, other government agencies to access community-level data to guide decision-making
- Escalate priority issues to Regional & Provincial levels
- \$3M Community Crisis Innovation Fund with grants up to \$100,000 per community action team

# Actions in Richmond community

Fall 2016	<u>Intersectoral</u> partnership to develop communication materials for youth distributed via school district
Fall 2016	Public overdose forum at Richmond High School
Fall 2016	Service providers forum hosted by VCH to understand priority needs
Fall 2017	Service providers forum hosted by VCH and Richmond Addictions Services Society
Fall 2017- Spring 2018	Overdose Prevention and Education Network grant facilitated community engagement, needs assessment and public and service providers forums

# What we heard from the community in 2018



# Actions by VCH-Richmond

Intervention	Details
Naloxone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expansion of THN availability to 7 sites*</li> <li>• 2550 kits distributed in 2017</li> </ul>
Overdose Prevention Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need for safe consumption service and drug testing identified</li> </ul>
Acute Overdose Risk Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of overdose care to identify quality opportunities</li> <li>• Provide outreach to high risk individuals and those who leave hospital without a connection to community services</li> </ul>
Treatment and Recovery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same day access to care at Anne Vogel Clinic, ED</li> <li>• After hours care being expanded</li> <li>• Treatment options also being expanded</li> <li>• Strengthen collaboration with community physicians to offer oral Opioid Agonist Treatment</li> </ul>
Coordination of care with community partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Richmond Community Action Team about to be created</li> </ul>

# Anti-Stigma Campaign

- Launched Jan. 29 by Minister Darcy, Kirk McLean
- [www.StopOverdoseBC.ca](http://www.StopOverdoseBC.ca)
- Featured at all Canucks home games



# Thank you



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