



Health & Human Services and Public Safety Committee

Tuesday, March 8, 2022, 5:30 PM
Remote Meeting

Councilor Tae Chong, District 3, Chair
Councilor Mark Dion, District 5
Councilor Victoria Pelletier, District 2
Councilor Anna Trevorow, District 1

1. Announcements

- a. This meeting will take place remotely using Zoom.

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2. Review and Approval of Minutes from January 11, 2022 and February 8, 2022

- a. Minutes from January 11, 2022
- b. February 8, 2022 Draft Meeting Minutes
- 3. Updates
 - a. HHS Updates
- 4. Cumberland County Jail Updates with Sheriff Joyce
- 5. Overdose Mapping & Reporting
 - a. Update from Fire, Police & Public Health
- 6. Next Meeting: April 12, 2022

NOTE: Since there are no action items on the agenda, there will be no opportunity for public comment at this meeting. Please feel free to send comments to members of the committee on any issue at any time via email. Councilors email addresses are available on the city website: www.portlandmaine.gov

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Committee Attendance:

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Councilors in Attendance:

City Staff:

Kristen Dow, Director of HHS; Tina Pettingill, Deputy Director of HHS; Aaron Geyer, Director of Social Services; Adam Harr, Executive Assistant for Social Services. Keith Gautreau, Fire Chief; Bridget Rauscher, Chronic Disease Prevention Program Manager; Heath Gorham, Interim Police Chief.

Meeting called to order at 5:40 PM.

AGENDA ITEM 1 – Announcements

- November, 2021 draft meeting minutes.
 - Councilor Dion moved to accept the minutes; Councilor Pelletier seconded and the minutes were accepted unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 2 – December Updates

HHS Update

- Homelessness and Emergency Shelter December Update
 - Increase of new families arriving from one family per day in November to nearly three families per day in December.
 - 1,017 accessing emergency shelter through our shelter system as of 1/6/2022.
 - 23 families have since arrived.
 - Total family numbers: 217 families for 711 individuals.
 - Working with Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) and nongovernment organizations (NGOs) at the border to be better notified of families coming to Portland to be able to plan instead of unexpected arrivals.
 - Letting families know what to expect; there is an average wait of nine months before finding housing.

- Submitted proposal to FEMA for 24/7 coverage at hotels to coordinate services.
- Utilizing 10 different hotels in 5 different municipalities.
- Some hotels are only accepting families, not singles.
- Working with hotels and municipalities to mitigate issues.
 - Security is now provided at hotels with singles.
 - Making sure wrap around services are offered.
- Freeport hotel came online this year with meetings this week to plan wraparound services.
- City management and HHS leadership are urging State officials for assistance and a regional approach.
 - We at a point where don't have the resources for the people served to be successful.
- Transportation remains a top issue,
- General Assistance Program
 - Total Applications: 1,559
 - Number of denials: 65
 - Denial rate: 4%
- Oxford Street Shelter and contract hotel:
 - OSS average nightly census: 78
 - Contract hotel average nightly census: 130
 - Average individuals placed in hotels through General Assistance: 206
- Overview of the Family Shelter:
 - Number of on-site at the family shelter: 23 families/ 62 individuals
 - Number of families at local hotels for shelter overflow: 150 families/ 498 individuals
- Update from the City's Resettlement Coordinator:
 - Bi-weekly meetings with Old Orchard Beach around supporting the 20 families in temporary placements there.
 - Three families have found permanent housing.
- Totals for the Needle Exchange Program (NEP) are as follows:
 - Total number of exchanges: 366 (227 onsite, 139 outreach)
 - Total number of needles collected: 44,961
 - Total number of needles distributed: 44,558
 - Total Number of new enrollees: 48
 - Total number of Narcan doses distributed: 240 kits (480 doses)
 - Community needles collected: 938
 - Collected from community sharps containers: 784 (83.6%)
 - This is a large increase.
- Clinic Numbers:
 - STD Clinic: Patients seen: 98, new patients: 27
 - PCFC: Patients seen: 42, new patients: 8
 - COVID Vaccines Given: 266

Committee questions and discussion

- Councilor Pelletier confirmed the municipalities with GA hotels: Portland, South Portland, Westbrook, Old Orchard Beach, and Freeport.
- Councilor Pelletier asked what full capacity looks like.
 - Meeting with CBP and NGOs tomorrow to discuss what this looks like..
 - When people cross the border, they fill out paper work that indicate 54 chestnut street, the family shelter, as their destination.
 - This makes us a Tier 1 committee.
 - We are already in overflow.
 - Organizations continue to buy plane and bus tickets here..
 - This is resettlement, not simply family homelessness.
 - Is there movement on State resources?
 - We update them weekly on the numbers but having more success with federal funding.
- Councilor Dion said we used to see secondary migration in Portland which was more planned with resources.
 - Is there any talk of financial support from the State?
 - That support came in 2019 when asylum seekers became eligible for General Assistance, reimbursing 70% of that cost.
 - Tier 1 funding allows FEMA funding.
 - They are funding the 10 onsite coordinator positions at the hotels.
 - The positions are awaiting approval.
- Councilor Trevorrow asked for the tiers to be explained.
 - Tier 1 means we are an immediate final destination for people who cross the border.
 - Customs and Border Patrol toured our facilities and said we are one of the best facilities they've seen and are not surprised families are coming here.
 - Who us being spoken with at the state?
 - Deputy Commissioner Hamm and other staff from the commissioner's office.
 - Is there a role the City Council could play to help secure resources?
 - Yes, advocacy to the state, local and federal delegates as well as other municipalities and town administrators.
 - Advocate for the state to take on the role of resettlement and uniform general assistance around the state.
 - Asylum seekers must wait 6 months to work.
 - We want to be an open community and when advocating for regional solutions we are told we are too welcoming and have a reputation and should limit our resources.
 - Uniformity of GA could address this.
 - Individuals presenting for shelter in other municipalities are sent to Portland instead of screening for GA eligibility.

- Councilor Chong said that asylum seeking homelessness is the biggest equity issue before us. The immediate need of new arrivals is great that it is supplanting scarce resources, including staffing.
 - Are the other municipalities providing resources?
 - South Portland has been very active with regular meetings with their City manager, police, Fire and their GA administrator.
 - South Portland is half the size of Portland and the GA cost in Portland is 4 times that of South Portland.
 - Has there been talk at the legislative level about Portland taking up the GA funding and that GA is broken for service center like Portland.
 - Director Dow can't speak to the legislative lever but had a meeting with Deputy Commissioner Hamm one year ago about the cost and informed them about FEMA reimbursement.
 - Councilor Chong reached out to our delegation and encourages others to do the same.
 - Has there been talk with the Commissioner about a statewide resettlement program?
 - This is asked for at every meeting.
 - Would GA dollars go further in less expensive communities?
 - Yes.
 - The Portland Community Support Fund helped asylum seeker in 2019. Do families understand our climate and what can people do to support them?
 - Some families do not and arrive in flip flops.
 - We are not lacking financial resources due to federal funding; the lack is physical resources:
 - Staffing
 - Housing
 - Space to shelter
 - PCSF ended when asylum seekers became eligible for GA.
 - Councilor Dion in his advocacy at GPCOG observed their willingness to fund but understands it is just funding and that they do not have human resources to share.
- Councilor Dion said people come to Portland because family and recommend it.
 - Brunswick is a success story and could be modeled after.
- Councilor Chong said this committee can educate the community as this is our biggest equity issue. If FEMA does go away as scheduled in April, the City will be responsible for costs currently being reimbursed.
- Councilor Chong asked how morale is with staff.
 - Our staff are working tremendously hard day in and day out and appreciate advocacy on their behalf.
- Councilor Chong saw an increase in needles exchanged; what explains this?
 - The dip in November is likely due to the physical location closing for a week. We never stopped services but arranged them through outreach locations. This plus Thanksgiving account for a dip in November.

- We are no longer the only syringe service program in Portland with Amistad coming online.
- Fire Update
 - Adjusted PPE used.
 - 16,000 calls for service
 - 74% ae EMS
 - 3 active Covid cases in the department.
 - Staffing is a challenge: 14 short term vacancies and 12 long term vacancies.
 - 2 pumpers and 1 ladder truck arriving in June.
 - 2 new ambulances in service this month.
 - Just promoted 9 firefighters.

Committee questions and discussion

- Is there a CO2 awareness campaign for the cold snap?
 - Yes. There is information on the website and will do a press release reminding people to have operational Carbon Monoxide alarms and that there will be frozen pipes.
 - The announcements will be translated.

AGENDA ITEM 3 – Overdose and Naloxone Distribution Update

- Bridget Rauscher, Chronic Disease Prevention Program Manager presented.
 - Covid-19 have been disruptive and dangerous for people who use drugs.
 - Fatalities from opioids have been above 80% 2016-2020.
 - County and state level data are published monthly.
- Fire Chief Gautreau presented overdoses between people who were responsive or not at the time of arrival: Opioid with coma, opioid w/o coma, and non-opioid.
 - There is so much naloxone available that there may be unreported overdoses.
 - Some people are legally dead, get revived and then refuse transport to hospital.
 - Some people are revived and have left the scene before EMS arrives.
 - The number of doses per patient is decreased in 2020 but increased in 2021 likely due to fentanyl.
- Interim Police Chief Gorham presented PD overdose data.
 - PPD responded to 322 ODs in 2021, a 9.5% increase from 2020.
 - 23 were fatal.
 - These are overdoses the PD responded to.
 - Is there geomapping on these overdoses?
 - PD uses OD Map; Fire does not in order to not duplicate entries.
 - Data is not provided between Fire and PD so it is a possibility that Fire responded without PD but it is unlikely.
 - Are the ODs happening in public or private spaces?
 - PD data on deaths will be more accurate.
- Naloxone (Narcan) distribution
 - There was a rise in distribution in the second half of the year. This corresponds to a decrease in the administration of naloxone by PD and fire in that timeframe.

