

A COMMUNITY LEVEL, CROSS- ORGANIZATION RESPONSE TO THE OVERDOSE EMERGENCY

Association of Vancouver Island and
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SECTION 1: CRISIS OVERVIEW

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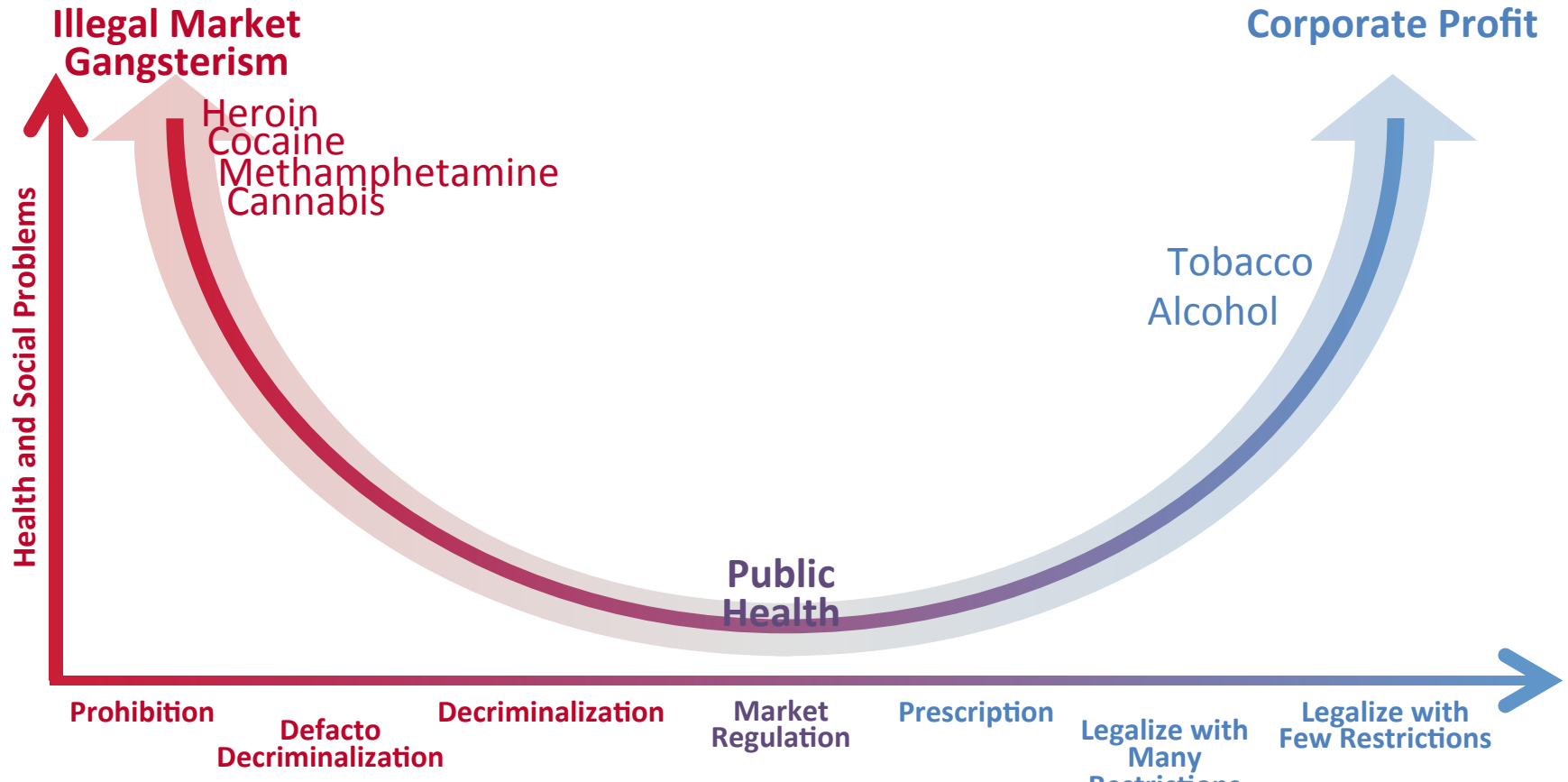


