

File No. 191073

Committee Item No. 1

Board Item No. 16

COMMITTEE/BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Comm: Public Safety & Neighborhood Services

Date: February 27, 2020

Board of Supervisors Meeting:

Date: March 10, 2020

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Prepared by: John Carroll

Date: February 21, 2020

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Date: March 3, 2020

1 [Health Code - Monthly Medical Examiner Reports of Drug Overdose Deaths]

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3 Ordinance amending the Health Code to require the Medical Examiner to report
4 information to the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, and Director of Health each once every
5 four months regarding deaths arising from drug overdoses.

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7 NOTE: Unchanged Code text and uncodified text are in plain Arial font.
8 Additions to Codes are in *single-underline italics Times New Roman font*.
9 Deletions to Codes are in *strikethrough italics Times New Roman font*.
10 Board amendment additions are in double-underlined Arial font.
11 Board amendment deletions are in ~~Arial font~~.
12 Asterisks (* * * *) indicate the omission of unchanged Code
13 subsections or parts of tables.

14 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

15 Section 1. Article 4 of the Health Code is hereby amended by adding Section 227, to
16 read as follows:

17 **SEC. 227. REPORTS REGARDING DRUG OVERDOSE DEATHS.**

18 **(a) Preparation of Overdose Death Report Form.** By no later than June 1, 2020,
19 the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner shall develop a form on which any person filing a
20 death certificate may provide information regarding whether the decedent died from causes
21 related to overdose of drugs. The form shall seek the following information regarding each
22 decedent: the decedent's race, ethnicity, age, and sex; the cause of death; the drug or drugs
23 that contributed to the decedent's death; the date of death; the San Francisco neighborhood
24 in which the decedent resided, if the decedent was a San Francisco resident; and whether the
25 decedent was homeless.

1 **(b) Filing of Overdose Death Report.** At the time of registering a death by filing a
2 death certificate with the Department of Public Health under Article 4 of the Health Code and
3 California Health and Safety Code Sections 102775 et seq., the person registering or
4 reporting the death shall also submit to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner an Overdose
5 Death Report in the format prescribed in subsection (a) of this Section 227.

6 **(c) Reports to Mayor, Board of Supervisors and Department of Public Health.**
7 By no later than October 15, 2020 and by the 15th day of the month every four months
8 thereafter, the 15th day of each month, the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner shall transmit to
9 the Mayor, the Board of Supervisors, and the Director of Health, a report stating the number of
10 individuals whom the Office determined in the preceding calendar month to have who were
11 reported to have died from causes related to overdose of drugs in Overdose Death Reports that
12 the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner received in the preceding four months. To the extent
13 possible without disclosing the identity of any decedent or releasing information in violation of any
14 state or federal law, the report shall provide the following information regarding each decedents in
15 aggregate form, divided by calendar month: the decedent's race, ethnicity, age, and sex; the
16 cause of death; the drug or drugs that contributed to the decedent's deaths; the calendar month
17 when the decedent died; the San Francisco neighborhoods in which the decedents resided, if
18 known the decedent was a San Francisco resident; and whether the decedents was were
19 homeless.

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21 Section 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after
22 enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the
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1 ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board
2 of Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance.

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4 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
5 DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney

6 By:



7 JON GIVNER
8 Deputy City Attorney

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REVISED LEGISLATIVE DIGEST
(Amended in Committee February 27, 2020.)

[Health Code - Medical Examiner Reports of Drug Overdose Deaths]

Ordinance amending the Health Code to require the Medical Examiner to report information to the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, and Director of Health once every four months regarding deaths arising from drug overdoses.

Existing Law

Existing law does not require the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner to report information about deaths arising from drug overdoses to the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor.

Existing law requires people filing death certificates with the City to submit a report to the Department of Public Health with additional information when the deceased person was homeless at the time of the person's death.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed ordinance would require people filing death certificates with the City to submit a report to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) with additional information when the deceased person died of causes arising from a drug overdose. The report would include information about the decedent's race, ethnicity, age, and sex; the cause of death; the drug or drugs that contributed to the decedent's death; the date of death; the San Francisco neighborhood in which the decedent resided, if the decedent was a San Francisco resident; and whether the decedent was homeless. The ordinance would require OCME to make available a form that people could use to prepare the report.