- Nearly half a million needles were distributed in 2021.
- From the start of the state of emergency to August 1, the 1-1 exchange rule was temporarily expanded.

Committee questions and discussion

- Councilor Dion asked about demographics and how many overdose deaths were people in recovery, post treatment.
- Councilor Chong showed that how deaths are near stable with deaths increase around the state shows our harm reduction is working. He would like to know more about our harm reduction services.
 - How many unique individuals are enrolled in the NEP?
 - About 1,400.
 - How many people are experiencing addiction?
 - Could not say but certainly more than 1,400 individuals.
- Councilor Chong is confused around tiers and Narcan distribution: how much Narcan does Portland get?
 - The exchange is both a tier one and tier two.
 - Anyone in York and Cumberland County can get Narcan from us.
 - Over 10,000 are coming from Portland Public Health and are tracked separately.
 - It denotes funding, not a set number of doses.
- Chief Gautreau will note location data on overdoses and will explore demographic data and our ability to share data under HIPPA.
 - Will increase reporting needles at scene.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – Work Plan

- Chair Chong asked the committee what topics they were interested in working on over the approximately 10 meetings/20 hours anticipated this year.
 - Councilor Pelletier
 - Interested in a collaborative effort on outreach to the state and other municipalities.
 - Needle Exchange Program outreach.
 - Councilor Dion
 - A day conference on what is immigration policy; we know enough to be dangerous but do we know enough to be effective? Not only for this committee but the Council as a whole.
 - ILAP, Refugee community leaders, etc.
 - Why do people come to Portland?
 - We have assumptions about policies that sound good but may be counterproductive.
 - We need a unified ask.
 - Can this start with a workshop?
 - This format is limited and a workshop could plan it but he prefers all the councilors and key people to participate.
 - This should be a priority at the next meeting to plan
 - The sooner the better and be more of a working task force.

- Councilor Trevorrow
 - Resettlement is a priority.
 - Meet jointly with the legislative committee to nail down messaging and coordinate efforts.
 - There is a lot of learning as a new councilor.
 - Updated presentation on best practices in Policing and where we are as a department.
- Councilor Trevorrow asked if invite people from other municipalities can seek who are tackling similar issues.
 - We have not found other cities like us.
- Councilor Chong recapped:
 - Advocacy around Resettlement
 - Advocacy around General Assistance Reform
 - Conference or task force around resettlement.
 - Looking at best practices around other cities that are facing similar homelessness levels.
 - Educational review of the Police Department best practices.
 - Needle Exchange Program introduction and communication.
 - Explanation and expansion of harm reduction.

AGENDA ITEM 5 – Next Meeting: February 8, 2022

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:35 PM.



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Councilors in Attendance:

Mayor Kate Snyder

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Meeting called to order at 5:40 PM.

AGENDA ITEM 1 – Announcements

- Update from Mayor Snyder on resettlement communications.
 - Last September HHS Committee requested the Mayor communicate with the Governor on asylum seeker resettlement.
 - October, 2021 letter to the governor initiated regular dialogue with the Governor's staff.
 - Shelter numbers are increasing.
 - 208 families of 687 individuals are being sheltered by the City in addition to 509 individuals being sheltered, totaling nearly 1,200 people.
 - 10 hotels in addition for City shelters which can only shelter a couple hundred people, not 1,200.
 - Met with federal delegation staff of Senator King, Senator Collins, and Representative Pingree.
 - HHS Staff have narrowed requests to:
 - Continue funding for the 30% General Assistance obligation that is currently being reimbursed through FEMA.
 - Seeking it be funded through the State or federally, not from our general fund.
 - Statewide resettlement coordination.

- Work authorization requires a long wait time, 365 days; Representative Pingree is putting forth legislation to reduce the wait time to 30 days.
 - 700 families have no access to resources: no eligibility for benefits and are not allowed to work.
- A request to MEMA for EOC National Incident Management System (NIMS)/Incident Command System (ICS) triaging work in other communities to mirror what we did in 2019.
 - Meeting this week with Cumberland County EMA.
 - Does this come with staff?
 - This is an important question as it is a state problem, not just a Portland Problem; staffing will be a challenge. Chief Gautreau would command.
 - Could we deploy Guard personnel to carry out this mission?
 - Possibly; we need to find out which organizations have capacity.
 - Representative Talbot Ross is referring this as a humanitarian crisis which shifts this conversation.
 - Councilor Dion requested an executive summary on NIMS
 - We took 53 people to a training in an emergency operations center.
 - Developed an Incident Action Plan (IAP)
 - A sample of this will be sent to the committee.
 - This lines up forms for FEMA for reimbursement.
- Councilor Chong asked about McKinney Vento: if we house a family in Portland sheltered in Scarborough, we will be responsible for transportation to and from school.
 - Our staff work with school staff.
 - We intentionally placed families with non-school aged families in the temporary OOB placements and shelter in Freeport for this reason.
- Representative Brennen is on the education committee; there is a joint meeting with the legislative delegation next Tuesday which council members are welcome to join.

AGENDA ITEM 2 – January Updates

HHS Update

- There is no system for asylum seekers like there is for refugees. We are working to establish this, the Beyond the Border network: 6 different agencies across the country and seeking more parties to collaborate. We are seeking federal funding to support this effort.
- Councilor Pelletier will be joining a bi-weekly meeting with HHS stakeholders.
- Homelessness and Emergency Shelter December Update
 - 70% of shelter intakes come from outside of Portland with half of those coming from other Maine towns.

- We saw people coming from Lewiston and Bangor when their hotel shelters closed.
 - Our shelters have capacity to shelter Portland residents but not the entire state; we could get to the point where we can't take care of our own.
- 811 community needles collected; 720 wee from community sharps boxes, 88.8%.
 - This is a big increase since utilization that was as low as 33%. It could be seasonal and may be due to the 1:1 and communicating that improper disposal could lead to the loss of the program. We plan on doing a year over year comparison.

Committee questions and discussion

- Councilor Chong asked about the humanitarian crisis: can we break any kind of federal law like work authorization during a crisis?
 - We will ask corporation counsel.
- Councilor Chong asked what we can do as a committee to educate people about GA.
 - Can we breakdown people in shelter where people are coming from?
 - Yes, we can list the states, countries, and towns that people are coming from.
 - Can we calculate how the costs of people from other Maine towns?
 - We will work with staff to see if we can attach a monetary value to it.
- Are we putting in more sharps boxes?
 - Informal conversation about adding 1-2 more in front of OSS. There is talk about installing them in or near the new restrooms.

AGENDA ITEM 3 – 2022 Work Plan

Overdose Response and Prevention

- Overdose Maps
 - Fire and Police data align.
 - 30 ODs at 203 Oxford Street, the Oxford Street shelter with 12 nearby at 252 Oxford Street and 5 near Preble Street Resource Center.
 - Beat 4 is the Bayside neighborhood.
 - Beat 6 is Parkside.
 - Beat 5 is the West End.
 - Beat 8 is near Westgate.
 - Beat 3 is the Old Port.
 - Bell Buoy Park
 - The PD uses beats and Fire uses districts.

Committee questions and discussion.

- Councilor Chong asked:
 - How many sharps boxes are in each beat?
 - How much Narcan was deployed (administration) and how much was distributed in each beat?

- Most would be distributed on site at the exchange; we would not know where it is distributed through outreach.
- Councilor Dion asked about the time range of the maps.
 - This calendar year to date for Police and all of calendar 2021 for the Fire maps.
 - In terms of the overdoses, what portion of these events finds people outside versus inside a building?
 - We would need to analyze patient care reports to see if it being inside or outside was mentioned in a narrative.
 - The Good Samaritan law should cover people calling for medical assistance with the assumption people are using inside. Looking at beat 4, it looks like this could be outside.
- Councilor Chong would like to identify patterns through analysis from Fire and PD collaborating. Use these data to alter strategy based on seasonality?
 - Centralizing this data with Parks and Rec staff who started needle tracking.
 - Grad student could do this analysis as a Master's thesis.
 - OD Map's goal is to track trends from other communities to Maine.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – Next Meeting: March 8, 2022

- Councilor Dion will work with Chief Gautreau on a NIMS/ICS executive summary for members of the committee.
- Beyond the Border update.
- Attend the legislative committee.
- Advocate for McKinney Vento.
- General Assistance
 - How many Mainers are coming to Portland and how to fix so people stay in their communities?
- ESAC data.
- Better OD GIS map.
- State Resettlement Update.
- Ask the Mayor for increased communication from HHS at Council meetings.
- Explore the Humanitarian Crisis with Corporation Counsel.
 - Legal authority.
 - Financial support.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:50 PM.

City of Portland | Health & Human Services Department

Kristen Dow, *Director*



To: Members of the Health & Human Services & Public Safety Committee

From: Kristen Dow, Director of Health & Human Services

Date: March 3, 2022

Re: Month of February Health and Human Services Department Updates

The following data and information is to serve as the monthly update from the Health & Human Services Department to the HHS & PS Committee:

Homelessness and Emergency Shelter Update:

On February 24th HHS staff had a meeting with the owner of the Days and Comfort Inn in South Portland. At that meeting we were informed that because of the pressure they are receiving from the City of South Portland coupled with the community meeting that South Portland staff was hosting on February 25th, that he can no longer continue to allow us to use their hotels to shelter singles. They have asked that we vacate both the Days and Comfort Inn by May 31, 2022. This is a total of approximately 290 individuals that we now need to find alternative emergency shelter for.