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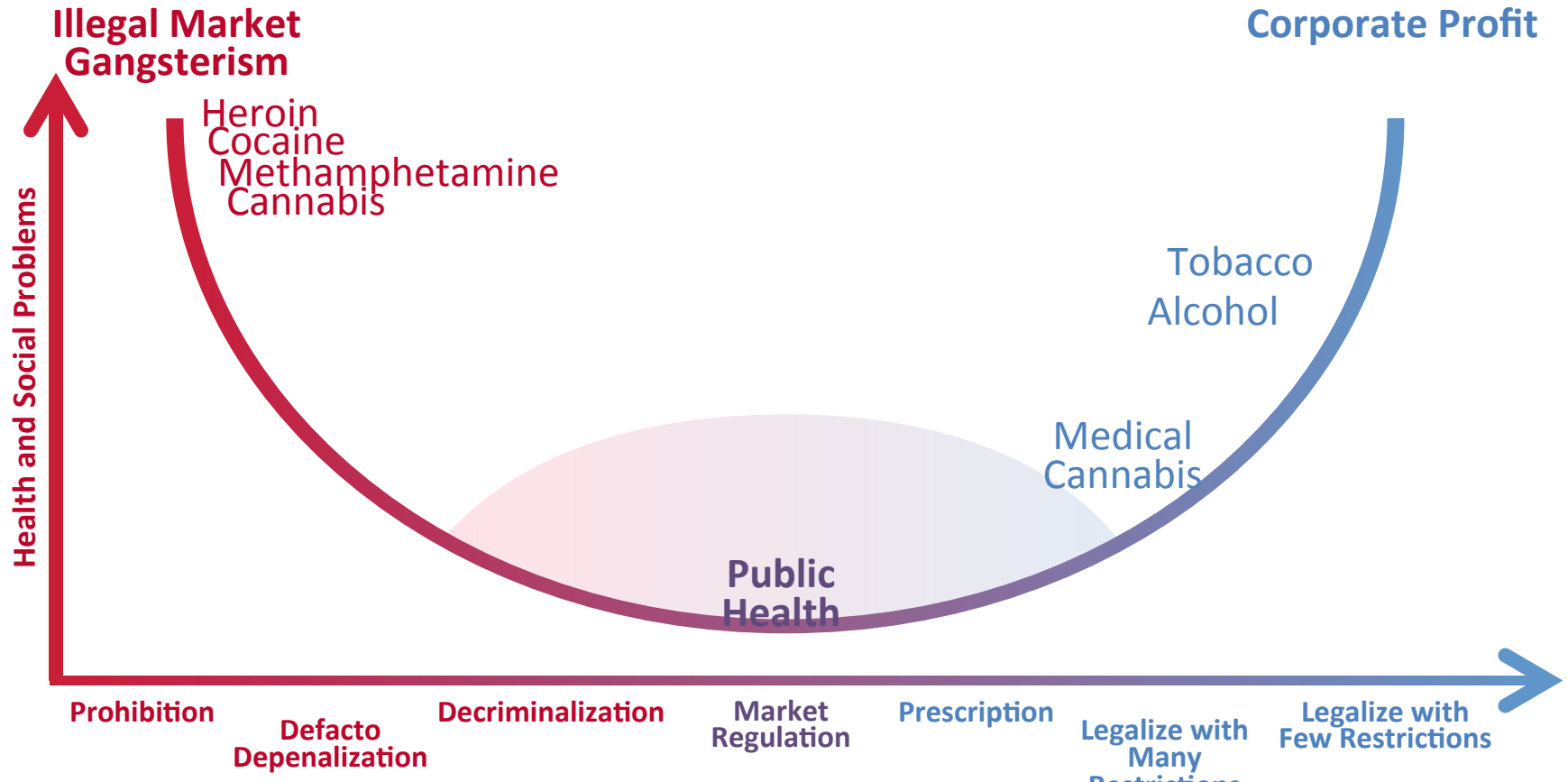
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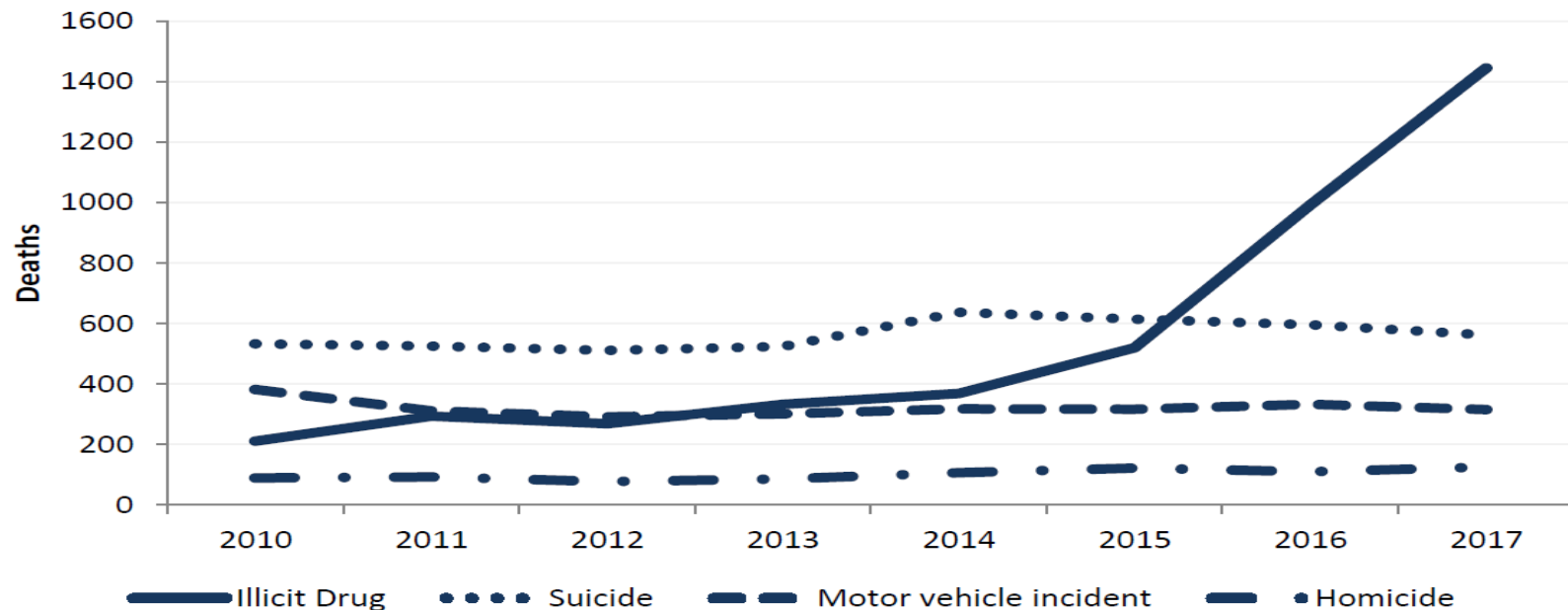


