Indiana Violent Death Reporting System (INVDQRS)

Stakeholders and Advisory Board Meeting

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Worksheet

• Questions / Concerns / roadblocks
Outline of Meeting

• Welcome & Introductions
• Follow-up from questions at previous AB meeting
• Progress on data collection for 2015
  • Death Certificate data
  • Coroners
  • Law Enforcement Agencies
  • Drug Overdose & Poisoning data collection
Outline of Meeting

- Grant Deliverables
  - Evaluation & Performance Measurement Plan – 3/31
  - Continuation Application – 4/2
- Data & Reports
  - National
  - Indiana
- Additional discussion
Introductions

- Name
- Organization
- Role/job title within organization
- Update
  - Events
  - Projects
  - Issues

(Related to Violence & Injury Prevention)
Data Confidentiality

• Question to ISDH Office of Legal Affairs:
  • If someone requests a victim’s public record (from the INVDRS), does the ISDH have to release the records from coroners and law enforcement and the data collected from those records, or is it protected?
Data Confidentiality

- **Answer from ISDH Office of Legal Affairs:**
  - IC 5-14-3-4(a) exempts confidential records from disclosure.
  - IC 5-14-3-6.5 requires a public agency that receives confidential record from another agency to maintain confidentiality.
  - If the coroner’s office or law enforcement agency considers a record confidential, then the ISDH must also treat it as such.
Data Confidentiality

- Indiana Code website: https://iga.in.gov/legislative/laws/2014/ic/
- Select the Title:
Data Confidentiality

- Or you can search by title, article, chapter and/or section:
Data Element - 5.6.9
Jealousy (Lovers’ Triangle)

- **AB Member Concern**: Use the of the outdated term: “Lovers’ triangle”.
- **CDC understands this term is possibly outdated**
  - Variable has been around since the data system was created in early 2000s

- **Result**: CDC has a revision process and this term will be up for discussion during the next revision cycle.
5.6.9  Jealousy (lovers’ triangle): CME/LE_JealouslyCME/LE

Definition:
Identifies cases in which jealousy or distress over a current or former intimate partner’s relationship or suspected relationship with another person led to the incident.

Response Options:
0  No, Not Available, Unknown
1  Yes

Discussion:
This variable categorizes violence that is directed against any individual that is involved in the love triangle, such as the current or former intimate partner or the romantic interest.

Do NOT apply this code to others who may have been present at the time of the incident (e.g., bystander, child) and killed, but were not part of the love triangle. Because jealousy is a type of intimate partner violence, always code “intimate partner violence-related” for these cases.

Examples to code:
- Male suspect killed his ex-wife and her new boyfriend because he was angry that she was dating. Code “Yes” for both the ex-wife and her new boyfriend.
- Male suspect killed his girlfriend and his friend because he believed they were romantically involved. Code “Yes” for both the girlfriend and his friend.

Also code: Code “Intimate partner violence related” as “Yes” because the death was related immediate or ongoing conflict or violence between current or former intimate partners.

Manner of Death: Homicides and legal interventions
Circumstance: Death during commission of a crime

- **Question:** Is there a data element that captures if the people are killed during the commission of a crime?
  - **Example:** Shot during a robbery
- **Answer:** Section 5.5 – Crime & Criminal Activity
  - Specifically 5.5.5
Circumstance: Death during commission of a crime

- Data elements in section 5.5 – Crime & Criminal Activity:
  - 5.5.1 – Precipitated by another crime
  - 5.5.2 – Nature of other precipitating crime
  - 5.5.3 – Nature of first other crime
  - 5.5.4 – Nature of second other crime
  - 5.5.5 – First crime in progress
  - 5.5.6 – Stalking*
  - 5.5.8 – Prostitution*
  - 5.5.10 – Terrorist attack
  - 5.5.11 – Gang-related

*Crisis element
5.5.5  First crime in progress: CME/LE_OtherCrimeinProgress

Definition:
The precipitating crime was in progress at the time of the incident

Response Options:
0  No, Not Available, Unknown
1  Yes

Discussion:
An “in-progress crime” is a serious or felony-related crime, as discussed under “Precipitated by another crime,” that is being committed or attempted at the time of the incident.