HHS staff have had meetings with the State, MaineHousing, and community partners to notify them of the situation and are working to determine next steps and alternate emergency shelter alternatives.

Overview of Oxford Street Shelter and contract hotel:

- OSS average nightly census 75
- Contract hotel average nightly census 132
- Average singles placed in hotels: 263

Overview of the Family Shelter:

- Average number of Families/individuals on site in shelter 16 families/45 individuals
- Average number of families/individuals in hotel overflow 189 families/ 637 individuals

Average Nightly Individuals in Shelter in January:

- 1,152 per night between various sheltering methods

Update from the City's Resettlement Coordinator:

- The month of February saw a marked reduction in asylum seeking family arrivals where only 19 new families for 60 individuals presented for shelter assistance with the City of Portland.
- The RC worked alongside the Family Shelter and area partners to fill 6 open units in OOB which became vacant as a result of locating permanent housing solutions.
- In partnership with York County providers, an orientation was held for new and senior families residing in OOB. This orientation covered varying topics of services to further review area resources, connect with providers and the new Cultural Broker, and educate families on housing searches within the GA process to equip them with more skills to locate potential housing prior to the departure date of April 30th as required for these seasonal rentals.
- Additional providers and services were onboarded at the new Freeport hotel location including partnerships with the city's Public Health HEAL team, onsite volunteers from Freeport Community Services, as well as increased onsite and offsite medical services for both adults and children.
- During the month of February the RC and the City's OEO office filmed the first three videos of the Cultural Orientation series and are scheduling the remaining topics to be filmed and translated.

The totals for the City's General Assistance Program are as follows:

- Total Applications: 1274
- Denials: 57
- Denial rate: 4.5%

Totals for the Needle Exchange Program (NEP) are as follows:

- Total number of exchanges: 301
- Total number of needles collected: 50,272
- Total number of needles distributed: 49,813
- Total number of new enrollees: 147
- Total number of Narcan doses distributed: 182 kits (364 doses)
- Community Needles collected: 686
 - Collected from community sharps containers: 519 (75.7%)

Public Health Clinic Numbers:

- **STD Clinic:** Patients seen: 101, new patients: 34
- **PCFC:** Patients seen: 42, new patients: 7

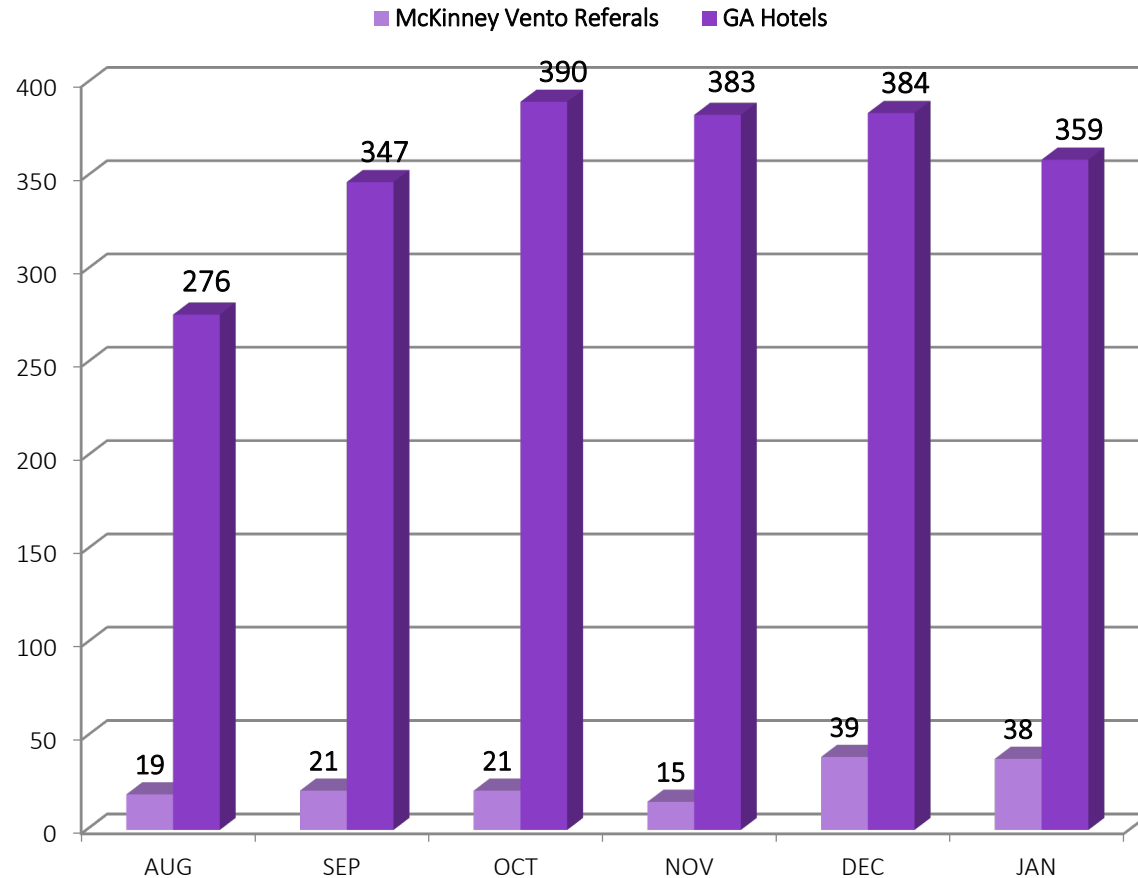
PORTLAND HOMELESS SHELTERS

Average Total Number of Individuals Residing in Shelters* per Night:

	January 2021	January 2022
ADOLESCENTS	22 Individuals	17 Individuals
FAMILIES	73 Individuals 30 Average Families	68 Individuals 30 Average Families
ADULTS	271 Individuals	270 Individuals
Total	366 Individuals	355 Individuals

*GA hotels are on the next slide.

PORTLAND, CITY-WIDE JANUARY, 2022 General Assistance Hotels



	Month*	Total
Families with School Aged Children	38	238
Unduplicated GA Hotels	359	2,395

Total Unduplicated GA Hotels are the cases granted General Assistance hotel rooms from April, 2020 through the end of the month being reported.

*Started referral partnership with South Portland Schools in December, 2020.