The Paradox of Prohibition



Leading Cause of Unnatural Deaths

Major Causes of Unnatural Deaths in BC



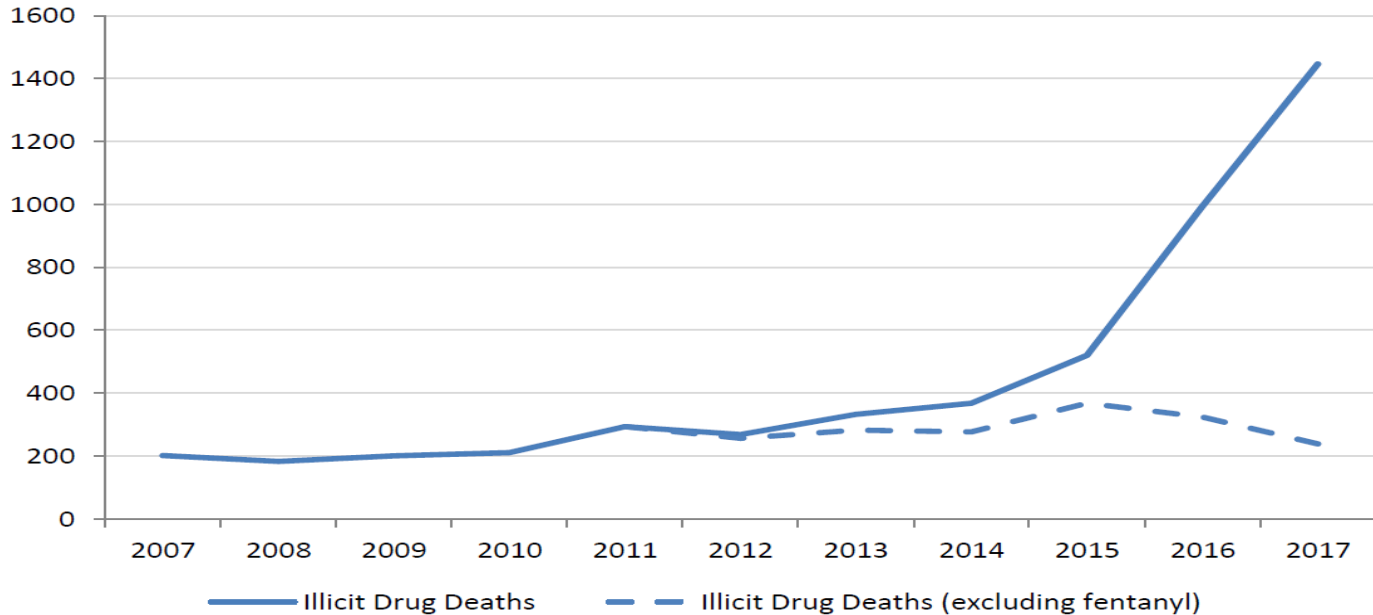
**2017 data to December 31, 2017*

**Source: BC Coroner's Service*

Opioid Crisis – Why?

