# TARGETING ADDICTION

## YORK OPIOID COLLABORATIVE

JULY 2020-JUNE 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Friends,

I am deeply honored to have been elected as the Chair of the York Opioid Collaborative, and look forward to continuing the critical work which was started by Co-Founders Dave Sunday and Pam Gay in 2013. According to the CDC, over 81,100 drug overdose deaths occurred in a 12 month period, ending in May 2020, the highest number recorded in a 12 month period. Overall, the United States had over 90,000 drug overdoses in 2020 (January-December). While overdose numbers were starting to increase prior to the pandemic, the acceleration of overdoses became evident during the peak pandemic. The disruption in daily life was challenging for everyone, but especially for those with a substance use disorder. While overdose deaths remain an enduring concern, I believe there is reason for optimism. The first half of 2021 (January-June) is showing a decrease compared to the first half of 2020. Although each and every death is devastating, and one too many, we are hopeful by the current trajectory and hope it reflects the measures taken at a local level to address the unintended consequences of the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on overdoses and substance use.

This is a particularly dynamic time for this Organization. Our Executive Director, Brittany Shutz who is in her third year leading the Collaborative, has successfully navigated the pitfalls that many organizations faced economically throughout the pandemic, and in fact, has brought us out stronger. We were recently led through the Collaborative's first strategic plan and continue to increase its footprint in the York Community. This was evident by our recent participation in the York County Community Foundations initiative in developing a grant framework to support collaboratives like ours. Furthermore, we continue to break down the barriers which often plague the flow of information between law enforcement and health care providers.

The Board and E.D. Shutz will meet and conquer the challenges in the upcoming year, by remaining focused and committed to its core mission of coordinating efforts in our region to reduce overdose deaths and to minimize the impact of the opioid epidemic in our community through prevention, rescue, treatment and recovery.

We are extremely grateful and humbled by the generous support of our partners. If not for your financial support, personal time and professional expertise, we would lack the ability to have the wide scale impact that we have had. With your perpetual support, we will continue to be a facilitator of cutting edge approaches to the reduction of overdose deaths and increased efforts to fight stigma.

#### **Kyle King**

York County District Attorney's Office York Opioid Collaborative Chairman

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#### THE PRINCIPLES OF COLLABORATIVE WORK



The York Opioid Collaborative exists to provide the backbone to collectively work towards solutions to address overdoses and substance use in our community. We bring partners together around a common agenda to maximize the end result and provide continuous communication among partners.

#### **OUR MISSION**

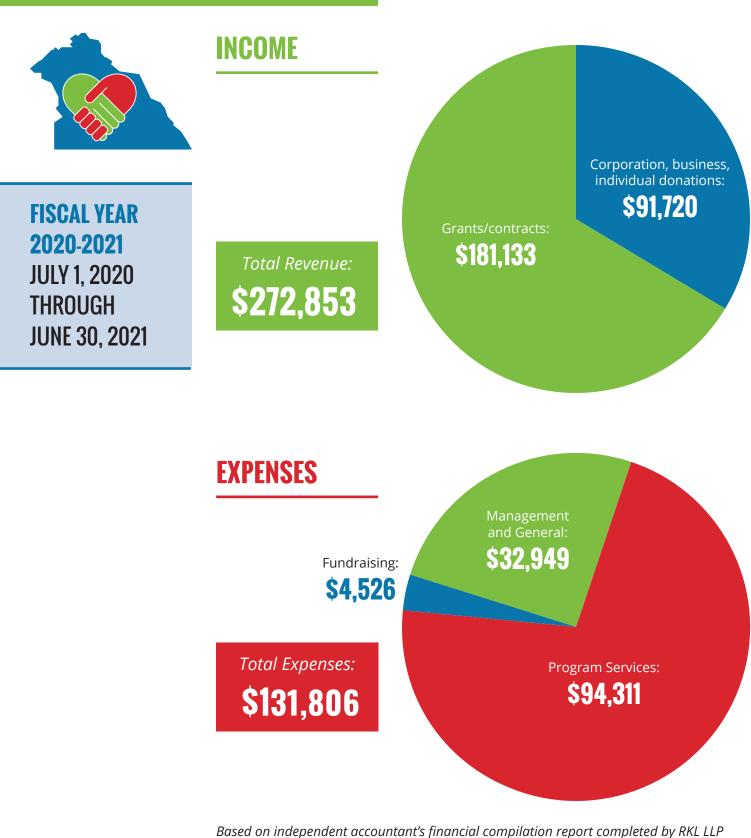
The mission of the York Opioid Collaborative is to coordinate efforts in our region to reduce overdose deaths and to minimize the impact of the opioid epidemic in our community through four areas of focus:



### **OUR VISION**

The York Opioid Collaborative seeks to reduce opioid addiction and deaths in York County, while creating an environment that promotes and supports recovery for those with Opioid Use Disorder and their families.

