

Volusia & Flagler Overdose Fatality Review (OFR) Overview

Purpose: An Overdose Fatality Review Board “identifies gaps and innovative community-specific overdose prevention and intervention strategies.”

Scope: Confidential individual case reviews by a multidisciplinary team “to seek patterns of need and opportunity across systems.” The life cycle is examined in depth for history of substance use, comorbidity, health events, social-emotional trauma (ACEs), law enforcement and criminal justice system encounters, treatment history, and local conditions.

At the macro and micro-level, the teams will explore the landscape of overdose fatalities with the mindset to address, mitigate, and enhance community risk and protective factors.

Prevention and Harm Reduction Alignment:

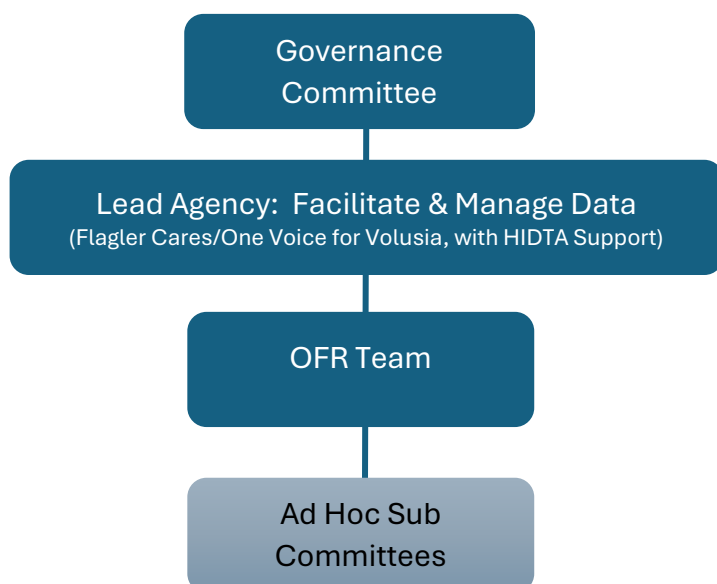
- Identify missed opportunities for prevention and intervention
- Guides the development and implementation of data-driven prevention and intervention strategies
- Seek out an understanding of the environment factors contributing to fatal overdoses
- Identify the social determinants to health as contributing factors to fatalities

Proposed Structure:

Governance: Leaders of key organizations who support and empower the OFR team and lead the implementation of recommendations that emerge.

OFR Team: Multidisciplinary team of designated representatives from key organizations, including those who can share information about a decedent or contribute to the analysis of data to prevent future overdose deaths. Ideally, members will have a macro view of both systems and causes of fatalities, be in a position of authority to make decisions, and be able to attend meetings regularly. All members must sign a confidentiality agreement and use the utmost discretion and care during meetings. Typically 15-35 members. **Subcommittees** may be implemented based on the needs of the OFR board.

OFR is a nationally recognized model being used by a growing number of communities to strengthen their community-based responses to the opioid epidemic by generating recommendations to address system, agency, population, research, and policy needs.



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Recommended Participants

Local health department official	High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) public health analyst
Local law enforcement representative	Probation and parole office
Medical examiner/coroner	Emergency medical service provider
Prosecutor	Drug treatment court representative
Local human services department official	Patient advocate
Substance use treatment provider	Child protective services representative
Medication for opioid use disorder (MOUD) provider	Substance use prevention professional
Mental health social worker	School counselor
Pain management clinician	Community leader
Emergency department physician	Housing authority representative
Primary care provider	Harm-reduction outreach professional/Recovery Community Organization
Pharmacist/toxicologist	
Sheriff	

Proposed Timeline

Volusia County		Flagler County (Phase 2)
Recruit leaders and team members	Jan-Mar 2025	
Develop agreements and detailed plan		
Convene OFR Teams, execute agreements and develop case selection criteria	Apr-Jun 2025	
Convene OFR case review meeting	Jul-Oct 2025	
Develop initial recommendations for first OFR case review		
Develop case selection and meeting cadence for FY 25-26	Nov 2025 – Jun 2026	
Continue case reviews and OFR meetings	Jul 2026 – Jun 2027	Recruit leaders and team members and expand OFR to include Flagler cases