Impact of Fentanyl

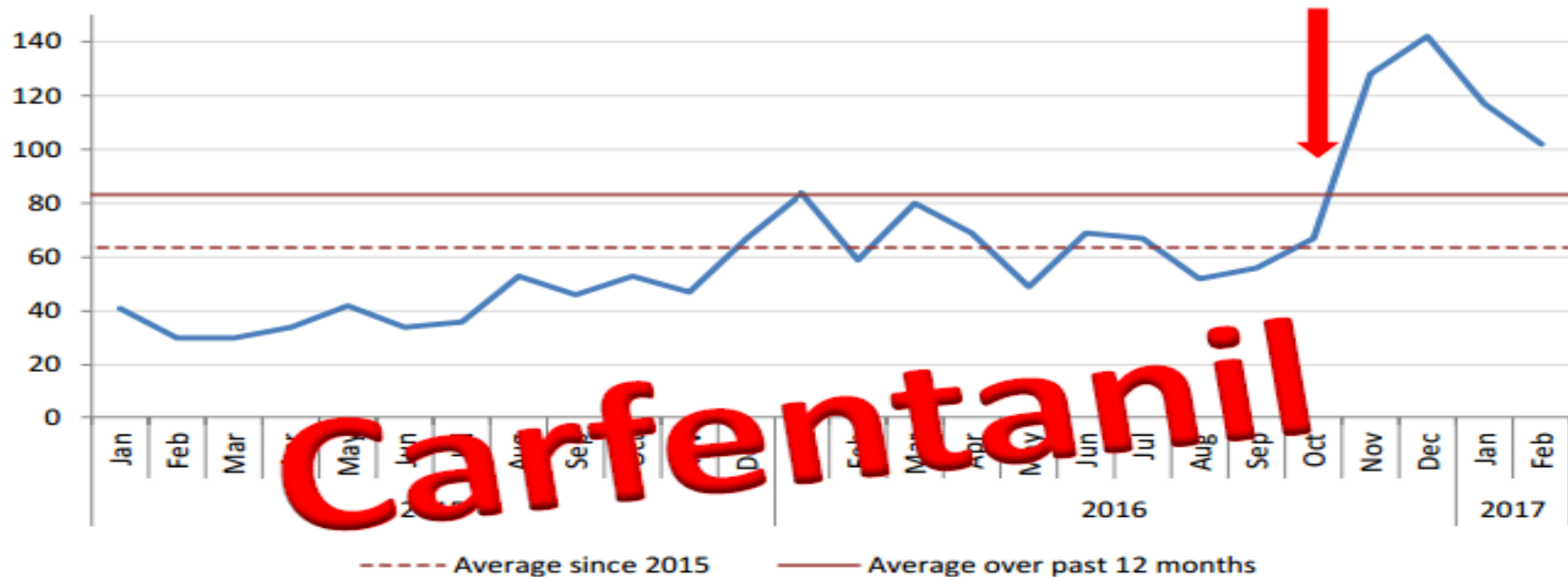
Illicit Drug Overdose Deaths including and excluding Fentanyl, 2007-2017



**2017 data up to October 31, 2017*

**Source: BC Coroner's Service*

Illicit Drug Overdose Deaths by Month, 2015-2017^[2]



PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Ministerial Order No. M 488

ORDER OF THE MINISTER OF HEALTH

Emergency Health Services Act

I, Terry Lake, Minister of Health, as per my authority under section 5.2 of the *Emergency Health Services Act* and section 7.1 of the *Health Authorities Act*, order British Columbia Emergency Health Services and the regional health boards to provide, on the advice of the provincial health officer, during the public health emergency declared under the *Public Health Act* on April 14, 2016, overdose prevention services for the purpose of monitoring persons who are at risk of overdose, and providing rapid intervention as and when necessary, as ancillary health services, in any place there is a need for these services, as determined by the level of overdose related morbidity and mortality.

December 9, 2016

Date



Terry Lake
Minister of Health

Vancouver Island Stats

Illicit Drug Overdose Deaths by Health Services Delivery Area (rate per 100,000 population)

HEALTH SERVICE DELIVERY AREA	TOTAL DEATHS 2015		TOTAL DEATHS 2016		TOTAL DEATHS 2017		TOTAL DEATHS 2018 (to Feb 28)	
	(No.)	Rate	(No.)	Rate	(No.)	Rate	(No.)	Rate
Island Health	65	8.5	165	21.2	232	29.4	45	34.0
South Vancouver Island	25	6.6	79	20.6	103	26.6	25	38.3
Central Vancouver Island	29	10.8	58	21.3	92	33.4	15	32.5
North Vancouver Island	11	9.1	28	22.9	37	30.0	5	24.2

Illicit Drug Overdose Deaths by Gender

	2017		2018 (to Jan 31)	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
BC	1,173 (82%)	249 (17%)	185 (81%)	43 (19%)
Island Health	182 (78%)	50 (22%)	25 (86%)	4 (13%)

Illicit Drug Overdose Deaths by Location (BC wide)

