

# Strategic Opioid Advanced Response (SOAR) Meeting

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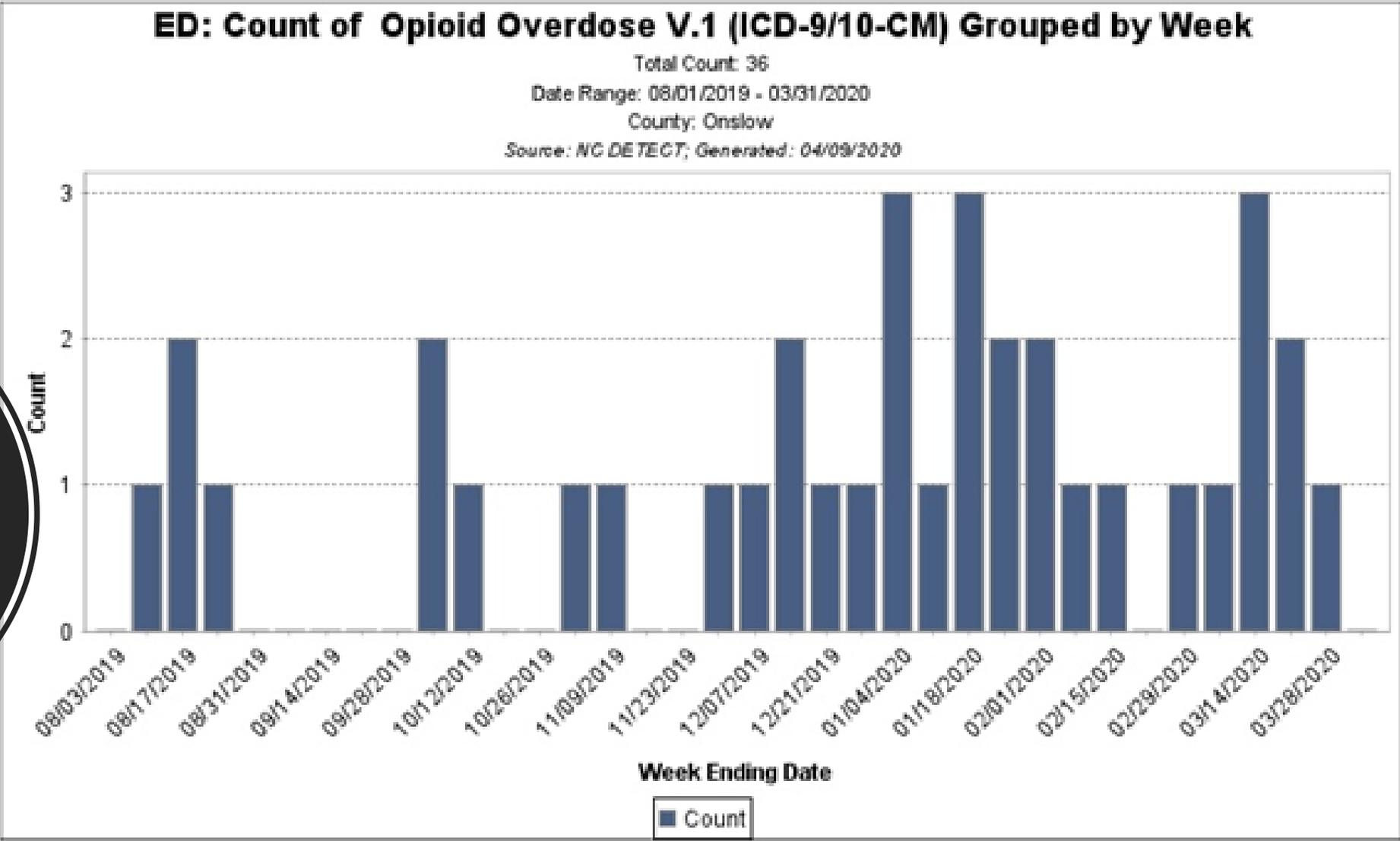
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# Updates

