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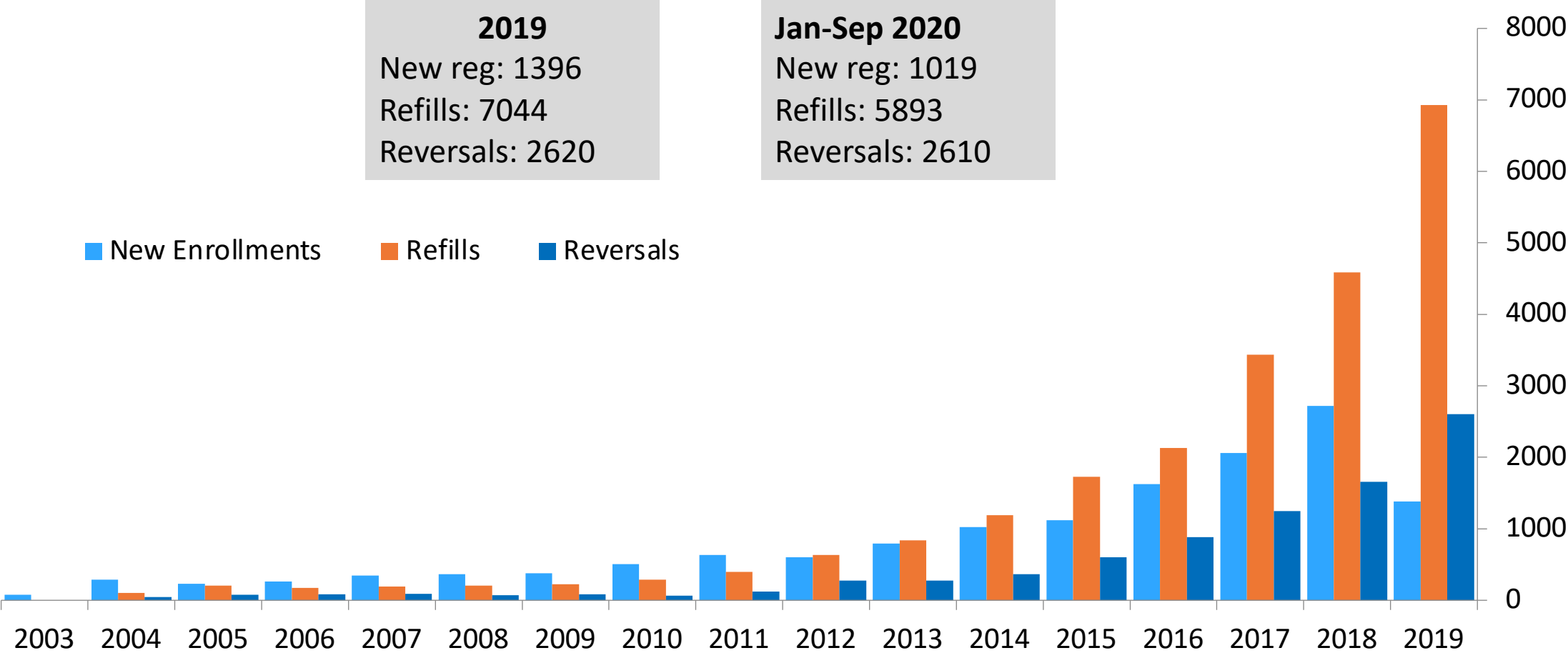


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Presentation Outline

- Data review of community-based naloxone distribution efforts
- Overdose response and progress
 - SRO and SIP overdose death prevention
 - Overdose death prevention – naloxone distribution and access
 - Low-barrier substance use treatment
 - Transforming our behavioral health system

Naloxone Enrollments, Refills, and Reversal Reports to the Drug Overdose Prevention and Education (DOPE) Project



Overdose Death Prevention and Response: Strategy/Principles

Prevention

- Policy work with behavioral health and supportive housing settings: staff training, naloxone provision, harm reduction culture
- Getting naloxone into the hands of people who are likely to witness overdose
- Getting naloxone and supportive policies into the settings where people are likely to use alone
 - Example settings: SROs, SIP hotels, safe sleeping villages