	DEATHS 2017
Inside	1055 (87.3%)
Private Residence	699 (57.9%)
Other Residence	308 (25.5%)
Other Inside	48 (4.0%)
Outside	146 (12.1%)
Unknown	7 (0.6%)
Total	1208

Total deaths since 2015:

British Columbia: 3,187

Island Health: 508

Who Is Overdosing

- 2/3 are **daily users** and have history of use
- Most are between the ages of **30 to 59** years of age
- **81% are male**
- **10% are Indigenous**
- Majority are using **alone** and **in a private residence**
- 15% thought buying a **stimulant**

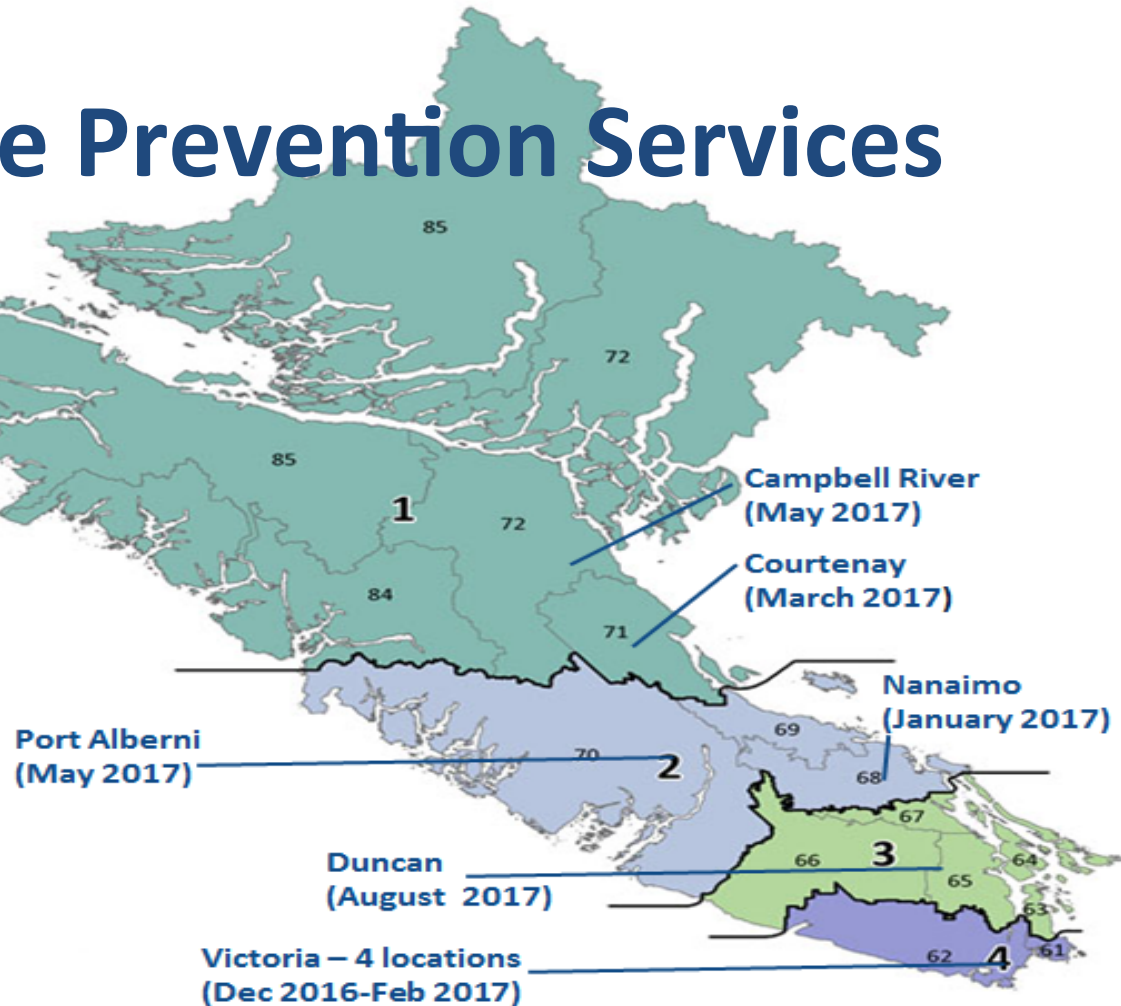


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Nine Overdose Prevention Services