- Grant extension from UNC School of Government

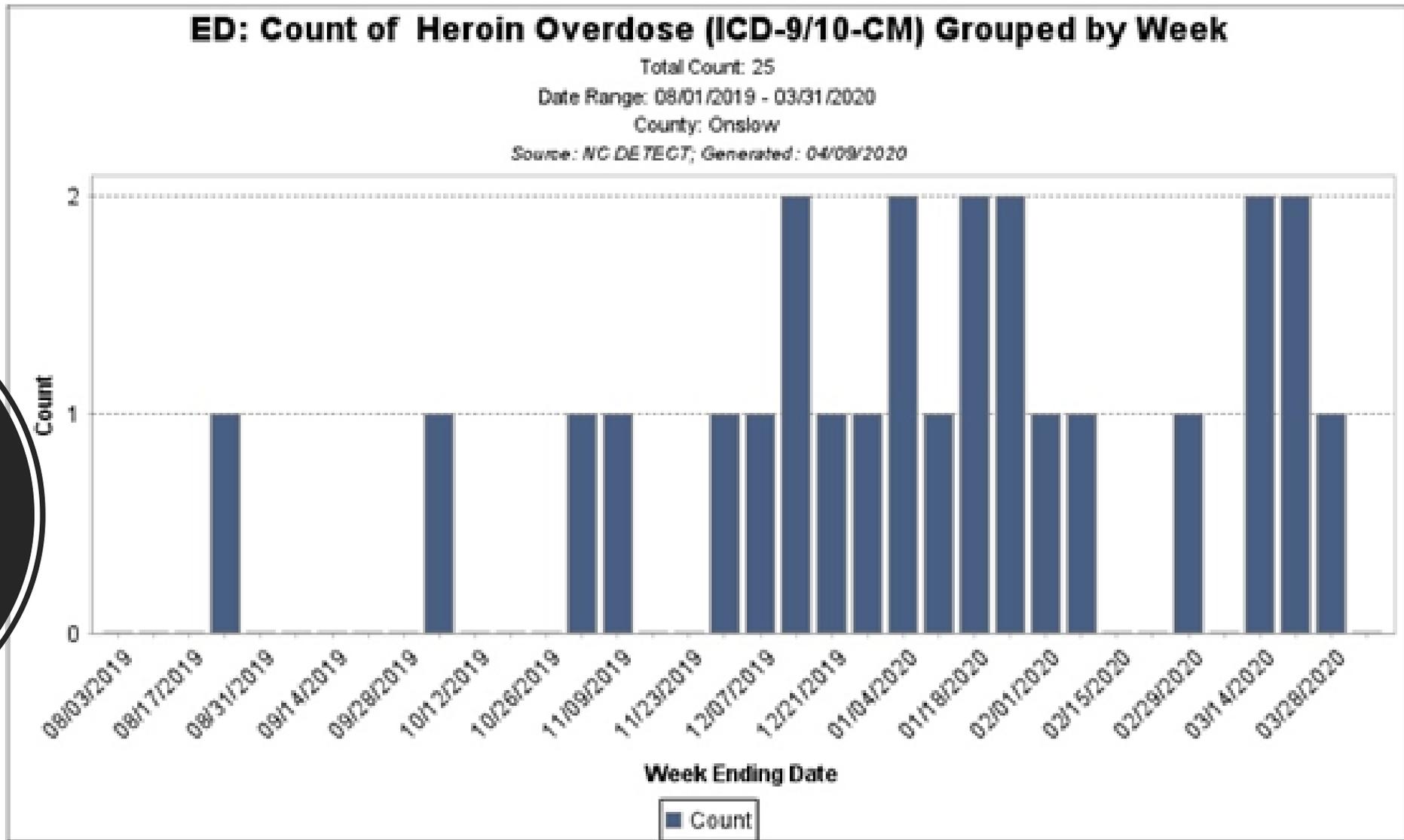
## Cancellations

- Vaping Assembly @ SWHS
- Community Narcan