The ordinance would require OCME to submit a separate report once every four months summarizing aggregate information about deaths arising from overdoses, based on the information provided in the individual reports received by the OCME.

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Processing of Data for Unintentional Drug Overdose Deaths in San Francisco

- Death report to OCME**
- Toxicology
 - Death scene investigation
 - Autopsy / imaging
 - Medical history

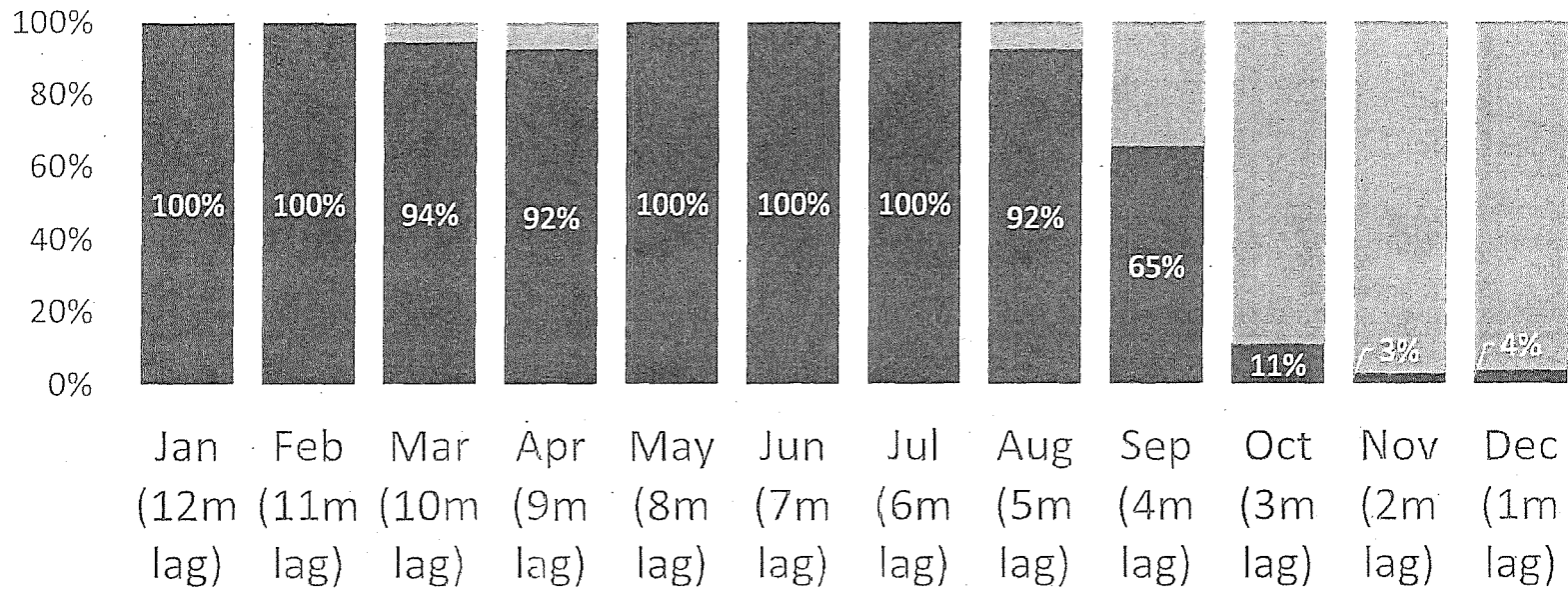
- OCME cause of death determination**
- Establish manner of death (unintentional)
 - Rule out other causes
 - Attribute causal drugs
 - Prepare narrative
 - Close case
 - Send to DPH Vital Records

- DPH Vital Records**
- Review with OCME for completeness / errors
 - Submit to CA EDRS