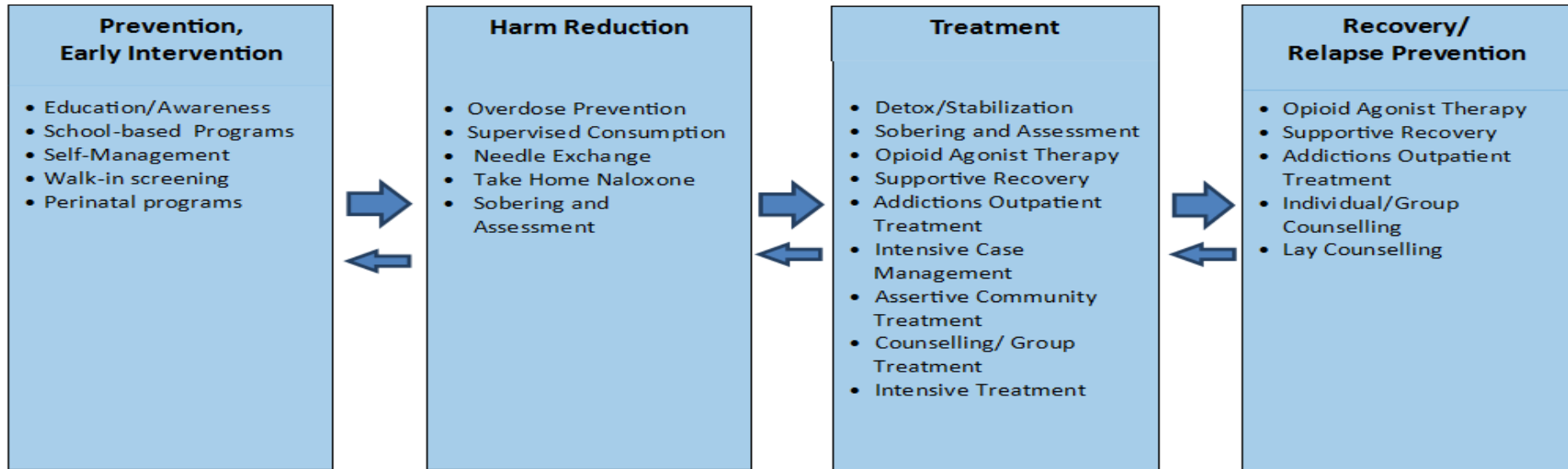
Stats (as of March 31)