- For deaths that are precipitated by felony-criminal activity (as discussed in, “Precipitated by another crime”), this variable identifies whether the crime listed for “first other crime in progress” was in progress when the victim died.
- The Supplementary Homicide Report (SHR) system defines felony-related only in terms of in-progress felonies. Because NVDRS uses a broader definition for felony crime-related, this variable can be used to distinguish violent deaths where the precipitating felony was in progress (i.e., the SHR definition) or violent deaths that occurred after the precipitating felony crime was committed.

- **Homicide examples:**
  - A law enforcement officer responded to a robbery and shot the victim when he shot at the officer (Note: the precipitating crimes are robbery and assault of the officer and both were in progress). Precipitated by another crime should be checked for all legal interventions unless the shooting was accidental.

- **Suicide example:**
  - The victim assaults a store owner and is pursued by law enforcement. Once law enforcement corners him in a building, the victim commits suicide (Note: Also, code criminal legal problem).

**Manner of Death:** All manners
Homicide-Suicide and Intimate Partner Violence (IPV)

**Question:** Homicide-suicide happens frequently in Intimate Partner Violence (IPC) cases. Is there a way to capture this in the registry?

**Answer:**
- Identify incident type (1.4)
- IPV data elements
- Case linking done by INVDRS Epidemiologist
Homicide-Suicide and Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) [continued]

- Incident Type – 1.4

1.4 Incident type: IncidentType

Definition:
Overall description of whether the incident involved a single or multiple victims and the manner of all the victim’s deaths.

Response Options:
1. Single suicide
2. Death of undetermined intent
3. Single homicide
4. Multiple homicides
5. Homicide(s) followed by suicide(s)
6. Unintentional firearm death(s)
7. Multiple suicides
8. Other
9. Not an NVDRS case

Discussion:
If a violent incident involves two or more undetermined deaths and no other manners of death, please code as “2”, or death of undetermined intent.

Note: Response Option #7: Multiple suicides is a new option added in 2013
Homicide-Suicide and Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) [continued]

• IPV data elements
  • 5.4.1 – Intimate partner violence related
  • 5.4.2 – Intimate partner problem*

• 7.3 – Victim to suspect relation 1
• 7.4 – Victim to suspect relation 2
• 7.5 – History of abuse of victim by this suspect
• 7.6 – This suspect was caregiver for the victim
• 7.7 – Suspect attempted suicide after incident
  • Indicate “fatal” or “non-fatal”
• 7.8 – Suspect is also a victim in the incident

*Crisis element
Homicide-Suicide and Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) [continued]

- Case linking by INVDRS Epidemiologist
  - 24-hour rule:
    - Timing of injuries (NOT timing of death) AND
    - Strong correlating source data
  - Potential suspects
  - Narratives explaining the linkage
Intimate Partner Violence (IPV)

- **Question**: Is there a data element that indicates whether there was an order for protection / protection or restraining order in effect at the time of the incident?

- **Answer**: Restraining Order Variables – Section 10.7
  - 10.7.1 – Restraining order ever
  - 10.7.2 – Restraining order at time of incident
  - 10.7.3 – Restraining order type
  - 10.7.4 – Restraining order issue date
  - 10.7.5 – Retraining order served
  - 10.7.6 – Persons protected by restraining order
Intimate Partner Violence (IPV)

• **Question**: Is there a data element that indicates that the victim had contact (any contact) with the court system within the 2 weeks leading up to the incident?

• **Answer**: Not quite, closest thing:
  - 5.7.8 – Civil legal problems*
    - At the time of the incident the victim was facing civil legal problems, such as divorce, custody dispute or civil lawsuit, or legal problems that were unspecified as either criminal or civil, and these problems appeared to have contributed to the death.
Intimate Partner Violence (IPV)

• **Question:** Is there a data element for cyber bullying?
• **Answer:** Not at this time.

• **Question:** Is there a data element for human trafficking?
• **Answer:** Not quite, closest thing:
  • 5.5.8 – Prostitution*
    • Includes: prostitutes, pimps, clients, other person involved in such activity (e.g., prostitution ring, sex trafficking).
      • *Crisis data element
Increasing Funeral Director Involvement in data collection

• **Question:** Could we:
  
  A. Create a form that families could fill out while at the funeral home?
  
  B. Create a web-based system that funeral directors could fill out information?
  
  C. Create a brochure/packet of resources for families that they receive at the funeral home that has a voluntary survey that families can mail in or submit via a website?