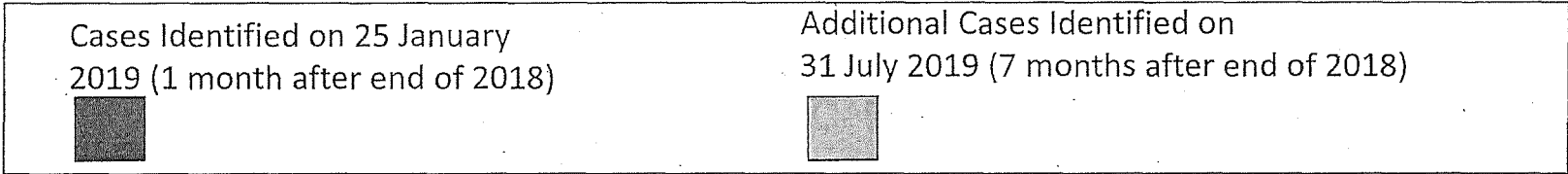
- CA EDRS**
- Process submission and make available for extraction (2 weeks)

- DPH**
- Extract data end of January & June of each year
 - Data includes demographics, geographic data, etc.
 - Analyze and prepare report in local context

Proportion of Monthly Drug Overdose Deaths Identified for 2018 by Date of Data Retrieval

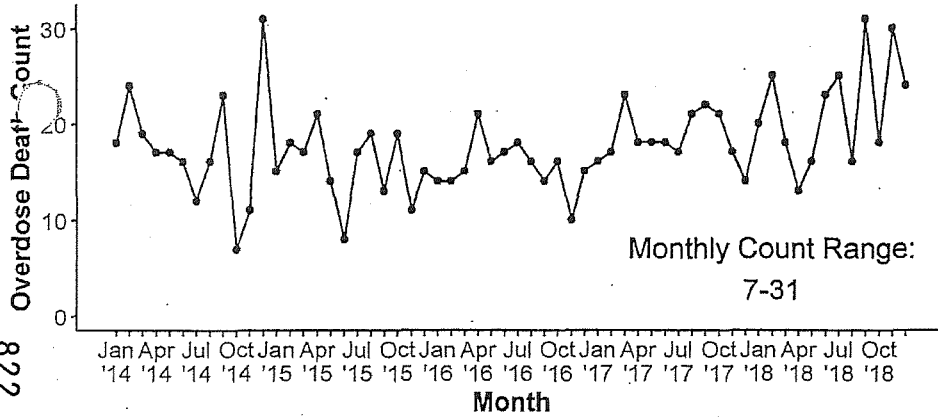


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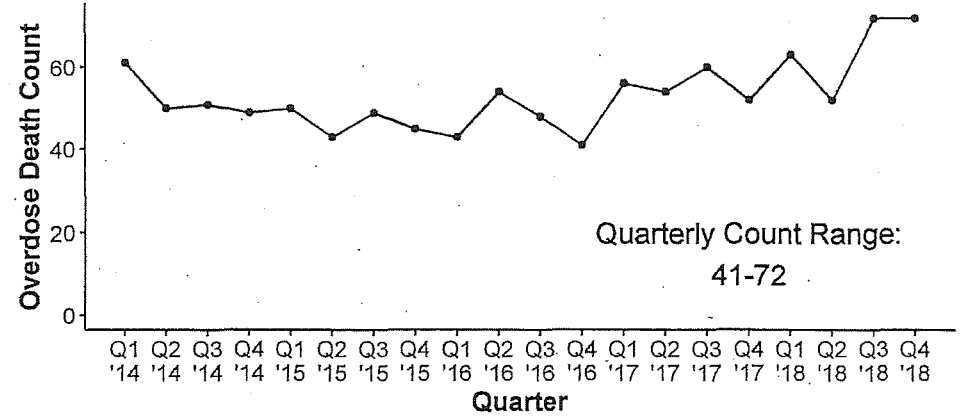