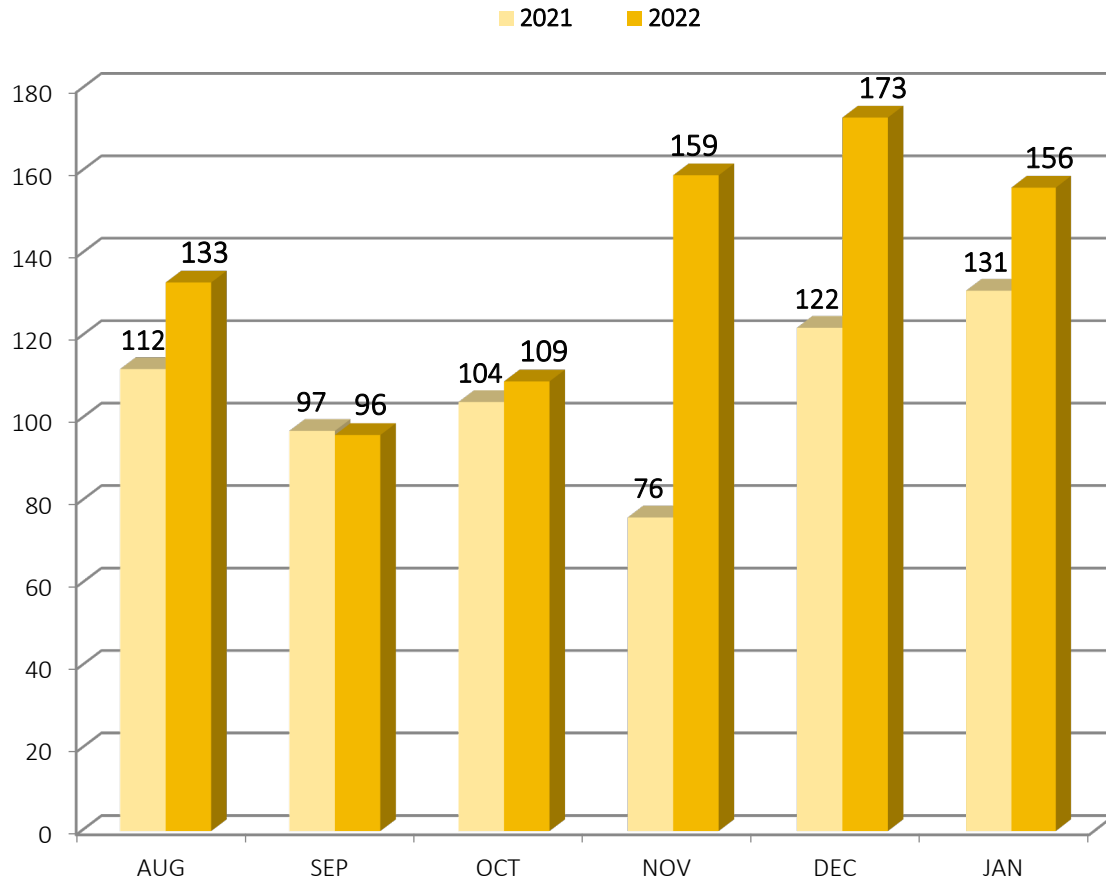
OXFORD STREET SHELTER

JANUARY, 2022

Intakes by Residency

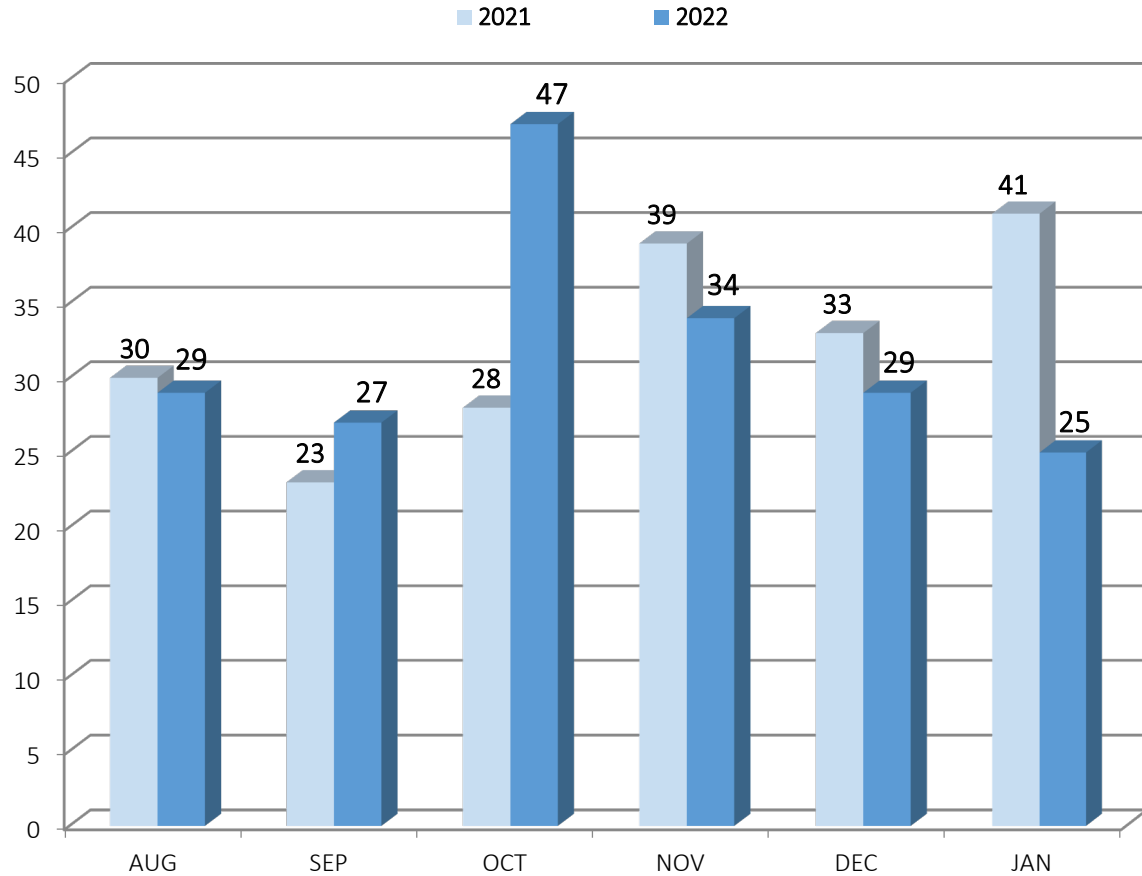
MAINE TOWN						OUT-OF-STATE						OUT-OF-COUNTRY	
Augusta	2	Harrison	1	Scarborough	2	AL	1	NY	3			Angola	3
Bangor	1	Howland	1	South Portland	5	CA	1	TN	1				
Bath	1	Kittery	1	Standish	1	CT	1	TX	6				
Biddeford	4	Lewiston	1	Steep Falls	1	FL	2	WA	1				
Brooksville	1	Limerick	1	Sweden	1	IA	2						
Brunswick	1	Lisbon Falls	1	Topsham	1	LA	1						
Camden	1	Lyman	1	Unknown	1	MA	3						
Casco	1	Parsonsfield	1	Waterboro	1	MI	1						
Corinth	1	Presque Isle	1	Westbrook	1	NC	1						
Damariscotta	1	Saco	1	Windham	1	NH	4						
Freeport	3	Sanford	2	Windsor	1	NJ	1						
MAINE TOWN:	45	OUT-OF-STATE:	30	OUT-OF-COUNTRY:	3	PORTLAND:	31	Unknown:	2	TOTAL:	111		

PORTLAND, CITY-WIDE JANUARY, 2022 SHELTER INTAKES BY MONTH



	INTAKES	Pre-COVID Bed Capacity	Current Bed Capacity
Through These Doors	8/8	16	16+ at shelter and hotel overflow
Family Shelter	9/23	146	136
Joe Kreisler	6	24	24
Milestone	12	41	34
Oxford Street (Men)	87	154 at OSS, 75 at PSRC overflow	75 at OSS, 149 at contracted hotel
Oxford Street (Women)	24		
Florence House	10	25 at Shelter, 15 at Safe Haven	25 at Shelter, 15 at Safe Haven
TOTAL	156	496	474+

PORTLAND, CITY-WIDE JANUARY, 2022 HOUSING PLACEMENTS BY MONTH



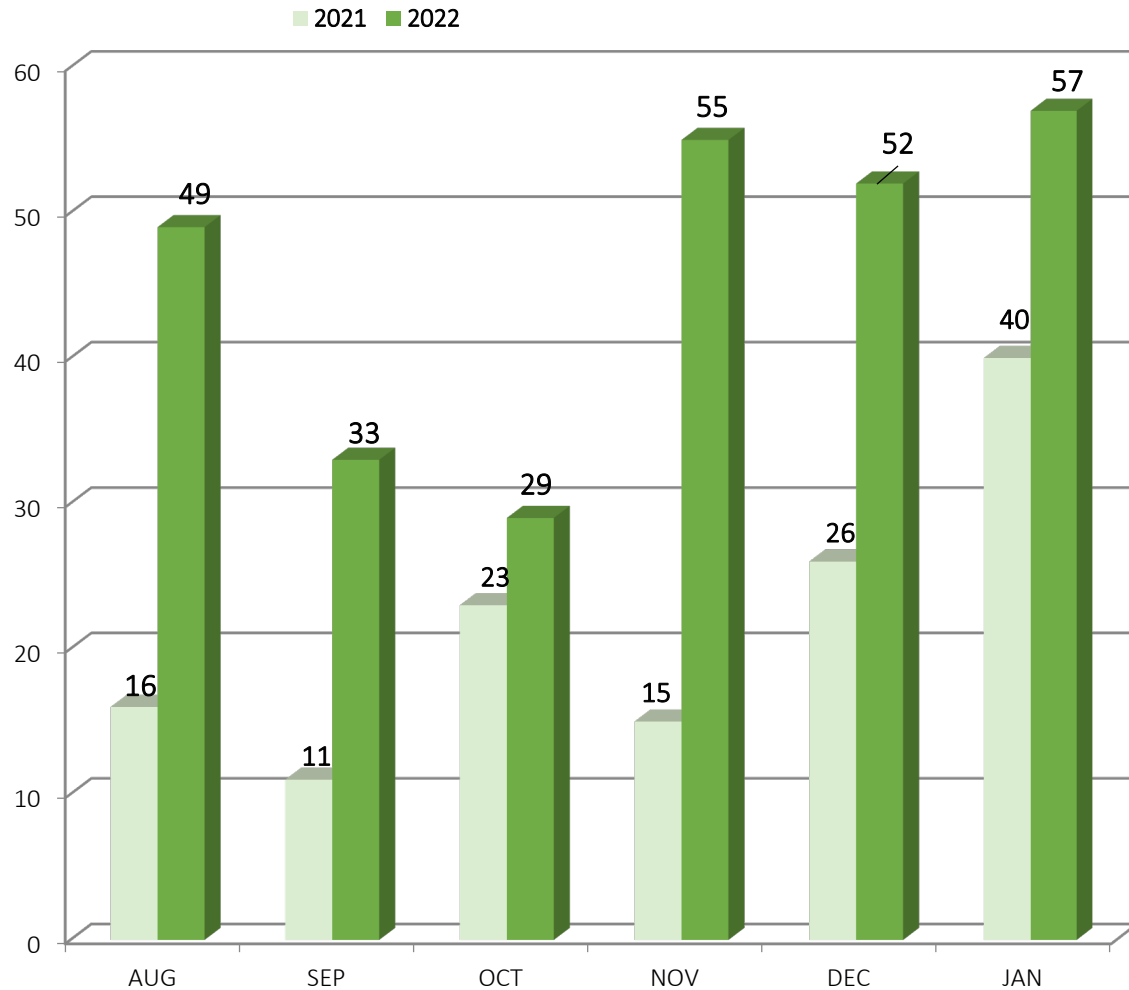
*Starting October, 2013, Oxford Street Shelter shifted prioritization of housing placements to their 30 longest-term stayers.

