



DEPARTMENT OF  
HOMELESSNESS AND  
SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

# Hearing on Accidental Overdoses

## HSH Harm Reduction and Overdose Prevention

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# Overview

- We are in a **national overdose epidemic**, and continue to respond with a sense of urgency.
- All HSH-funded programs across our system of care are committed to serving and being accessible to people using substances.
- HSH has continued to implement our Overdose Prevention Policy required under Ordinance No. 084-21, which includes **required trainings, public postings** and **protocols** for both **HSH and our contracted nonprofit providers**.
  - In July 2023, HSH entered into a grant agreement with National Harm Reduction Coalition (the **DOPE Project**) to provide **specialized training** and **technical assistance to homeless service providers**.
- In 2022, HSH launched **Critical Incident Report (CIR)** dashboards for Shelter and Housing, to support data collection and analyzation of critical incidents, including overdoses.
  - Data reflects the critical need for **ongoing harm reduction and overdose prevention training and resources** for non-profit providers who are on the front lines of reversing and preventing overdoses.

# HSH Overdose Data – FY 2022-23

- There were **234 overdoses** reported in HSH funded **shelter and housing** in FY 2022-23, **60% of which were reversed**.
- HSH is working with the Controller's Office to develop more effective metrics around this data to better inform policies and investment in resources.
- There were **67 overdoses** reported across **40 permanent supportive housing sites** in FY 2022-23.
  - **34 (51%) were reversed**
  - 12 (18%) resulted in a known fatality
  - 68% of sites reporting had 1 overdose.
- There were **167 overdoses** reported across **28 shelter sites** in FY 2022-23.
  - **131 (58%) were reversed**
  - 5 (3%) resulted in a known fatality
  - 32% of sites had 1 overdose, and 46% of sites had under 10.