Training @ Jacksonville Jamboree



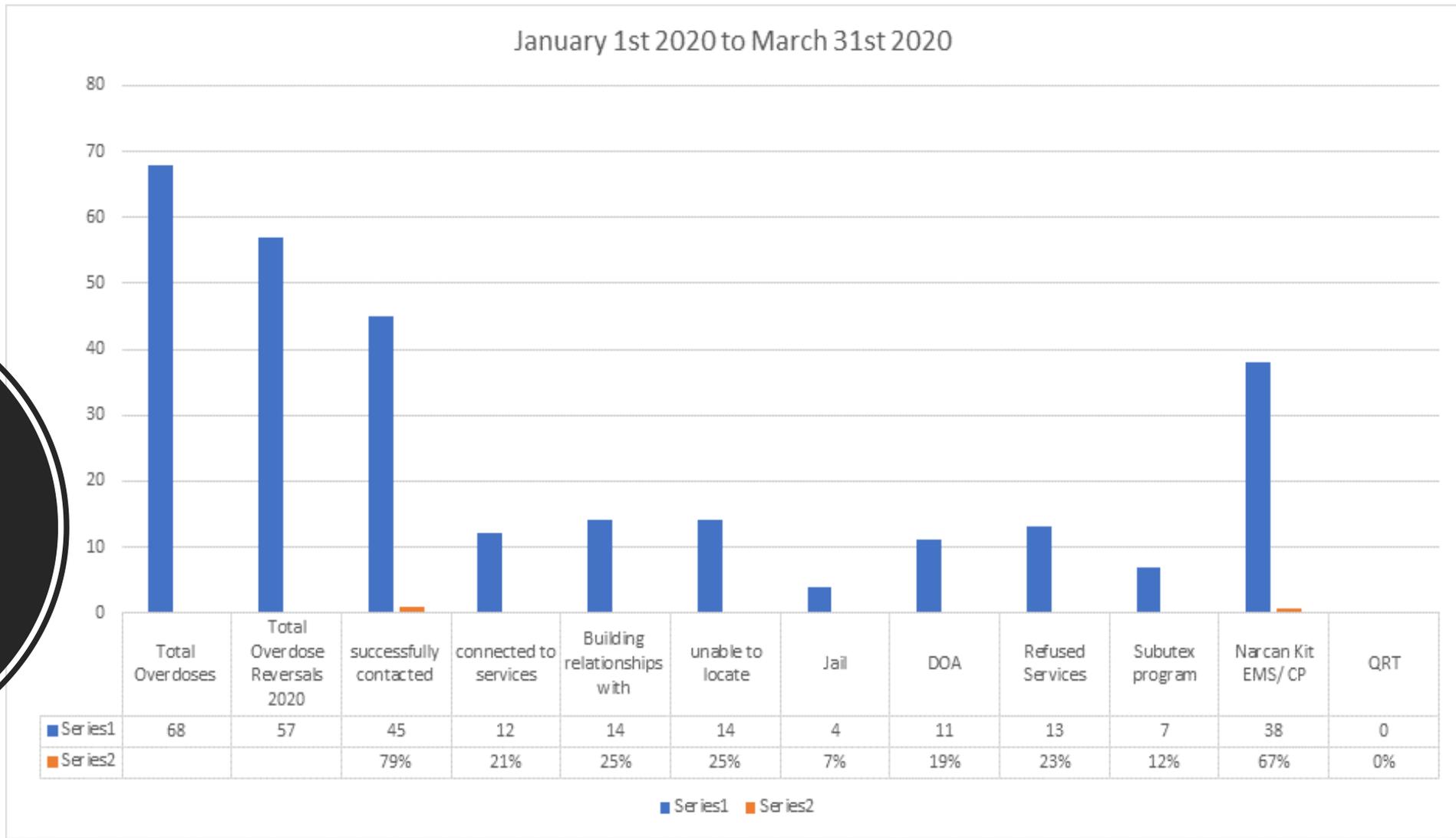
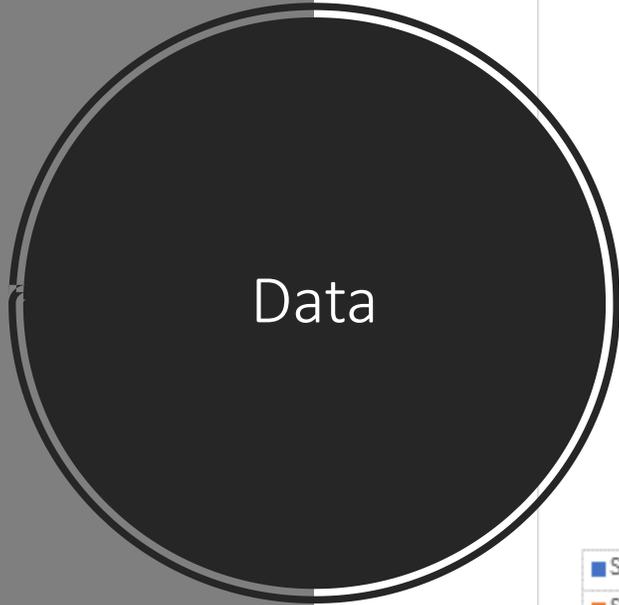
**ED reported counts of Opioid Overdose**