	TOTAL HOUSING PLACEMENTS	BED NIGHTS	TEMPORARY	PERMANENT
Through These Doors	7	92	2	5
Family Shelter	3/8	595		3/8
Joe Kreisler	7	352		7
Milestone	0			
Oxford Street (Men)	5	2,114		5
Oxford Street (Women)	1	297		1
Florence House	2	37		2
TOTAL	25	3,487	2	23

PORTLAND, CITY-WIDE

JANUARY, 2022

1st TIME HOMELESSNESS STATISTICS (BASED ON SELF-REPORTING)



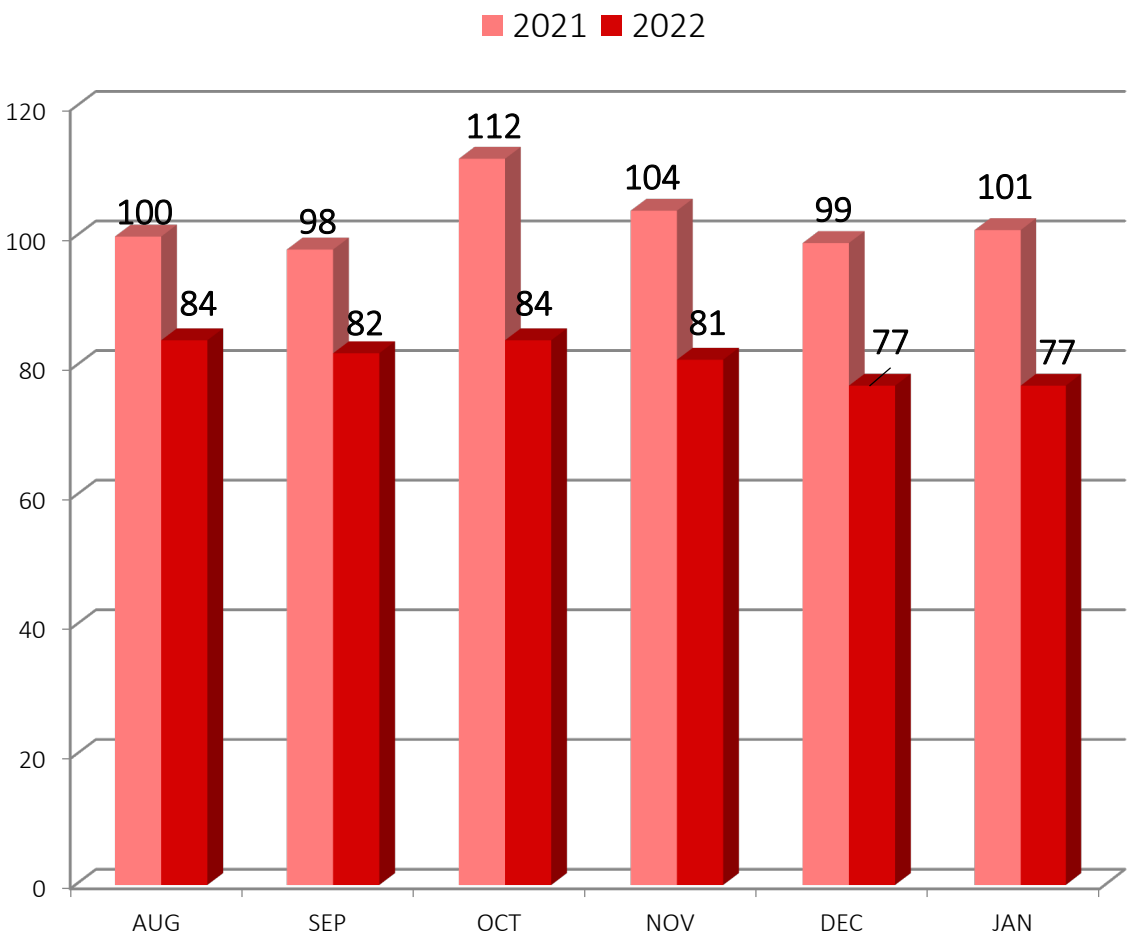
1 ST TIME HOMELESSNESS STATISTICS	All Intakes	1 st Time Homeless Intakes	% of the Shelter's Intakes	% of All Intake	% of Portland First Time Homeless Intakes
Through These Doors	8/8	3/3	37.5%	1.9%	5.3%
Family Shelter	9/23	8/21	88.9%	5.1%	14.0%
Joe Kreisler	6	5	83.3%	3.2%	8.8%
Milestone	12	1	8.3%	0.6%	1.8%
Oxford Street (Men)	87	29	33.3%	18.6%	50.9%
Oxford Street (Women)	24	11	45.8%	7.1%	19.3%
Florence House	10	0			
TOTAL	156	57		36.5%	100%

PORTLAND, CITY-WIDE

JANUARY, 2022

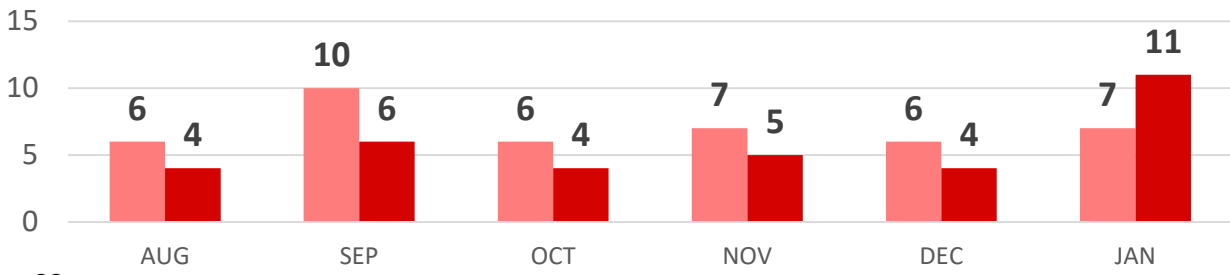
CTOs FROM SHELTER

Total Current CTOs



CTO STATISTICS	CTOs in the Month	Medical Restrictions in Month	Current CTOs
Family Shelter	0	0	0
Joe Kreisler	0	0	1
Milestone	2	0	18
Oxford Street Shelter	9	0	57
Florence House	0	0	1
TOTAL	11	0	77

CTOs Issued in the Month

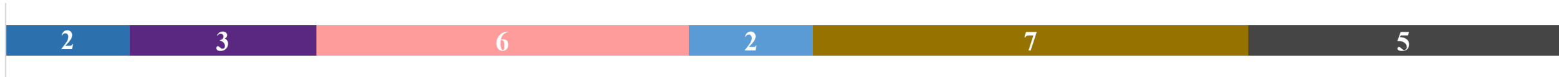


PORTLAND, CITY-WIDE JANUARY, 2022 HOUSING PLACEMENTS BY TYPE

	S+C	BRAP	Sober House	Public Housing	STEP	Family Reunification	Sect. 8/HCV	OTHER	GA	No Subsidy
Through These Doors							2	1		4
Family Shelter									3	
Joe Kreisler					1	2	1	1	2	
Milestone										
Oxford Street (Men)						1	2		2	
Oxford Street (Women)							1			
Florence House					1					1
TOTAL					2	3	6	2	7	5

*RRH, Foster,

Distribution of Placements in the Month:



2022 Placements: 25

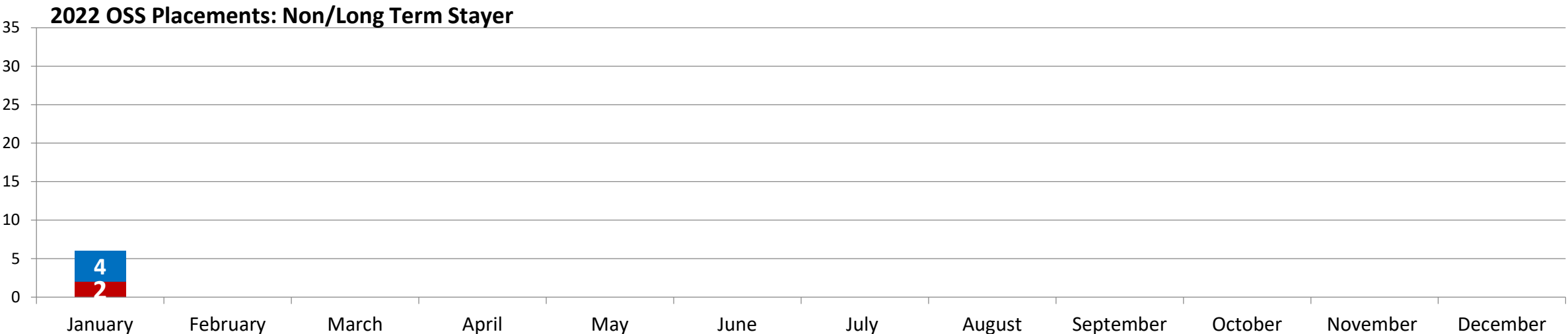
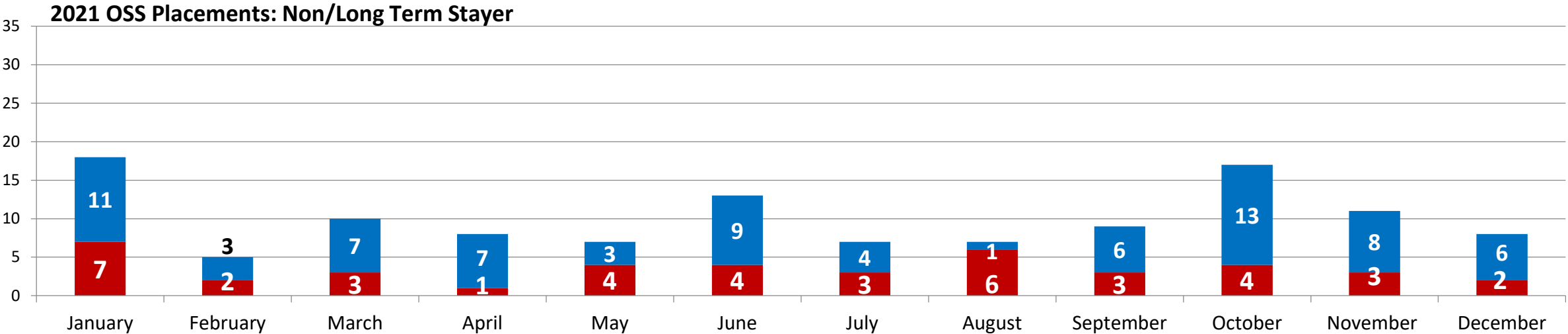
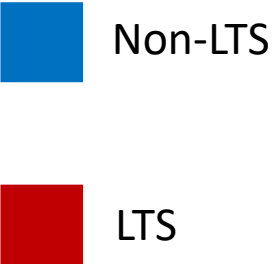


