

HEALTH, BUSINESS AND TAX REGULATIONS CODES: OVERDOSE PREVENTION PROGRAMS

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OVERDOSE PREVENTION PROGRAMS - KEY DATES

- **Jan 2017:** AB 186 introduced in CA Assembly
- **Apr-Jun 2017:** SF Safe Injection Services (SIS) Task Force convened
- **Sep 2017:** SIS Task Force recommendations published
- **Feb 2018:** Health Commission Resolution supporting overdose prevention sites
- **Feb 2019:** AB 362 introduced in CA Assembly
- **Apr 2019:** Board of Supervisors hearing on AB 362
- **Mar 2020:** Overdose Prevention Programs ordinance introduced

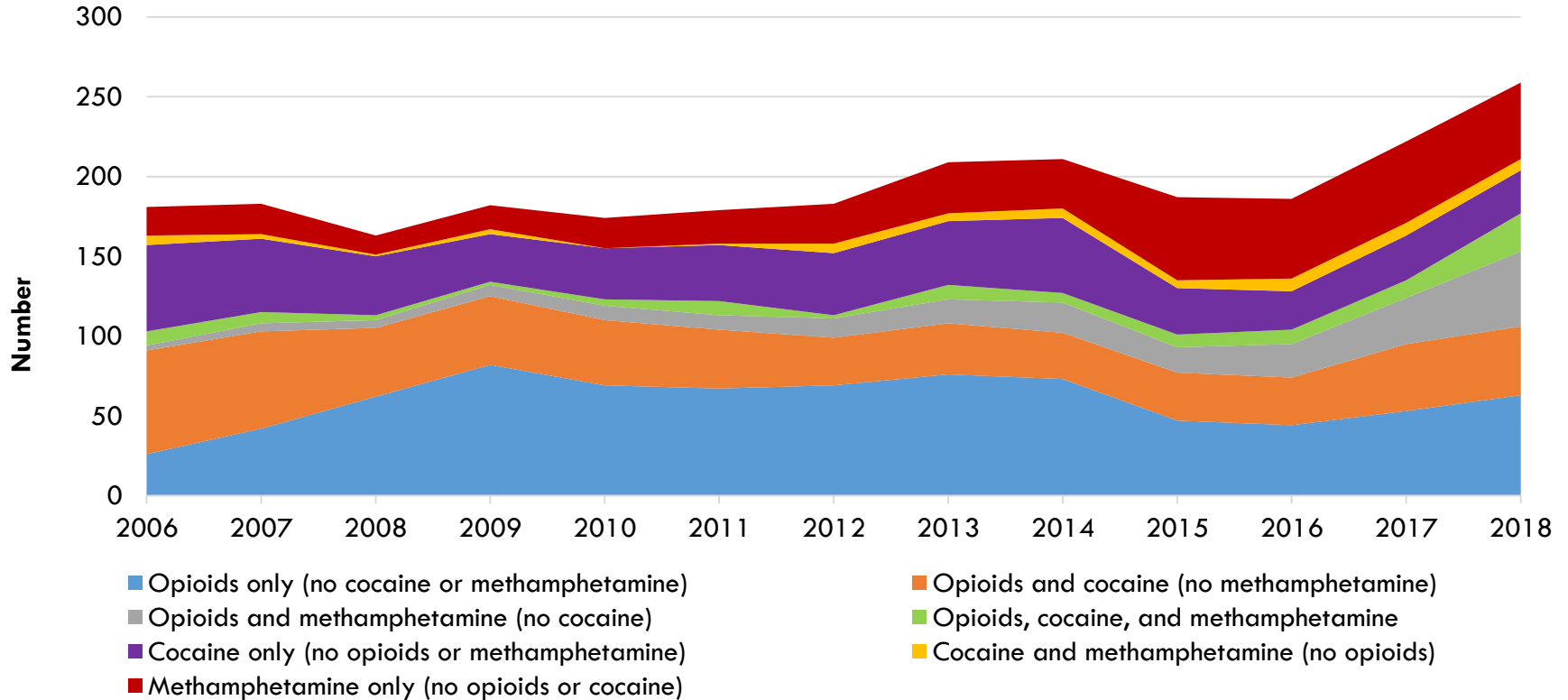


INJECTION DRUG USE IN SAN FRANCISCO

- Estimated 24,500 people who inject drugs in SF
- SF has continued to see overdoses from heroin, methamphetamine, and fentanyl poisoning
- People who inject drugs are at-risk for
 - unhealthy substance use
 - acquisition and transmission of HIV and hepatitis C
 - serious physical and mental health conditions
 - premature death



NUMBER OF DRUG OVERDOSE DEATHS BY MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE COMBINATION IN SF





HARM REDUCTION

- SFPDPH policy
- Promotes methods of reducing the physical, social, emotional, and economic harms associated with harmful behaviors that impact individuals and their community
- Free of judgment, clients are directly involved in setting their own health goals

EXAMPLES IN SAN FRANCISCO

- Syringe access and disposal
- Naloxone
- Medication-Assisted Treatment (e.g. methadone, buprenorphine)
- Sobering Center



OVERDOSE PREVENTION PROGRAMS

- Professionally supervised facilities where drug users can consume pre-obtained drugs in safer conditions

- Service models:
 - Integrated
 - Specialized
 - Mobile



POTENTIAL BENEFITS TO SAN FRANCISCO - ANNUALLY



415

HOSPITAL STAYS



3.3

HIV CASES



19

HEP C
CASES



110

PWID ENTERING
TREATMENT



1

LIFE SAVED EVERY 4
YEARS



\$3.5M

NET SAVINGS

**Source: Irwin, A., Jozaghi, E., Bluthenthal, R. N., & Kral, A. H. (2017). A Cost-Benefit Analysis of a Potential Supervised Injection Facility in San Francisco, California, USA. Journal of Drug Issues, 47(2), 164-184.*



PROPOSED LEGISLATION

- Overdose prevention programs are a scientifically-supported harm reduction approach
- DPH supports ways to increase the availability of harm reduction interventions and prevent deaths
- Legislation involves collaboration between DPH environmental health and community programs

QUESTIONS?



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