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Meeting date | time 9/17/2024 1:30 PM | Meeting location Fire Marshals Office, Concord, NH

Type of meeting Full Case Review Meeting  
Facilitator Marc Clement  
Note taker Jessica Bates

Attendees: Jessica Bates, Marc Clement, Jo Porter, Amanda Merrill, Susan Ashley, Adam Fanjoy, Kris Hering, Fran McLaughlin, Sherry Ermel, Robyn Guarino, Catrina Watson, Matt Robblee, Jennifer Sabin, Paul Kiernan, Maggie Pritchard, Deanna Roberts, Marty Sink, Cassandra Sanchez, Jennie Duval, Idina Auth, Christine Alvarez

## AGENDA TOPICS

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Time allotted | 10 minutes | Agenda topic Welcome and Roll Call, and Moment of Silence

Marc Clement announced to the full committee about this retirement from the co-chair role in June 2025. We will be looking for nominations for a new co-chair. Nominations can be sent to Jessica Bates until February 2025. Voting will take place at the March 2025 meeting so this new co-chair can shadow Marc for a brief time.

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Time allotted | 20 minutes | Agenda topic: Presentation on Opioid Prevention in NH | Presenter Jennifer Sabin and Paul Kiernan

Jennifer presented the committee with a copy of the most recent [SAMHSA](#) toolkit. This is the resource Jen and her team use the most.

Jennifer presented the committee with a copy from the Medical Examiners' Office of the 2024 Opioid deaths up to 9/11/24. This list is attached to these minutes.

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Time allotted | 1 hr. 30 minutes | Agenda topic: Case Review- Opioid Poisoning | Presenter Various Presenters

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At 2:24 p.m., the meeting was put into a non-public session. The statement was read by Sherry Ermel. Seconded by Deanna Roberts. Vote yes by all present.

"I move to enter into non-public session for the purposes of, including but not limited to, discussing matters pertaining to a fatality review during which it is anticipated that information and issues will be discussed which would likely adversely affect the reputation of persons. Further, it is anticipated that there will be discussions about, including but not limited to, documents pertaining to internal personnel practices, confidential information, personnel, medical and other files and information whose disclosure would constitute an invasion of privacy all pursuant to RSA-91-A:3, II © and RSA 91-A:5, IV"

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Time allotted | 30 minutes | Agenda topic: Recommendations | Presenter Jo Porter/Amanda Merrill

This portion is under a non-public setting and the minutes are sealed.

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Meeting has put back into public session at 4:04 pm.

“I move to seal the minutes of the non-public session because the disclosure of those minutes would likely adversely affect the reputation of persons and there was a discussion about, including but not limited to, documents pertaining to internal personnel practices, confidential information, personnel, medical, and any other files and information whose disclosure would constitute an invasion of privacy”

“The minutes are now sealed”

**The statement was read by Sherry Ermel. Seconded by Deanna Roberts. Yes, by all present. The meeting was open to other business, but there was none.**



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**Drug Deaths by Year**

2011	201
2012	163
2013	198
2014	342
2015	444
2016	486
2017	490
2018	471
2019	415
2020	417
2021	436
2022	487
2023	431

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Enter "request for drug data" in the  
subject line.

# 2024 NH Overdose Deaths

as of 09/11/2024

Drug Category	Total
Fentanyl alone <sup>1</sup>	93
Fentanyl and methamphetamine <sup>2</sup>	16
Fentanyl and cocaine <sup>3</sup>	17
Fentanyl, methamphetamine, and cocaine <sup>4</sup>	2
Fentanyl ± other drugs <sup>5</sup>	9
Methamphetamine <sup>6</sup>	5
Cocaine <sup>7</sup>	4
Methamphetamine and cocaine <sup>8</sup>	1
Other opioids ± other drugs <sup>9</sup>	15
Non-opioids <sup>10</sup>	20
Unknown drugs	1
<b>Total confirmed drug deaths</b>	<b>183</b>
<b>Pending Toxicology</b>	<b>43</b>

<sup>1</sup>Fentanyl alone, without other drugs

<sup>2</sup>Fentanyl and methamphetamine with or without other drugs excluding cocaine

<sup>3</sup>Fentanyl and cocaine with or without other drugs excluding methamphetamine

<sup>4</sup>Fentanyl, methamphetamine, and cocaine with or without other drugs

<sup>5</sup>Fentanyl with or without other drugs excluding methamphetamine and cocaine

<sup>6</sup>Methamphetamine with or without other drugs excluding fentanyl and cocaine

<sup>7</sup>Cocaine with or without other drugs excluding fentanyl and methamphetamine

<sup>8</sup>Methamphetamine and cocaine with or without other drugs excluding fentanyl

<sup>9</sup>Other opioids with or without other drugs excluding fentanyl, methamphetamine, and cocaine

<sup>10</sup>Non-opioids excluding fentanyl, methamphetamine, cocaine, and all other opioids

*'Drug Category' refers to the drug(s) that caused death, not necessarily all drugs detected by toxicology testing.*

*'Pending Toxicology' means that the death may be due to drug intoxication based on circumstances, scene investigation and/or autopsy findings but the final determination also depends on the results of toxicology testing. It can take up to 2 to 3 months to finalize the death certificate following a suspected drug intoxication death. This delay reflects the time required for specimen processing, toxicology testing and reporting and interpretation of the report by the pathologist.*

*Xylazine was detected in 26 overdose deaths and considered contributory to death in 2 cases.*

*Carfentanil was detected in 3 overdose deaths and considered contributory to death in 2 cases.*