PORTLAND, CITY-WIDE JANUARY, 2022 SHELTER COUNT BY NIGHT

On January: 29 & 30
369 individuals
(including families)
were utilizing shelter services in
Portland

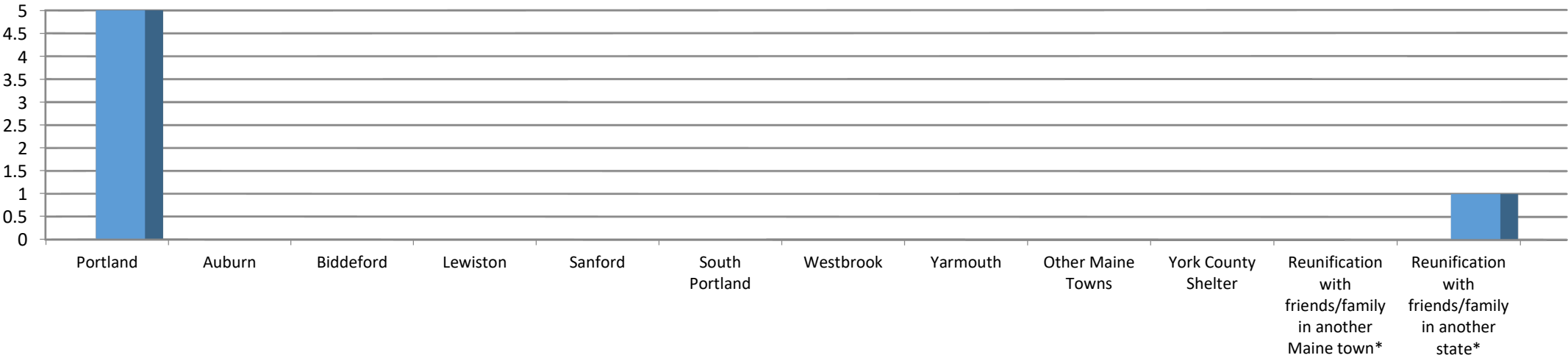
Calendar Day	Through These Doors	Family Shelter	Florence House	Joe Kreisler	Milestone	OSS Beds	OSS Chairs	Total Bed Nights
1	9	49	30	21	26	200	0	335
2	9	49	32	20	25	192	0	327
3	10	49	32	23	23	203	0	340
4	11	53	32	24	19	213	0	352
5	10	55	31	22	19	216	0	353
6	10	55	30	22	25	205	0	347
7	10	55	31	20	26	215	0	357
8	10	55	30	20	25	211	0	351
9	10	55	28	21	30	213	0	357
10	10	55	27	20	20	233	0	365
11	10	55	28	17	27	225	0	362
12	9	62	28	15	21	228	0	363
13	9	62	27	17	19	221	0	355
14	9	62	30	14	16	217	0	348
15	9	59	30	12	26	217	0	353
16	9	59	33	11	21	231	0	364
17	9	59	32	15	29	202	0	346
18	9	59	33	18	21	212	0	352
19	9	59	31	13	19	223	0	354
20	11	59	33	12	24	215	0	354
21	11	57	36	11	19	227	0	361
22	9	57	38	10	19	219	0	352
23	9	57	38	13	16	215	0	348
24	10	59	38	15	22	218	0	362
25	13	59	39	16	21	206	0	354
26	14	59	34	17	23	211	0	358
27	14	61	38	17	22	214	0	366
28	14	58	35	16	17	217	0	357
29	14	58	34	16	21	226	0	369
30	14	58	36	14	25	222	0	369
31	13	59	36	15	26	202	0	351
Total	327	1,767	1,010	517	692	6,669	0	10,982
Avg/night	11	57	33	17	22	215	0	354
Highest	14	62	39	24	30	233	0	369
Lowest	9	49	27	10	16	192	0	327

OXFORD STREET SHELTER & COMMUNITY OVERFLOW HOUSING PLACEMENT DATA



One of these LTS placements had 1,416 bed nights, over half of the weighted total for the OSS placements.

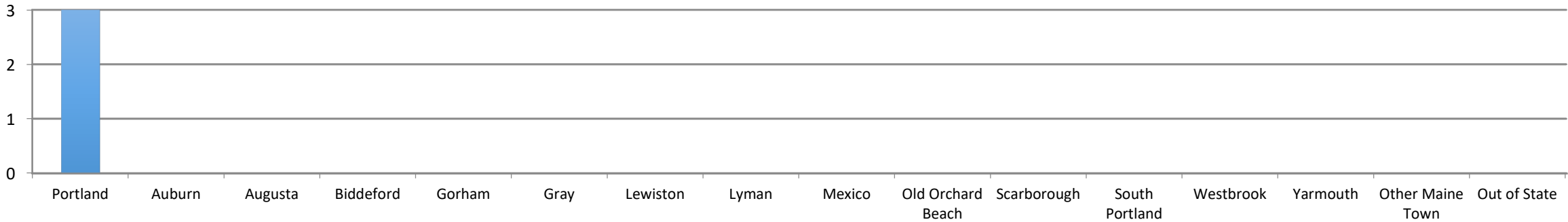
OXFORD STREET SHELTER & COMMUNITY OVERFLOW PERMANENT AND TRANSITIONAL 2022 HOUSING PLACEMENT DATA



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL	%
TOTAL HOUSING PLACEMENTS	6													100%
Portland	5													83.3%
Auburn														0.0%
Biddeford														0.0%
Lewiston														0.0%
Sanford														0.0%
South Portland														0.0%
Westbrook														0.0%
Yarmouth														0.0%
Other Maine Towns														0.0%
York County Shelter														0.0%
Reunification with friends/family in another Maine town*														0.0%
Reunification with friends/family in another														

FAMILY SHELTER
PERMANENT AND TRANSITIONAL
HOUSING PLACEMENT DATA

■ 2022



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	October	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL	
TOTAL HOUSING PLACEMENTS	3												3	100%
Portland	3													100%
Auburn														
Augusta														
Biddeford														
Gorham														
Gray														
Lewiston														
Lyman														
Mexico														
Old Orchard Beach														
Scarborough														
South Portland														
Westbrook														
Yarmouth														
Other Maine Town														
Out of State														



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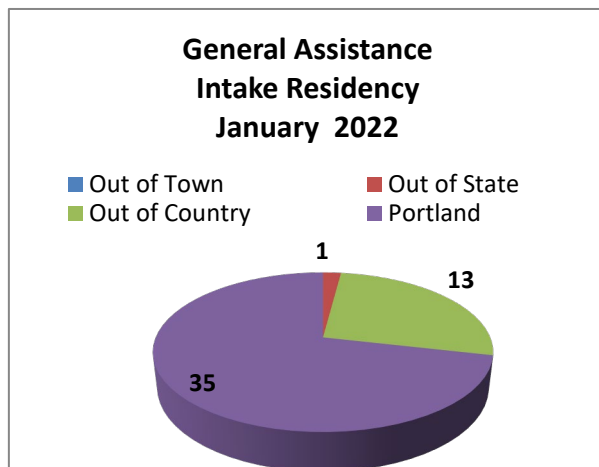
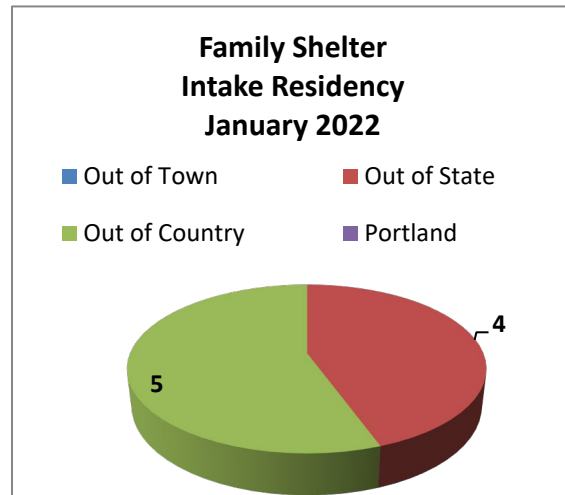
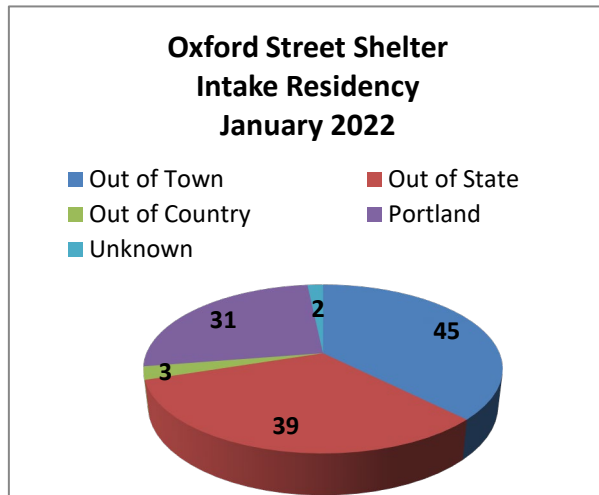
From: Aaron Geyer, Social Services Director

Date: March 8, 2022

Re: General Assistance & Shelter Residency and from Out of Portland Costs

At the February 8, 2022 HHS&PS meeting, the committee requested a breakdown of where people are coming from for GA and shelter. The three pie charts below show where people are coming from by category at intake at the Oxford Street Shelter, the Family Shelter, and at General Assistance. Additional shelter data is available in the attached Emergency Shelter Assessment Committee (ESAC) January, 2022 statistics.