• **Thoughts from the group?**
Utilizing EMS/Fire Department run sheets for data collection

- Incident/Onset Date/Time*
- Complaint Reported by Dispatch
- Number of Patients at the Scene
- Age
- Age Units
- Gender
- Race
- Ethnicity
- Patient’s Home:
  - Country*
  - State*
  - County*
  - City*
  - Zip Code

- Incident:
  - County*
  - Zip Code
- Date/Time Resuscitation Discontinued*
- Reason CPR Discontinued*
- Emergency Department (ED) Disposition
- Hospital Disposition
- Incident location type

*Gold Elements
Utilizing EMS/Fire Department run sheets for data collection

- NHTSA Injury Matrix
  - Head*
  - Face*
  - Neck*
  - Upper Extremities*
  - Spine*
  - Thorax*
  - Abdomen*
  - Lower Extremities*
- Condition Code Number
- First Name*
- Last Name*
- Middle Initial/Name*

- Primary Symptom
- Other Associated Symptoms
- Provider’s Primary Impression
- Provider’s Secondary Impression
- Patient’s Occupation*
- Cause of Injury
- Intent of Injury*

- *Gold Elements
Planning for 2015

• Key Activities:
  1. Continue to establish collaboration for INVDRS project
  2. Obtain Vital Records (death certificate) data electronically & monitor data import timelines
  3. Begin manual abstraction of Coroner & Law Enforcement data by end of 1st quarter
Death Certificate Data Update

- Working with Vital Records to successfully upload a test file to the web-based NVDRS system.
  - Once test file is successful, will start submitting completed death certificate data on a monthly basis.
    - *Example:* January deaths by end of February/beginning of March.
Coroner Data Update

Are you a state approved vendor?

Yes

Start contract documents

1. Request For Contract (RFC)
2. Special Procurement Request
3. Attachment A (Scope of Work)
4. Attachment B (Budget)

No

1. Automated Direct Deposit Authorization Agreement
2. Request for Taxpayer identification number and certification
AUTOMATED DIRECT DEPOSIT
AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT
State Form 07551 (03/14-14)
Approved by State Board of Accounts, 2014
Approved by Auditor of State, 2014

Indiana law (I.C. 4-13-2-14.8) requires that YOU receive PAYMENT(S) by means of electronic transfer of funds.

This form must be accompanied by a W9.
Please print clearly and legibly in blue or black ink.
See Instructions on Reverse.

SECTION 1: AUTHORIZATION
According to Indiana law, your signature below authorizes the transfer of electronic funds under the following terms:

Printed Name (as shown on the account)______________________________
Federal Identification Number / Social Security Number_____________________

Address (Number and Street, and/or PO Box Number)_____________________
City, State, and ZIP Code (00000-0000)______________________________

SECTION 2: FINANCIAL INSTITUTION’S APPROVAL
☐ Add Deposit ☐ Change Deposit (prior information: ________________________)

☐ Please check this box if your direct deposit will be automatically forwarded to a bank account in another country.

Type of Account: ☐ Checking (Demand) ☐ Savings

(You must either attach a non-altered, matching voided check or have your financial institution complete this section.)

Name of Financial Institution: ________________________________
Telephone: (_____) ________________________________

Address:
Number and Street, and/or P.O. Box Number______________________________
City, State, and ZIP Code (00000-0000)______________________________

Date (month, day) ________ Financial Institution’s Authorized Signature / Title______________________________

ABA Transit-Routing Number______________________________
Account Number______________________________

SECTION 3: ELECTRONIC NOTIFICATION OF ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFER (EFT) DEPOSITS
(Complete this section only if you are requesting electronic notification. You may provide up to four email addresses.)

I hereby request that all future notices of EFT deposits to the bank account specified above be sent to the following email addresses:
______________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________
Form W-9

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Give Form to the requester. Do not send to the IRS.

Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.

Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above.

Check appropriate box for federal tax classification; check only one of the following seven boxes:

- Individual sole proprietor or
- C Corporation
- S Corporation
- Partnership
- Trust/estate
- Single-member LLC
- Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C, S corporation, P = partnership).

Note. For a single-member LLC that is disregarded, do not check LLC; check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner.

Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3).

- Exempt payee code (if any)
- Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any)

Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.

Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.).

City, state, and ZIP code.

Requester’s name and address (optional).

Part I: Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see How to get a TIN on page 3.

Note. If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1 and the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number or Employer identification number

Part II: Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 3.