- August-November 2019: 10
- December 2019- March 2020: 26



#### ED reported counts of Heroin Overdose

- August-November 2019: 5
- December 2019- March 2020: 20



**Onslow County Community Paramedic Stats**

- January- March: 68 overdoses

# PSA Campaign



Additional filming in March- canceled



Targeted messaging

online ads, social  
media, billboards



Goal: Prevention week (2<sup>nd</sup> week in May)



Geotargeted to hotspots in county



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## Overdose Prevention and Response

OVERVIEW

OVERDOSE  
BASICS

MEDICATION  
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Drug and alcohol overdose deaths are the number one cause of unintentional death in North Carolina according to the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS). The rise reflects the growing problem across the nation and as of 2018, overdose deaths are the leading cause of preventable injury death in the United States. Mirroring national trends, the number of overdose deaths in our county have tripled in the past ten years alone and the problem only continues to grow and devastate lives.

Today in Onslow County, you are twice as likely to die of an overdose than a car accident.

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## NC 911 Good Samaritan Law

If an individual is aware that the victim and caller are protected from prosecution in the event of an overdose, many deaths from opioid misuse disorder and substance abuse can be prevented. The **NC 911 Good Samaritan Law** states that individuals who experience a drug overdose or persons who witness an overdose and seek help for the victim can no longer be prosecuted for possession of small amounts of drugs, paraphernalia, or underage drinking. [Read more here](#)



# Resource Page

# Accessing Online Support for those in Recovery



## Online Support Groups During COVID-19 Shutdown

The coronavirus pandemic has put severe stress on millions of people in recovery for substance use issues, as well as on friends and family who are trying to stand by them. In response, many organizations are quickly making virtual meetings and counseling available on numerous platforms, almost all of which are free.

### Free Apps

#### Connections

Evidence-based app to help track sobriety and connect with supportive peers and counselors.

#### I Am Sober

Popular, well-regarded app for planning and maintaining recovery.

#### SoberGrid

Large online sober-support community and peer counseling.

### For People Struggling with Drugs and Alcohol

#### Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Federal hotline offering referrals to local treatment and support services.

#### Narcotics Anonymous

Meetings worldwide for people struggling with drugs. Directory of online meetings, using Zoom, Skype and other platforms.

### For Those Who Support People in Recovery

#### Onslow County Opioid Family Member Support Group

Online meetings on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 6 pm. Anyone interested in joining can contact Kelli Knapp at (910)-353-0972.

#### Families Anonymous

Offers online 12-step meetings for family and friends with a loved one struggling with drugs, alcohol, and related behavioral problems.

Agency Updates?

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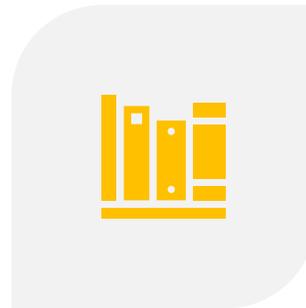
# Next Steps



COLLECT DATA FROM  
MESSAGING CAMPAIGN



COMMUNITY TRAINING  
OPPORTUNITIES



MONTHLY DIGEST OF  
RESOURCES



NEXT MEETING: JUNE  
18TH