Intake Residency





To: Members of HHS&PS Committee
CC: Kristen Dow, Tina Pettingill
From: Bridget Rauscher
Date: 3/3/2022
Re: Harm Reduction Services Data

MEMORANDUM

Background: This memo is in response to information requested by the HHS&PS Committee on February 8, 2022.

Response: Portland's Syringe Services Program (The Exchange) collects data from each client at every interaction. In addition to demographic data, clients are asked about their use habits, need for naloxone (Narcan), and history of overdose. If a "refill" of Narcan is dispensed to a client, clients are interviewed about how the previous dose(s) of Narcan they received were used. This is, in part, an attempt to collect valuable qualitative information from people who use drugs, as research demonstrates that first responders are only called in response to approximately 30% of overdoses.

To date in 2022, The Exchange reports the following data:

	January	February	Total
New Clients Enrolled*	31	39	70
Syringes Collected	39,845	50,272	90,117
Syringes Distributed	39,249	49,813	89,062
Overdose Reversals Reported**	11	17	28
Exchanges	349	301	650
Narcan Kits Dispensed	219 (438 doses)	182 (364 doses)	401 (802 doses)

* many newly enrolled or re-enrolling clients are reporting a return to use after a period of recovery

** we believe this number to be underreported

Update: Beginning March 3, 2022 The Exchange is offering fentanyl test strips to every client at each exchange (sample education in packet).

HOW TO USE FENTANYL TEST STRIPS

1

PREPARE TO TEST

INJECTING

vs

SNORTING / PILLS



IF YOU DON'T HAVE A COOKER, YOU CAN USE A BAGGIE OR A SMALL CONTAINER.

2

TEST

Insert wavy end of the test strip into the residue and water. Don't dip the test strip past the blue line. Hold carefully in place for 15 seconds.



3

REMOVE STRIP

Lay the test strip face-up on a clean, flat surface. Wait 30 seconds to 1 minute for lines to appear.

4

READ RESULTS

One red line= **positive** for fentanyl



Two red lines= **negative** for fentanyl



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REPEAT IF NEEDED

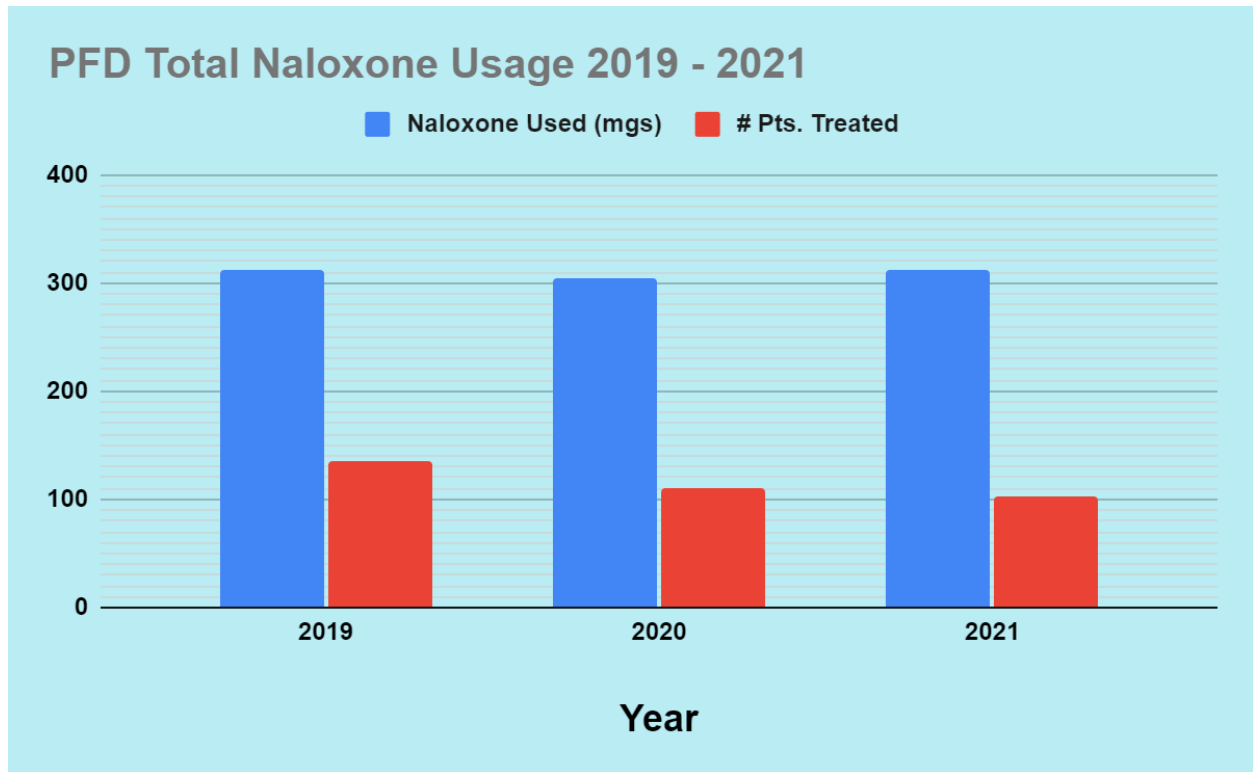
If no lines appear, repeat the test with a new strip.

Look out for each other and test your drugs when you're able. These test strips are not perfect. Your drugs may contain fentanyl even if the test results are negative. If you can't test your drugs, assume it contains fentanyl and make a safety plan. **Always carry naloxone.** If you're using alone, call the **Never Use Alone hotline: 1-800-484-3731**

Portland Fire Department Naloxone Use 2019-2021

The table and graph below details total naloxone usage by the Portland Fire Department (PFD) for calendar years 2019 through 2021, along with the number of patients treated.

Year	Naloxone Used (mgs)	# Pts. Treated
2019	312.2	136
2020	304.75	111
2021	311.6	102



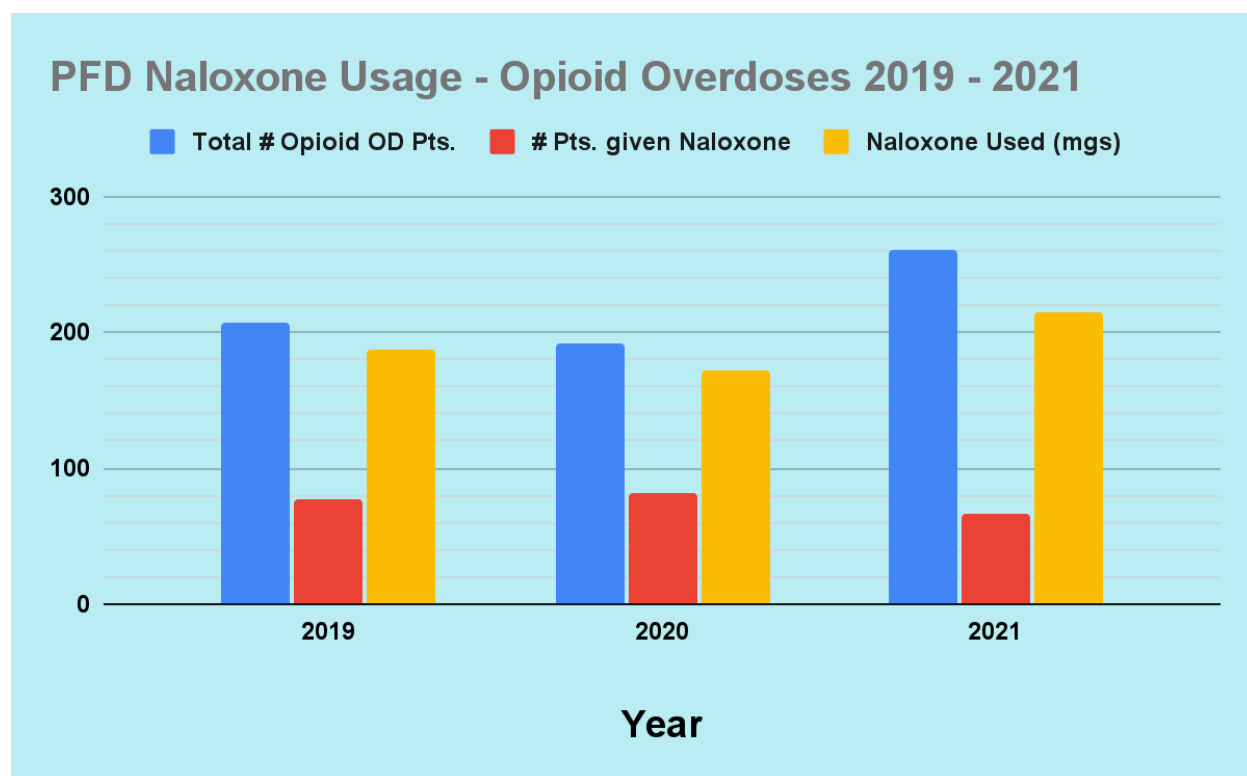
From the table and chart it is evident that there has been little variation in total naloxone usage by PFD personnel from year to year, despite annual decreases in the number of patients treated with the drug.