Signature of U.S. person

Date

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. Information about developments affecting Form W-9 (such as legislation enacted after we release it) is available at www.irs.gov/w9.

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must use Form W-9 to provide the taxpayer’s name and TIN.

- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding? on page 2.
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**Additional Approvers:**
- Office of Legal Affairs for HIPAA / BA Determination
- Office of Technology
- Office Public Affairs

### Type of Agreement
**Contract**

### Description of Services:
Purchase copy of Coroner/Medical Examiners Report from Marion County Coroner's Office for $10 each.

| Start Date | 3/1/15 |
| End Date | 12/31/15 |
| Maximum Amount | Verify |
| Statutory Authority | IC16-19-3 |
| Is there a Key Person? | Verify |
| Reporting Frequency | N/A |
| Vendor Contact Name | Verify |
| Signatory Name | Verify |
| Vendor Contact Title | Verify |
| Signatory Title | Verify |
| Vendor Contact Email | Verify |
| Signatory Email | Verify |
| Vendor Address | Verify |

### For Agreements funded by Federal grants:
- **Grant Award Number:** 1 U17 CE 002598-01
- **Grant Title:** Collecting Violent Death Information Using NVDRS
- **CFDA Number:** 93.136
- **Federal Funder:** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

**How does this Agreement address the following?**

**Good To Great priorities Reducing Infant Mortality, Reducing Adult Obesity, and Reducing Adult Smoking?**

In 2012 there were 42 infant injury-related deaths, 7 were due to homicides. Collecting this type of data will lead to improved care in the field and overall improvement of the quality...
SF #54650

Special Procurement Request

Date:  Enter date requested

To:  Indiana Department of Administration
     Debra Walker
dwalker@idoa.in.gov

From:  Agency Name
       Agency Contact Person
       Agency Contact Phone & Email

Relevant Indiana Code (per 5-22-10): copy IC number and description that applies
Value of Proposed Contract or Purchase: enter amount here
Recommended Vendor: enter vendor name here

Detailed Justification that Validates Special Purchasing Method
Please identify any supplemental supporting documents.

Describe the product/services the vendor will provide (note if it is state or federally mandated), and explain why this meets the special purchasing method listed above.

________________________________________

PRODUCTS ONLY: Detail the research performed to determine this product is the best solution for the state.

________________________________________

Describe why this vendor was chosen and if the agency contacted other vendors.

________________________________________

Was there an initial government estimate?

________________________________________

Describe the negotiation proceedings that took place or how did the agency arrive at the price?

________________________________________

How did the agency document its discussions with the vendor?

________________________________________

Explain why the price is fair and reasonable under the circumstances.

________________________________________

PRODUCTS ONLY: Provide detailed information for not entering into a contract if the agency is requesting a one-time purchase.

________________________________________
Scope of Work: The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) receives federal funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to collect and report Violent Death Information Using the National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS).

The System uses the World Health Organization (WHO) definition of a violent death: “a death resulting from the intentional use of physical force or power against oneself, another person, or against a group or community”. The case definition includes suicides, homicides, deaths from legal intervention (a subtype of homicide where the victim is killed by law enforcement acting in the line of duty), deaths of undetermined intent, and unintentional firearm fatalities. Deaths of undetermined intent are included because this category includes deaths with some evidence of intent, but without enough to definitively classify the death as purposeful. Unintentional firearm injury deaths are included because the category is likely to include some deaths that are in fact intentional or of undetermined intent.

This is the first year of the five year federal grant. For the first year of the grant, the ISDH is piloting the Program by focusing on the six Indiana counties that had the highest violent death counts in 2010. CDC mandated that 2010 figures be used in grant funding determination.

CDC is very specific on what informational details must be collected and reported.

The County Coroner is in a unique position regarding violent deaths and is often the only person who can supply the ISDH with the compulsory information.

Indiana Law requires the County Coroner do an investigation if someone in their county dies from violence or in a suspicious, unusual or unnatural manner. (IC 36-2-14-6)

If a county coroner opens an investigation, it will result in a Coroner/Medical Examiner (CME) Report, including a toxicology Report (if appropriate). This is where the data for the NVDRS is found.

In order to get the required data for compliance with NVDRS grant requirements, we will purchase these CMS Reports from the MCCO. Purchase of the reports accounts for MCCO's time to make a copy of the reports available.
ATTACHMENT B

$4,000

Marion County Coroners’ Office
March 1, 2015- December 31, 2015
For the Indiana State Department of Health, Trauma and Injury Prevention Division

**Budget**= The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) receives federal funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to collect and report Violent Death Information Using the National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS).

