

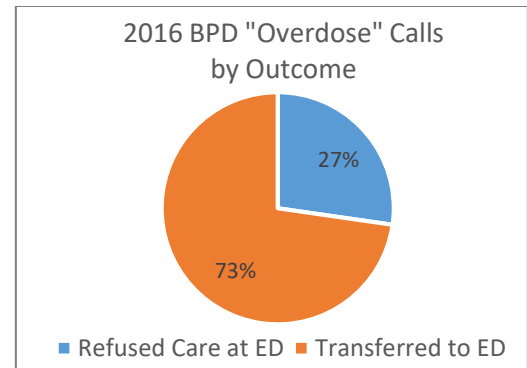
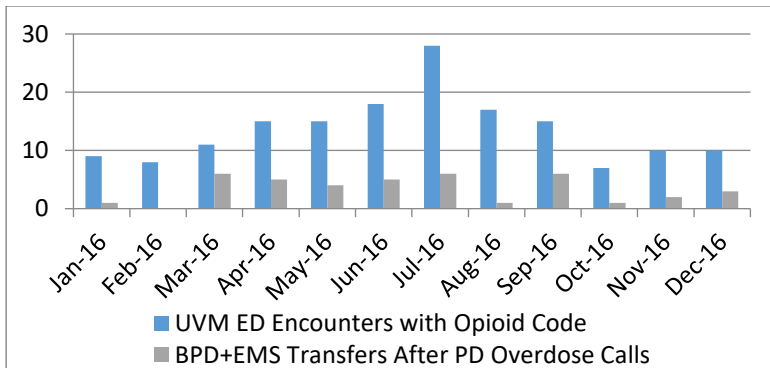
Projects Accomplished

Small Projects Leading to Greater Collaboration Among Data Partners

As data sharing has increased, many small projects have sparked deeper levels of collaboration among partners. Examples include:

- An exchange of data between UVM Medical Center and Burlington Police Department (BPD) resulted in the findings that **BPD only accounted for roughly 25% of the overdose incidents transferred to the UVM MC Emergency Department**, which contributed to a conversation about including neighboring police departments in discussions about opioid overdosing.
- As other Chittenden County PD's joined CommStat, interviews were held with officers at each department to create guidelines to standardize data collection. During interviews, officers noted difficulty around transferring overdose victims to the ED post-incident. It was discovered that almost **30% of BPD overdose victims refused to be transferred in 2016**, which prompted a discussion about the need for greater coordination between PD's and EMS responders.
- Database queries used for the CommStat initiative lead to the development of specific queries for the Vermont Intelligence Center, an Alliance/CommStat partner, to aid in their collection of data regarding the prevalence of opioid use in Driving Under the Influence incidents state-wide.

Though these discussions continue, they are just a few instances of deepening collaboration centered around small data exchanges.



Formation of CCOA Data Team

- First meeting of CCOA Data Team held in February. Attended by representatives from five partner organizations.
- Agenda included defining the role of the Data Team within the Alliance and fielding completing requests for data.
- Partner organization committed to action, and have begun tracking their most common data requests.
- Next meeting will be scheduled for late April.

CCOA Database & Dashboard

- CCOA master contact list has been transferred to a relational database.
- Database framework has allowed us to better leverage our contact information as our needs for coordination develop.
- Queries have been created to help pull information from the database quickly and in a scalable manner.
- CCOA dashboard is currently being developed to inform our community about the climate of opioid use in Chittenden County
- Dashboard will also be used to report on the actions being taken by the CCOA and its Action Teams

On the Horizon

As longer-term projects begin to catalyze, clear hurdles have been identified in the collection and dissemination of high-priority data points. Specifically, challenges in accessing the following points still stand in the way of providing timely and accurate information to our Action Teams and to the public:

- Vermont prescribing data in **VPMS**
- EMS overdose responses recorded in the **Siren Database**
- Opioid-related overdose deaths as recorded by the **Office of the Chief Medical Examiner**
- Treatment/wait time from **Spoke providers**

Interim measures have been put in place, but partners are still working to break through technical and cultural barriers which inhibit sharing the desired information. Additionally, much work is being done to approach new partners for data collection and sharing efforts. Partners who play key roles in the system of care, but who may not be fully engaged for the information they collect, including the Department of Corrections, Department of Children and Families, Housing and Urban Development, and the HealthFirst Alliance.