- Total Visits: 101,273
- Unique Users: 1,909
- Overdoses: 827
- Deaths: 0



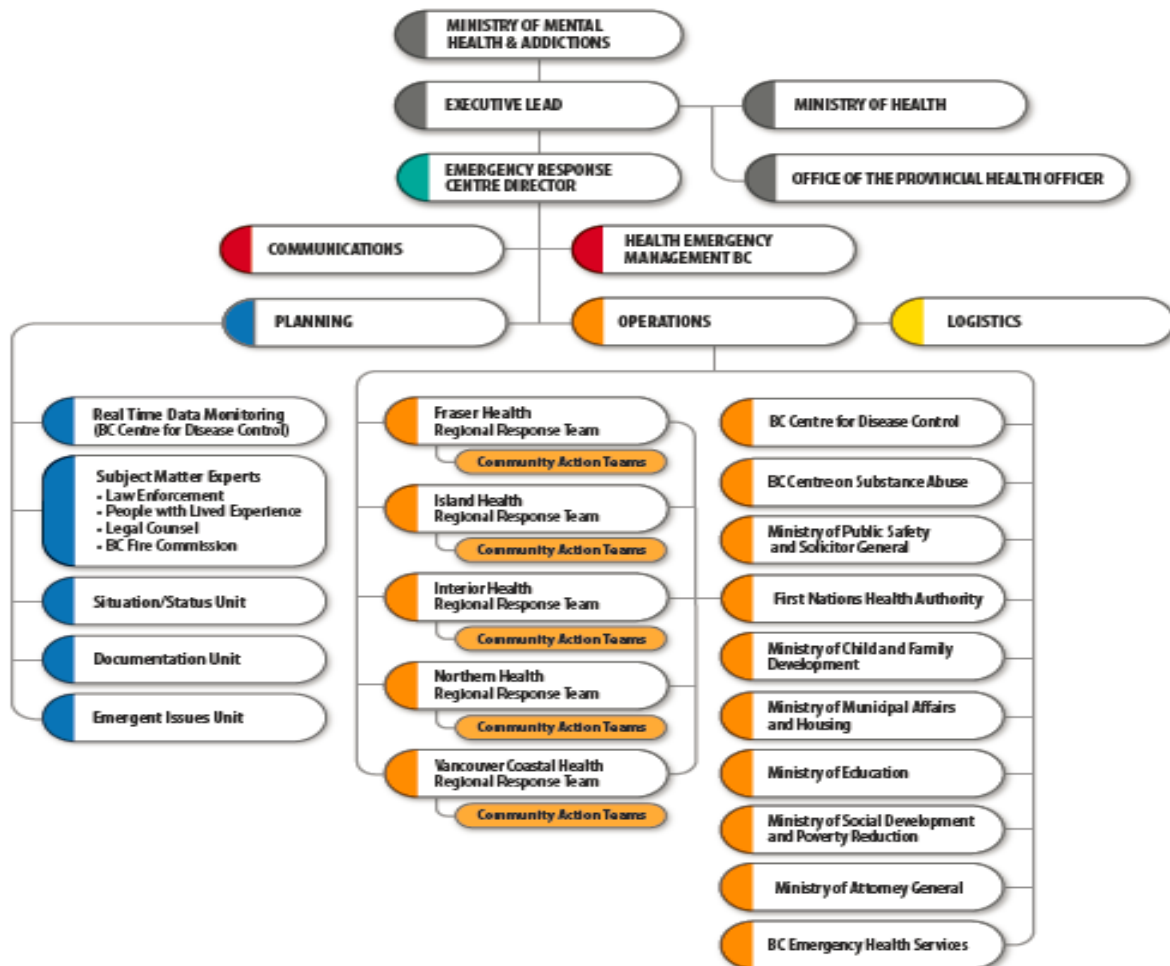
Cross-Sector, Cross Continuum Response

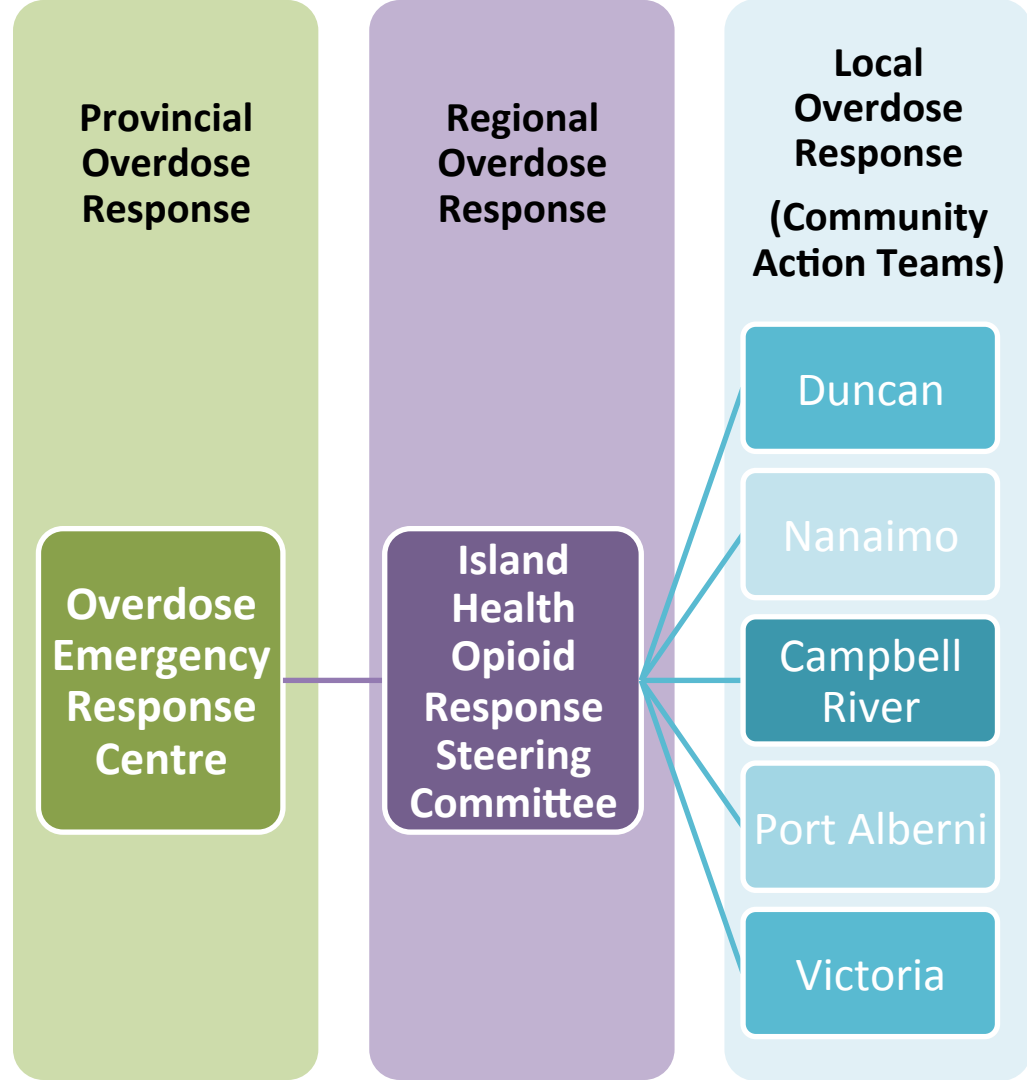
Island Health Substance Use Continuum of Care