The total contract budget will be for having the Marion County Coroners’ Office supply the ISDH, as requested, with a copy of each CME Report their office does, including toxicology reports if appropriate, at a cost of $10 for each Report.

The Marion County Coroners’ Office wouldn’t normally supply the ISDH with a copy. The $10 is for the Marion County Coroners’ Office to make and supply the ISDH with a copy of the CME Report, with toxicology if appropriate and covers their staff time and supplies.
Law Enforcement Data Update

- Last “piece of the puzzle”
- Only want fully adjudicated records ensuring no legal cases pending before the courts are compromised
*NEW* Drug Overdose/Poisoning Module

- All drug-related deaths: prescription and non-prescription
- State-Optional
- Unintentional drug poisoning category
  - Separation of violent drug-related deaths from unintentional deaths
Drug overdoses have surpassed motor vehicle crashes as the leading cause of injury death.
Dramatic increase in overdose deaths related to opioid pain relievers

CDC, National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System

Graph showing a dramatic increase in opioid pain relievers-related deaths, with a peak of 16,007 deaths in 2012. There were 4,030 opioid deaths in 1999. Recent increases in heroin are also noted.
Opioid pain relievers: Prescriptions per 100 persons

States with more opioid pain reliever sales tend to have more drug overdose deaths.

Who is at risk?

Risk Factors
- Patients receiving opioids from multiple prescribers and/or pharmacies
- Patients taking high daily doses of opioids

Demographics
- Men
- 35-54 year olds
- Whites
- American Indians/Alaska Natives

Socioeconomics & geography
- Medicaid
- Rural
CDC Goal

Reduce abuse and overdose of opioids and other controlled prescription drugs while ensuring patients with pain are safely and effectively treated.
Three Pillars of CDC’s Prescription Drug Overdose (PDO) Prevention Work

- Improve data quality and track trends
- Strengthen state efforts by scaling up effective public health interventions
- Supply healthcare providers with resources to improve patient safety
CDC Funds “Boost” for State Prevention: 5 states in FY 2014

Advance and evaluate comprehensive state-level interventions for preventing prescription drug overdose in 3 areas:

• Enhancing and maximizing PDMPs
• Improving and evaluating public insurer mechanisms
• Evaluating state-level laws, policies, and regulations
• Scope of program
  – Target high burden states: KY, OK, TN, UT, and WV
  – Hope to expand program and substantial increase in President’s and Senate’s FY 2015 budget
Enhance and Maximize Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs (PDMP)

- **PDMPs**
  - 49 out of 50 states
  - Funding and location vary across states

- **Intervention**
  - Outlier analysis (e.g., identify patients “doctor shopping” or identify inappropriate or illegal prescriber)
  - Clinician review of PDMP before writing a controlled substance prescription

- **Surveillance**
  - Track changes in prescriptions to assess progress and new trends
  - Link with morbidity and mortality data to enhance targeting

- **Guidelines and resources for effective PDMP**
  - Brandeis Center for Excellence: [http://www.pdmpassist.org/content/guidelines](http://www.pdmpassist.org/content/guidelines)
Insurer Mechanisms and Policies

- **Insurer mechanisms**
  - Reimbursement incentives/disincentives
  - Quantity limits
  - Step therapies/Prior Authorization
  - Claims analysis & review programs

- **Policy interventions**
  - Pain clinic laws
  - PDMP laws
  - Naloxone laws
Optional Collection of Unintentional Drug Poisoning Death Data with the NVDRS Web System
Key CDC Surveillance Needs

- Use surveillance data to inform prevention response and identify promising practices in a timely manner.