Opioid, Cocaine, and Meth Overdose Death Counts in San Francisco 2014-2018

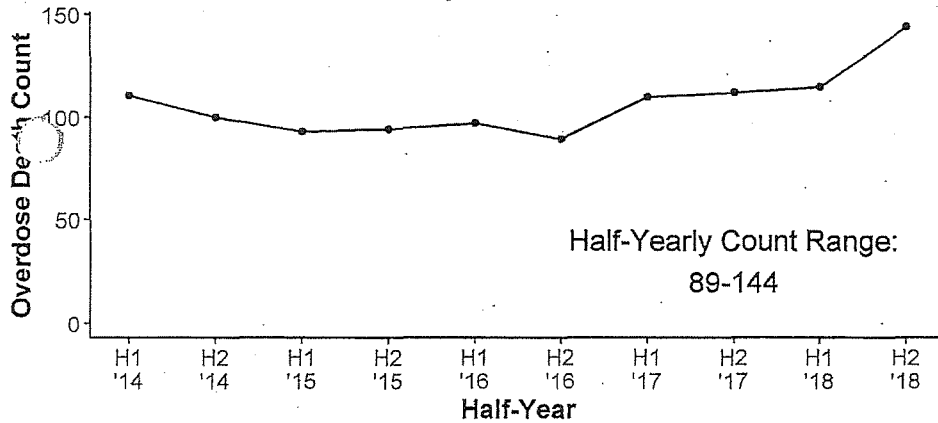
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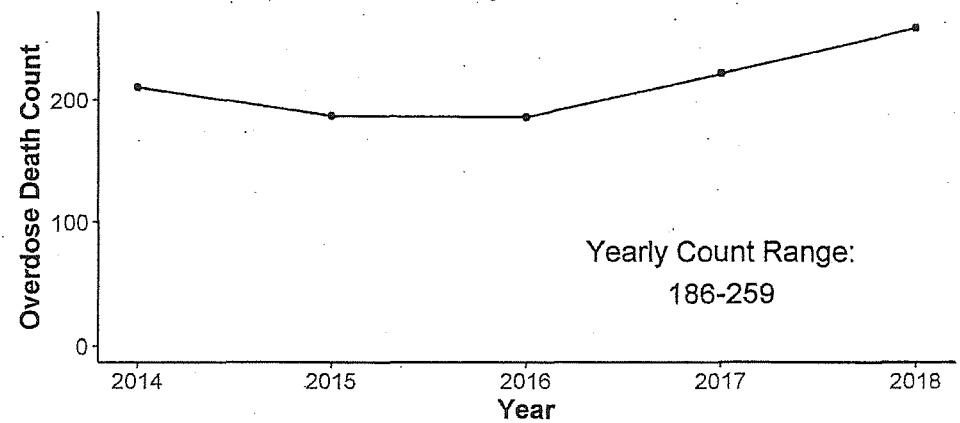
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By Half-Year