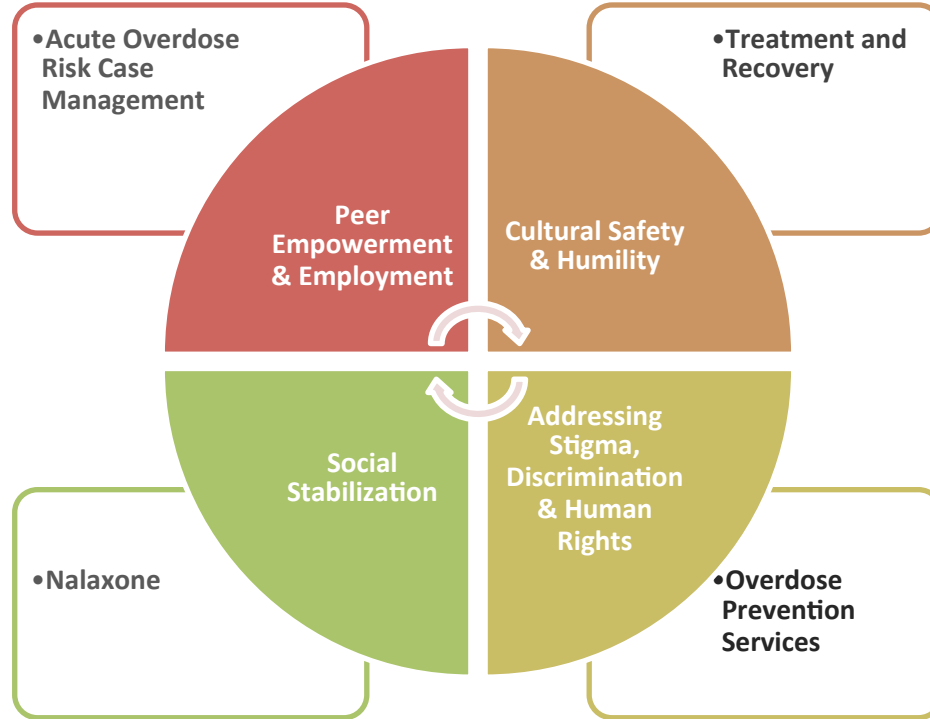
Primary Care, Community Agency Partnerships, Peer Supports

OVERDOSE EMERGENCY RESPONSE CENTRE





OERC Framework of Core Interventions



SECTION 2 – LOCAL GOVERNMENT ROLE

Councillor Alto, Victoria

Mayor Ruttan, Port Alberni

Working in Partnership

Creating Supervised Consumption Services in Victoria

City doesn't deliver health services – so Why Bother?

People are Dying

Community & Social Obligations

- * Equality, Dignity & Privacy for all residents

Financial & Management Obligations

- * Cost savings & efficiency – cheaper to help deliver preventative v. reactive services

Human Rights Obligations

- * We are one family
- * No one needs to die from unsafe drug use

Timing is Everything

Broad community is ready – business, residents, churches, service providers, service users, allies

Council has ‘caught up’ – 2018 Strategic Plan ‘*Facilitate Social Inclusion & Community Wellness*’

Measureable targets

- * Supervised consumption services in more than 1 location.
- * Accessible health services for Victoria’s most marginalized people = enhanced quality of life.

City as Facilitator

Invitation from the Mayor

- * Police Chief
- * Island Health's CEO
- * Yes2SCS

Nimble Process

- * Designed in collaboration with partners
- * Learned & applied lessons

Clear goal

- * Embedded services in wraparound care in more than one location

Partners Key

- * Island Health
- * Victoria Police Department
- * Peers
- * Community Activists
- * Local Businesses
- * Community Associations
- * Interested Residents

Many moving parts & interests need equal number of allies

City as shield in the face of opposition

Outcome

Pandora Health & Wellness Centre opens June

Supervised consumption wrapped in complementary health services like mental health services, nursing care, addictions treatment & counselling

Overdose Prevention Units Remain as Needed

Johnson Street Facility – embedded in supportive housing

Port Alberni

Mayor Ruttan



SECTION 3 – SERVICE PROVIDERS

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Port Alberni Shelter Society

Russ Maynard

PHS Community Services

Wes Hewett, Port Alberni Shelter Society

PORT ALBERNI OVERDOSE PREVENTION SERVICE

What makes a successful Site?

From a different perspective.

AVOPIOIDDIALOGUE.COM

- Go to News
- Jon's Story

Russ Maynard

PHS COMMUNITY SERVICES



**JOHNSON STREET
COMMUNITY**

OVERDOSE PREVENTION ROOM



phs

250 812 1764

*Please call to request a clean up
in your area.*

Douglas St Community





DOUGLAS STREET
SUPPORTIVE RECOVERY

Discussion Questions

1. How can we influence the way media and citizens talk about drug use and people who use drugs in our communities?
2. How well do people in your community understand the issues related to substance use and overdose? How could you promote dialogue to enhance understanding?

Thank you

- Closing remarks
- www.viha.ca/mho/overdose.htm
- www.stopoverdose.gov.bc.ca/