**Florida opioid overdoses fell sharply between 2010 and 2012 after policy changes**

Key Surveillance Needs

- Respond to emerging issues

The heroin increase is an offshoot of the opioid epidemic

3 out of 4 people who used heroin in the past year misused opioids first

7 out of 10 people who used heroin in the past year also misused opioids in the past year

Key Challenges with Death Certificate Data

- Identify specific drug(s) causing the death
  - Information missing on ~25% of death certificates
  - Percent missing varies by state

- Improve counting of heroin-related deaths
  - Toxicology findings of morphine only

- Timely information

- Variance in assignment of manner of death across states
  - DUIP reports deaths across manners

- Key context information tied to interventions
  - History of overdoses
  - Scene indications of drug abuse
  - Route of exposure
  - Prescription information (Doctor shopping)
Proposed Solution

- Link death certificate (DC) with coroner and medical examiner (CME) information
  - Links toxicology with descriptive information
  - Collection of key circumstance information
  - More rapid identification (NCHS word search)

- NVDRS platform
  - Collects vast majority of needed information
  - Established infrastructure to collect vital statistics and CME
  - Collaboration with DVP to get “full picture”
  - Maximize limited resources to collect data on unintentional overdoses

- Respond to a need expressed by some NVDRS states

- Use separate tab to collect drug overdose specific information
Project Plan

- **Pre-pilot***
  - Modify NVDRS so it is able to collect existing variables on drug overdoses/poisonings
  - Collect general state feedback
  - Add a few key variables to unintentional drug overdose tab that NVDRS states can use
  - Secure approvals from OMB and IRB (9 to 12 month process)

- **Funded pilot (< 5 states)**
  - **No funding currently available**
  - Test and further develop module questions with state feedback
  - Target current NVDRS states with overdose prevention activities

- **Assess feasibility and utility of scaling up**
  - Any expansion most likely linked with Boost expansion
Prioritization of Web Enhancements

- Ensure users can identify unintentional drug poisonings/overdoses
  - Most variables of interest are already collected by the NVDRS system (toxicology, details on injury location, mental health)

- Address critical information needs
  - Look for national and state overlap

- Feasible
  - Limited resources
  - Basic questions
  - Wait for pilot to develop more extensive questions

- Does not require going to another data source
  - Limited exploration of PDMP data
Definition of Drug Poisoning

- A drug is any chemical compound that is chiefly used by or administered to humans or animals as an aid in the diagnosis, treatment, or prevention of disease or injury, for the relief of pain or suffering, to control or improve any physiologic or pathologic condition, or for the feeling it causes.
  - Includes prescription drugs, over the counter drugs, and illicit drugs such as heroin and cocaine
  - Excludes alcohol, tobacco, and inhaled substances that have non-medical primary purpose such as glue.

- Focus on acute poisonings (e.g., overdoses)
  - Consistent with CDC Injury indicators and ISW7 report

Identify Unintentional Drug Poisoning Deaths

- Add unintentional drug poisoning to *Incident Type* and *Manner of Death per Abstractor*

- Classify the poisoning
  - *Substance abuse related*: Taken to get high
  - *Adverse reaction*: Taken as prescribed
  - *Overmedication*: Patient taking more than prescribed for pain
  - *Unintentional ingestion*: Child or adult took unknowingly or incorrectly

- *Highest priority!*
## Substance Abuse

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| Scene indications of drug abuse        | Moderate | -Better identify heroin and prescription opioid overdoses  
                                            -Informs response |
| History of opioid or heroin abuse     | Moderate | -Understand risk factors  
                                            -Better identify heroin and prescription opioid overdoses   |
<p>| Description of treatment (e.g., MAT or specific drug) | Later version | Needs to be assessed  |</p>
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Drug Overdose/Poisoning

**Drug Overdose/Poisoning**

**Type of drug poisoning**

**Substance Abuse**

- Previous drug overdose
- Treatment for substance abuse
- History of opioid/heroin abuse

**Scene indications of drug abuse (Check all that apply)**

- None
- Drug paraphernalia
- Track marks on victim
- Illicit drugs at scene
- Presence of buprenorphine, not including BuTrans
- Prescription drugs, not prescribed to decedent
- Other scene indication of drug abuse (Include in Indication Other Narrative box)

**Indication Other Narrative**

**Response to drug overdose**

- Naloxone/Opioid antagonist administered
- Bystanders present at time of overdose

**Other**

**Route of drug exposure (Check all that apply)**

- Any injection
- Snorting
- Ingestion/transdermal patch
- Suppository
- Unknown/not listed

**Treated for pain at time of injury**
**Drug Overdose/Poisoning**

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**Number of opioid prescriptions in the 30 days preceding injury**

**Number of pharmacies dispensing opioids to decedent in 180 days preceding injury**

**Number of doctors writing opioid prescriptions to the decedent in the 180 days preceding injury**
### Prescription History / Medical: Later Version