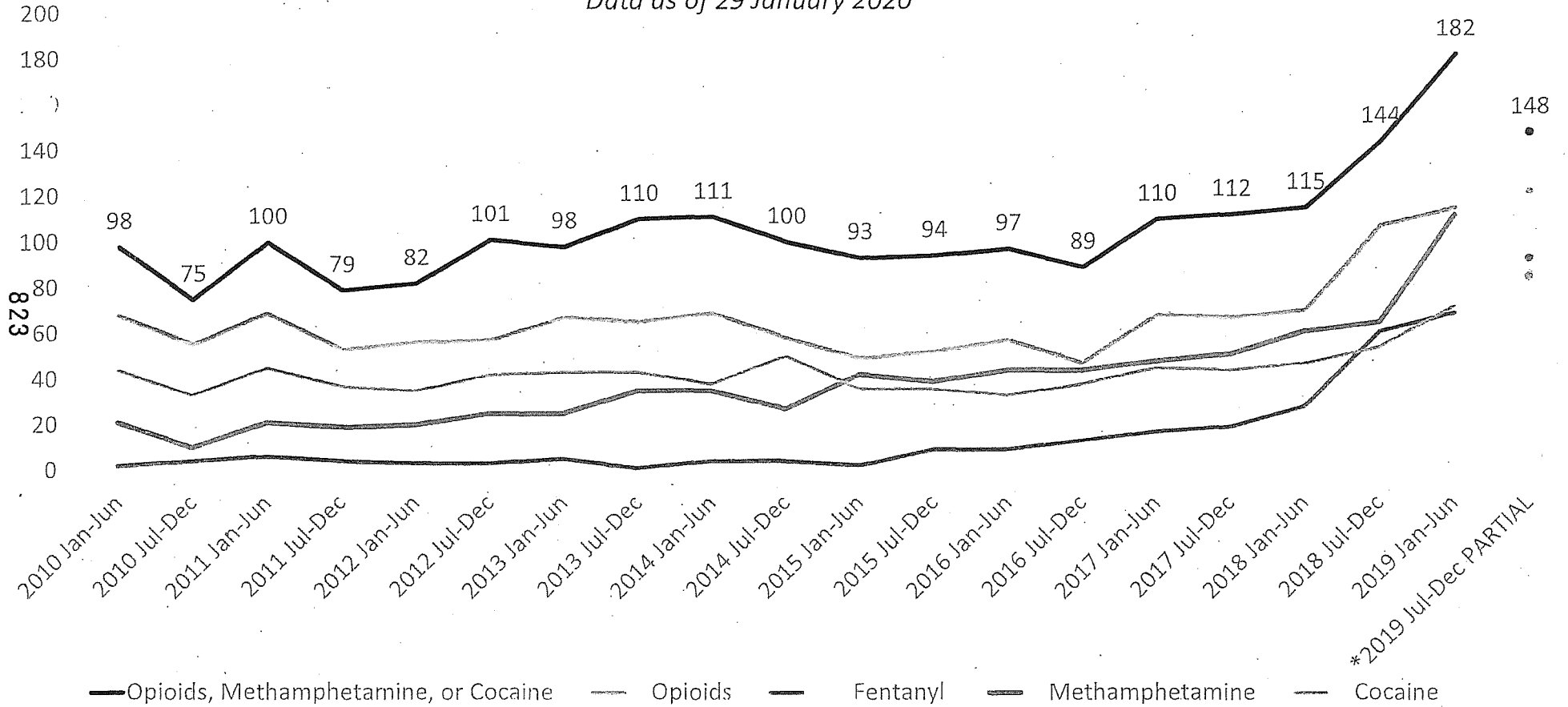


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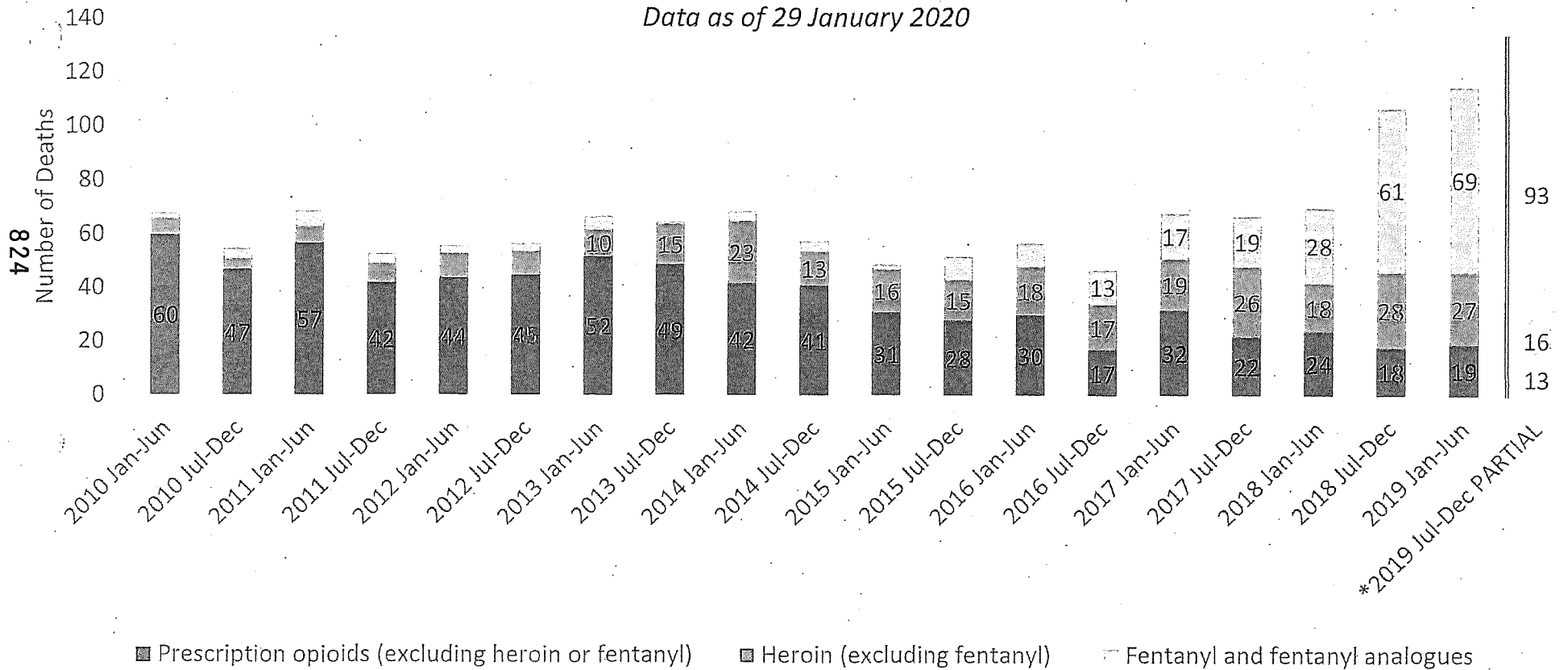
Number of Drug Overdose Deaths by Half-Year in San Francisco

Data as of 29 January 2020



Number of Opioid Overdose Deaths by Mutually Exclusive Opioid Type and Half-Year in San Francisco

Data as of 29 January 2020



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Amy Hart, Acting Chief Medical Examiner, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner
Sophia Kittler, Mayor's Office
Dr. Grant Colfax, Director, Department of Public Health

FROM: John Carroll, Assistant Clerk,
Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee

DATE: October 30, 2019

SUBJECT: ORDINANCE MATTER INTRODUCED

The Board of Supervisors' Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee has received the following resolution, introduced by Supervisor Haney on October 22, 2019:

File No. 191073

Ordinance amending the Health Code to require the Medical Examiner to report information to the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, and Director of Health each month regarding deaths arising from drug overdoses.

If you have any comments or reports to be included with the file, please forward them to me at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102.

c: Dr. Ellen Moffat, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner
Ken Bukowski, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner
Rebecca Peacock, Mayor's Office
Andres Power, Mayor's Office
Dr. Naveena Bobba, Department of Public Health
Sneha Patil, Department of Public Health
Greg Wagner, Department of Public Health

Introduction Form

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or Mayor

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I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

- 1. For reference to Committee. (An Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment).
- 2. Request for next printed agenda Without Reference to Committee.
- 3. Request for hearing on a subject matter at Committee.
- 4. Request for letter beginning : "Supervisor inquiries"
- 5. City Attorney Request.
- 6. Call File No. from Committee.
- 7. Budget Analyst request (attached written motion).
- 8. Substitute Legislation File No.
- 9. Reactivate File No.
- 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the BOS on

Please check the appropriate boxes. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following:

- Small Business Commission
- Youth Commission
- Ethics Commission
- Planning Commission
- Building Inspection Commission

Note: For the Imperative Agenda (a resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Form.

Sponsor(s):


Haney, Walton, Ronen, Brown, Fewer

Subject:

Health Code - Monthly Medical Examiner Reports of Drug Overdose Deaths

The text is listed:

Ordinance amending the Health Code to require the Medical Examiner to report information to the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, and Director of Health each month regarding deaths arising from drug overdoses.

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor 

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