Treatment

- Expanding low-barrier substance use treatment
- Treatment retention

SRO Overdose Prevention and Response Project

- **Modeled off Vancouver Tenant Overdose Response Organizers (TORO) Project**
 - Tenant organizing re: overdose response education and messaging
 - Naloxone supply availability
- **California Department of Public Health provided funding for a pilot project at SFDPH**
 - Project under way in partnership with the DOPE Project of the National Harm Reduction Coalition
 - Surveyed all permanent supportive housing providers around overdose prevention knowledge and barriers
 - Currently piloting model at two initial sites
 - Expansion to additional sites planned for 2021
 - Ongoing meetings with housing providers re: policies, process, data collection

SRO Overdose Prevention and Response Project: COVID-19 Adaptations

- In-person overdose prevention trainings with building residents are currently not safe or feasible
- Shifted focus to overdose prevention at SIP hotels
- Focus on SRO housing staff implementing changes re:
 - Naloxone availability
 - Staff training on overdose prevention and response
 - Policy changes
 - Resident engagement
 - Harm reduction liaison role
- UCSF partnerships to get baseline evaluation data from residents
 - What additional interventions would better prepare them to respond to an overdose?
 - What barriers are there to evidence-based overdose prevention practices onsite?

Shelter in Place (SIP) Site – Overdose Response

- SFDPH in partnership with the Drug Overdose Prevention Education (DOPE) project and the San Francisco AIDS Foundation (SFAF) Syringe Access Services were deployed to implement harm reduction policies at SIP sites
 - Initially provided access to naloxone and syringe disposal but expanded to include harm reduction supplies, fentanyl test strips, and training modules.
- DOPE and SFAF installed wall-mounted and publicly accessible nasal naloxone kits on each floor of each SIP site
 - As of August 27, 2020 there had been 150 naloxone stations set-up across 27 sites.
- COVID-19 SIP sites provided an opportunity to engage in discussion about harm reduction with City agencies that have often had strict policies about harm reduction supplies

Naloxone Stations



Low-barrier naloxone access ensures that guests have what they need in the event of an overdose, without the added barrier of having to report the emergency to staff.



In addition to the nasal naloxone available at the "stations," intramuscular naloxone is available at the supply tables.

Overdose Death Prevention Readiness in SF

- New DOPE naloxone distribution sites added since 2019
 - ✓ HOPE SF housing sites in Sunnydale, Potrero Hill, Hunters View
 - ✓ Hospitality House in the Tenderloin
 - ✓ Harm Reduction Therapy Center mobile van
 - ✓ Bayview Hunters Point Foundation
- Behavioral Health Services pharmacy at 1380 Howard St. provides naloxone on a walk-in basis
- Behavioral health and HIV prevention contracts mandate that funded agencies have overdose response plans and staff trainings
- Project FRIEND supplies ambulance crews with naloxone to give to community members at risk of witnessing or experiencing an overdose

Expanding Low-barrier Substance Use Treatment

- Tele-access to buprenorphine began at two locations in October 2020.
 - Glide
 - Behavioral Health Services pharmacy
- Start medications for opioid use disorder (buprenorphine and methadone) for inpatients at ZSFG, with a focus on people who have experienced overdose, and provide clinician and peer navigation support for prompt linkage to further care.
- DPH Shelter Health and Street Medicine providers prescribe buprenorphine to people who use opioids at SIP sites.
- BHS pharmacists are piloting a medication delivery program to SIP hotels which includes individualized counseling.
- Buprenorphine is available at syringe access sites.

New Initiatives

- Expanding harm reduction and buprenorphine access at permanent supportive housing sites
- Creating Opportunities for Harm Reduction Training (COHRT): a new effort that is being piloted by HSH, HSA, and DPH at alternative housing sites
- Establishing “harm reduction liaison” role to partner with residents and community-based organization staff at alternative housing sites
- Evaluating the harm reduction policy at the COVID Command Center to determine how to support as a citywide policy
 - CCC supporting systems change to allow harm reduction supply access as a standard best practice at alternative housing sites
- ZSFG Addiction Care Team offering access to harm reduction supplies for hospitalized patients as a strategy to reduce stigma

Looking Ahead: Transforming our behavioral health system

- Mental Health SF includes new programs and facilities, improved access, and community-based crisis response
- Drug Sobering Center: paused because of pandemic, now re-designing, adapting plans, and searching for a new COVID-safe site
- Expanding Hummingbird respite to a community site: expected to open early 2021
- Overdose Prevention Programs
- Street Crisis Response Team (SCRT) launched November 2020 to provide an alternative to police response to 911 calls for adults in public settings experiencing a behavioral health crisis.