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| Track morphine milligram equivalents of decedent                          | Later version  | -Resource intensive
|                                                                           |                | -Need a tool                                                              |
| Track PDMP prescriptions including information such as specialty           | Later version  | -Need to consider how best to integrate with toxicology
|                                                                           |                | -Need to access feasibility with PDMP data
|                                                                           |                | -Can indicate prescription causing death in current system                |
| Information on medical conditions of patient (e.g., cancer, HIV, headaches, etc.) | Later version  | -Concerned about feasibility across states
|                                                                           |                | -Code “Contributing physical health problem”                              |
Current Project Status

- Funding is not currently available*
  - Widespread and consistent data collection requires funding
  - No guarantees funding for pilot will become available
  - Building case and infrastructure to conduct pilot

- No requirement for states to collect data: Any collection of data is voluntary

- States are free to use pre-pilot items

- Cannot use current NVDRS funding for data collection or data entry
• Competition is limited to State Health Departments
  • Must do 51% of the work
    • Cannot act as a “pass through”
• Required Strategies:
  1. Enhance and maximize a state Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP)
    • Indiana - INSPECT
  2. Implement community or insurer/health system interventions aimed at preventing prescription drug overdose & abuse
Optional Strategies:
1. Conduct policy evaluations.
2. Develop and implement Rapid Response Projects.

Other key aspects of the FOA:
- Funded states will track heroin morbidity and mortality as an outcome of their work and have opportunities to evaluate policies with implications for preventing both prescription drug and heroin overdoses.
Limited Technical Assistance from CDC Prescription Drug Overdose Team

- Limited due to resources
  - Brief description of the definition of new data elements and targeted deaths
  - Collaborate with DVP to harmonize PDMP drug classifications used at CDC with NVDRS toxicology module

- No resources for ongoing technical assistance to states on coding or analysis

- If some states choose to enter data, we would like to get feedback in Spring, 2015 and revisit possible collaborative projects or technical assistance at that time
NVDRS Grant Deliverables

- Evaluation & Performance Measurement Plan
  - March 31st
- Continuation Application
  - April 2nd
2012 NVDRS Data Now Available

- Web-based Injury Statistics Query and Reporting System (WISQARS) NVDRS module has 2012 violent death data from 16 states

- WISQARS also updated with 2013 injury fatality data
National Violent Death Reporting System

Reports

- Violent Deaths 2003-2012

Note: Violent death data are currently provided for 16 NVDRS states and, therefore, are not nationally representative. Help us improve WISQARS by taking this short survey! Learn more >>

Help and Practice Questions

- Help
- Practice Questions

http://www.cdc.gov/injury/wisqars/nvdrs.html
Virginia Violent Death Reporting System: Women and Suicide in Virginia

Characteristics of women’s suicide in Virginia between 2003 & 2012

Released by Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in the Virginia Department of Health
Figure 7. Female Suicide Rates by Race, Virginia: 2003-2012 (n = 2,087)

Figure 8. Male Suicide Rates by Race, Virginia: 2003-2012 (n = 7,075)
Key findings:

- Greatest suicide at-risk:
  - white and middle aged women
  - population with substance abuse and mental health problems who are likely to be receiving mental health treatment at the time of their suicide
Virginia Violent Death Reporting System: Women and Suicide in Virginia

- Women suicide decedents use poisons to end their lives in high proportions
  - Often with drugs that were prescribed to address their mental health and medical concerns
  - Suggestion to monitoring potentially lethal medications through Prescription Monitoring Program

- Data suggest needs related to health and mental health for women that move beyond medication to address underlying challenges that arise over the life course

The report is available at:
Age-Adjusted Homicide Rates, by Urbanization of County of Residence, US, 2004 and 2013

Reported by: Deborah D. Ingram, PhD, ddingram@cdc.gov, 301-458-4733; Li-Hui Chen, PhD.
Can We Rely on Suicide Mortality data?

- Editorial by Diego De Leo, Australian Institute for Suicide Research and Prevention
- Suicide possibly remains one of the most under-reported causes of death worldwide
Can We Rely on Suicide Mortality data?