#### **FINANCIAL STATEMENT**



Based on independent accountant's financial compilation report completed by RKL L comprising of statement of financial position- cash basis as of June 30, 2021

#### **DONORS/COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

#### DONORS / GRANTS July 2020 - June 2021

City of York Bureau of Health

Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency

J. William Warehime Foundation

Penn State EpisCenter University of Pittsburgh Memorial Health Fund Private Donors

#### PUBLIC SAFETY PARTNERS

County of York Coroner County of York District Attorney

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Local Law Enforcement

County of York Probation

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York County CJAB

Community Action for Recovery and Diversion

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#### **2021 CHARITY CLASSIC MIXED-DOUBLES** TENNIS TOURNAMENT DONORS

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**Rase Project** City of York Bureau of Health York/Adams Drug & Alcohol Commission WellSpan Health White Deer Run Family First Health **Recovery Centers of America** County of York Commissioner's office **Clarity Way** Minnich's Pharmacy **CDC** Foundation Innovo Detox PA Adult and Teen Challenge Lancaster, York, Harrisburg Harm Reduction Project York County MH/IDD Children, Youth and Families Healthy York Coalition

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#### COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Not One More York Chapter **GOAL** Project On Common Ground **Byrnes Health Education** Center York College of Pennsylvania Penn Waste York County Solid Waste Authority Red Lion Area School District **York County Libraries** Genesis Church York New Salem Sees the Day Recovery House Keep it Green Recovery House Pro-A

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Collaborating for Youth York County System of Care

York County CTC

#### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS / PROJECTS**

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY TEAM**

The foundation formed with the CDC Foundation in previous fiscal year carried over into this year with the facilitation of York County Public Health and Safety Team. Public Health and Safety Team (PHAST) has a focus on data driven, evidence-based interventions and performance monitoring through accountable, collaborative team of stakeholders. The PHAST brings together stakeholders with an SOS process: Shared Accountability, Optimized Capacity and Shared Understanding. Over the course of the past year, we've been able to utilize data to gain a better understanding of the impact of substance use in our community, understand our response and discuss new opportunities. The facilitation of this group to share data among public health and safety partners has been critical while our community continues to battle the addiction/opioid epidemic amidst the COVID pandemic.

#### **OVERDOSE FATALITY REVIEW TEAM**

The York County Overdose Fatality Review Team was established by a joint initiative between several partners of the York Opioid Collaborative. It is a data use strategy of the Public Health and Safety Team. The establishment of an OFR was a recommendation from our pilot with the CDC Foundation. The multidisciplinary, multi-agency review team was assembled to conduct confidential reviews of individual fatal overdose cases with expert consultation from a wide array of stakeholders. The purpose of an overdose fatality review is prevention. The York County OFRT examines individual, organizational and system level factors related to overdoses.

#### **SAFE SHARPS DISPOSAL RESEARCH**

The York Opioid Collaborative received a grant through the Memorial Health Fund for research and capacity building for a community-wide sharps disposal program. Every day, hundreds of people in Pennsylvania self-inject licit (i.e., insulin) and illicit (i.e., heroin) drugs. Many individuals are not properly instructed how or where to properly dispose of sharps. When sharps are improperly dispose of they put the community at risk. A community sharps disposal and collection program will reduce the utilization of used sharps, risk for accidental needle stick, potential transmission of infectious disease, and needles being improperly discarded into the environment. This project will focus on education/awareness, outreach and the development of a pilot disposal program with stakeholders. The goal is to identify the best disposal/collection options for York County.

#### **INCREASED NALOXONE DISTRIBUTION**

Naloxone saves lives and good public health policy should be driven by science, not stigma. Throughout 2020, as we saw overdose numbers increase, we saw increasing importance of getting naloxone into the community. In Pennsylvania, we have a standing order which allows individuals to access naloxone without prescription at participating pharmacies. Unfortunately, many individuals and families faced barriers to access, whether it be physical barriers like transportation or societal barriers like stigma. Our partner, York/Adams Drug and Alcohol Commission (YADAC) expanded access of their public kits to allow community partners to distribute naloxone to those at risk of an overdose and their support networks. Many collaborative partners hosted distribution events throughout the year and throughout the county to increase access. In addition, we received a grant to develop an online, mail-based harm reduction service designed to increase access to naloxone. This platform, now named OPAL: Overdose Prevention Assistance Locally, provides individuals training on signs/symptoms of an opioid overdose, how to respond and opportunity to request a Narcan kit.

#### **LOOKING FORWARD**

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#### **NEW STRATEGIC PLAN**

The York Opioid Collaborative is about to embark on a strategic planning process to develop a strategic plan for programming, fundraising, grantmaking, communication objectives and collaborative efforts for the organization over the next three years. This strategic plan will include a plan on how to build on engagement with partners to advance collective work, establish identity for organization moving forward, and develop a financial, programmatic, staffing and board model to ensure sustainable success now and into the future.



#### COLLABORATIVE WORK -COLLECTIVELY WORKING TOWARDS SOLUTIONS

Moving forward into FY 21-22, it is our goal to continue to enhance the principles of collaborative work. We facilitate this collaborative work through vital stakeholder committees which come together around a shared north star. These stakeholder committees are:

- Public Health and Safety Team
- Harm Reduction Committee
- Education/Awareness Committee
- Recovery/Community Support Committee







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