- Potential situations that hinder death reporting/registered as caused by suicide:
  - Stigma avoidance.
  - Legal, religious, and political pressures.
  - Life-sustaining medication not assumed.
  - Self-starvation.
  - Voluntary euthanasia/assisted suicide.
  - Particular suicide methods (e.g., motor vehicle accident, opiate overdose).
  - Dubious circumstances of the act (e.g., falls, drowning).
  - Missing person.
  - Financial conditions (gains from life insurance).
  - Social position of the deceased.
  - Changes in coding (e.g., from ICD-9 to ICD-10).
  - Lack of standardized certification procedures.
Can We Rely on Suicide Mortality data?

• Identifying gaps, priorities, and practical solutions within and across different domains through the widest possible consultation

• Adoption of standardized definitions

• Link death databanks with databanks related to other environments of public health interest
  • e.g., health records, schools, corrective services, drug and alcohol services, etc.

Article available at: http://www.psycontent.com/content/k633168900408012/fulltext.pdf
New Ohio VDRS Report

- 609 homicides among Ohio residents in 2012.
- Overall homicide rate in 2012 was 5.5 per 100,000 persons.
- Men were more likely than women to be victims of homicides.

The report is available at:
http://www.healthy.ohio.gov/~/media/HealthyOhio/ASSETS/Files/injury%20prevention/Homicides%20in%20Ohio.ashx
Figure 6. Crime-related Circumstances Associated with Homicides, by Sex, Ohio, 2012

- Associated with another crime: Male 34%, Female 22%, Total 31%
- Drug involvement: Male 18%, Female 7%, Total 16%
- Brawl: Male 1%, Female 1%, Total 1%
- Hate Crime: Male 1%, Female 1%, Total 1%
- Gang-related: Male 0%, Female 0%, Total 0%
Figure 7. Nature of Crimes associated with Homicides, by Sex, Ohio, 2012

- **Assault**: Male 33%, Female 23%, Total 21%
- **Burglary**: Male 20%, Female 15%, Total 16%
- **Robbery**: Male 52%, Female 45%, Total 45%
- **Drug Trade**: Male 6%, Female 3%, Total 5%
- **Motor Vehicle Theft**: Male 1%, Female 0%, Total 1%
- **Rape, Sexual Assault**: Male 20%, Female 5%, Total 10%
- **Other**: Male 15%, Female 4%, Total 10%
Trauma Registry & INVDRS

- Injury Intentionality = Assault, Self-inflicted, undetermined OR other

AND

- ED Disposition = Died/Expired

OR

- Hospital Disposition = Expired
Trauma Registry & INVDRS

- 2012:
  - 160 cases
- 2013:
  - 191 cases

- 2014 (YTD):
  - 160 cases
- 2015 (YTD):
  - 2 cases
Reporting Child Violent Deaths

- INVDRS uses and expands use of Child Fatality Review data
## 2013 counts

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* Indicates Pilot County for INVDRS in 2015
ADVISORY BOARD:
MEMBERS
Role of an Advisory Board Member

- Serve on the INVDRS AB
- Provide access to data (if applicable)
- Help develop solutions to any identified barriers
- Utilize the VDRS data
  - Informative tool
- Connect the ISDH to your partners
- Be Spokesperson for NVDRS/INVDRS
Call to Action

• Send interested parties to ISDH Division of Trauma and Injury Prevention
  • indianatrauma@isdh.in.gov
  • INVDRS Epidemiologist
    Rachel Kenny
    317-233-8197
    rkenny@isdh.in.gov
2015 MEETING DATES
2015 Advisory Board Meeting Dates

- June 23rd
- September 29th
- December 15th
  - 1-3pm EDT
  - ISDH, Rice Auditorium
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Discussion: Centralized Law Enforcement Data in Indiana

- Which law enforcement agencies utilize:
  - National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS)?
    - Pros/Cons of NIBRS?
  - Uniform Crime Report (UCR)?
    - Pros/Cons of UCR?
Discussion: Centralized Law Enforcement Data in Indiana

- **Question**: How many states are NIBRS states that participate in NVDRS?
- **Answer**: 3 (out of 32) [as of October 2014]

- Centralized Law Enforcement data: 2 states
- Electronic Law Enforcement data: 1 YES, 4 “Some”
- Supplemental Homicide Report (SHR): 4 states
Discussion: Centralized Coroner / Medical Examiner Data

- BOTH Coroners & Medical Examiners – 6 states
- Coroners – 3 states
- Centralized Medical Examiner – 3 states
- Medical Examiners – 10 states

- Electronic C/ME
  - Yes – 1
  - Some – 6
  - Both – 6
  - Electronic access – 2
  - No – 7