However, this data does not provide a true picture of naloxone usage solely for patients experiencing an opioid overdose. Naloxone is highly effective at temporarily reversing the effects of opiates on the body. There are a number of instances where naloxone is administered to patients who are not clearly in an obvious state of opioid overdose (no drug paraphernalia present, or no direct report of drug usage from witnesses), but whose medical condition is such that the symptoms observed could be attributed to an overdose. To address the potential of an opiate overdose, naloxone is administered. Patients who receive naloxone under these circumstances are not coded as opiate overdose patients unless the administration of naloxone results in a marked improvement of the patient.

Portland Fire Department Naloxone Use 2019-2021

This next set of data reflects the total number of definitively identified opiate overdose patients per year, the number of these patients who receive PFD administered naloxone, along with the total amount of naloxone used annually in treatment.

Year	Total # Opioid OD Pts.	# Pts. given Naloxone	Naloxone Used (mgs)
2019	207	77	187.4
2020	192	82	171.25
2021	260	67	214.6



In summary, this data illustrates two disproportionate results when 2021 is compared with the two previous years.

1. The number of patients clearly identified as experiencing an opiate overdose rose significantly, but the number of patients requiring PFD administered naloxone decreased. This is attributed to the increased availability of naloxone in the community, either through police officers or the general public. In many cases our patients had received naloxone from another source prior to our arrival, lessening the number of patients that required naloxone administration from PFD personnel.
2. The PFD administered significantly more naloxone, but to fewer opiate overdose patients than in previous years. This finding may indicate the increased prevalence and effects of fentanyl. Fentanyl is 50 to 100 times more potent than morphine. Several sources indicate that as a result, increased amounts of naloxone may be required to reverse the life-threatening effects of the drug in patients experiencing an overdose.



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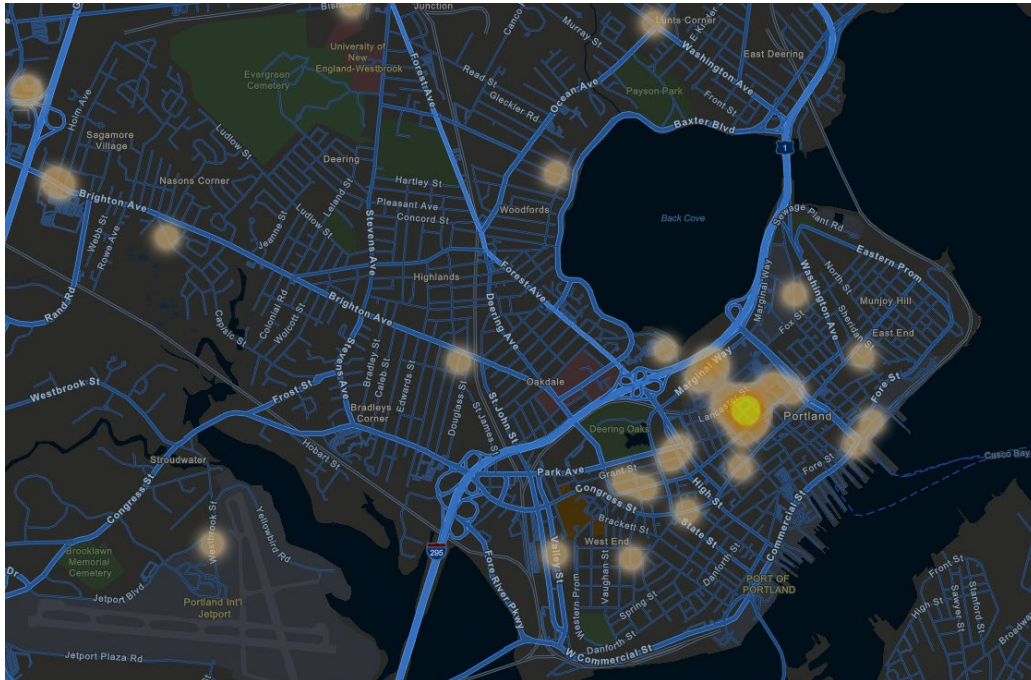
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From: Adam Harr, Executive Assistant

Date: March 8, 2022

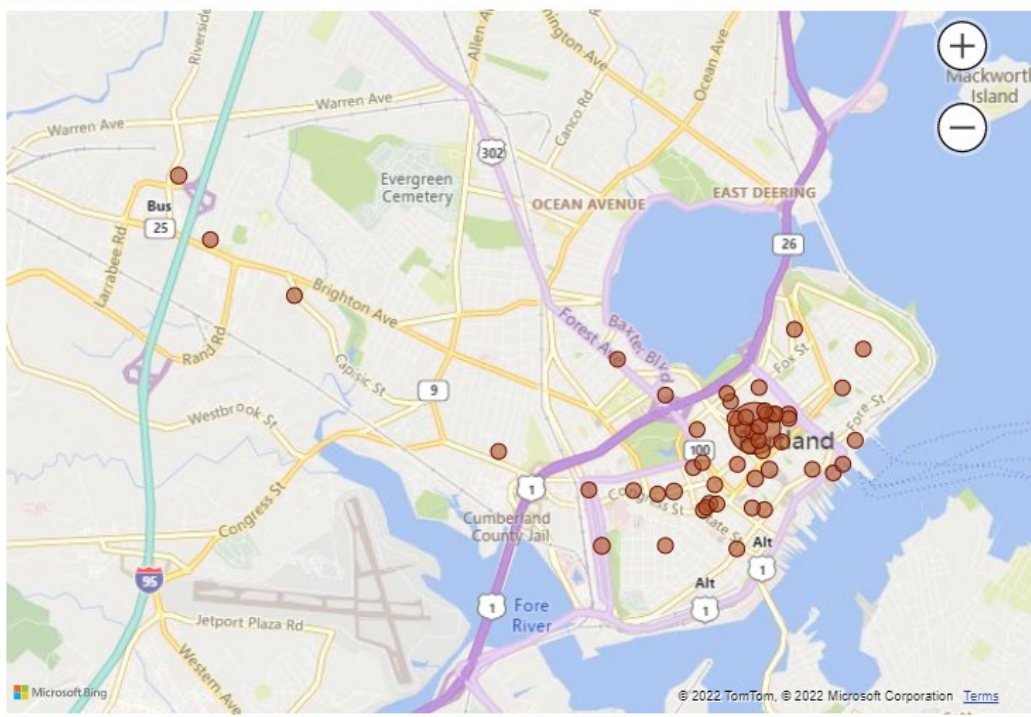
Re: Mapped Overdose Statistics

YTD OD Map

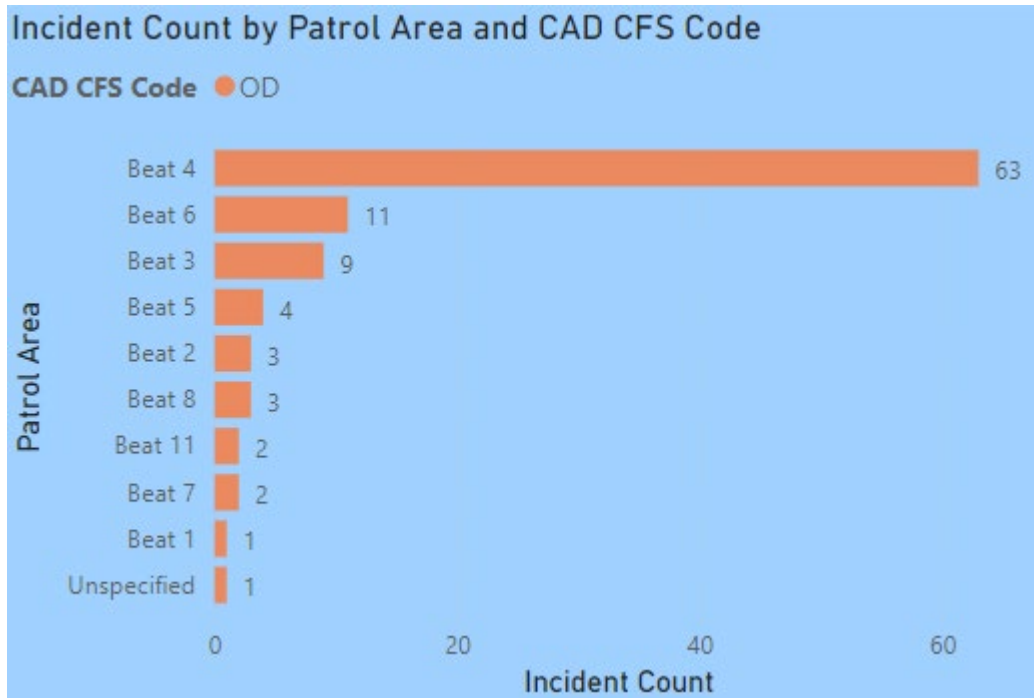


Overdoses

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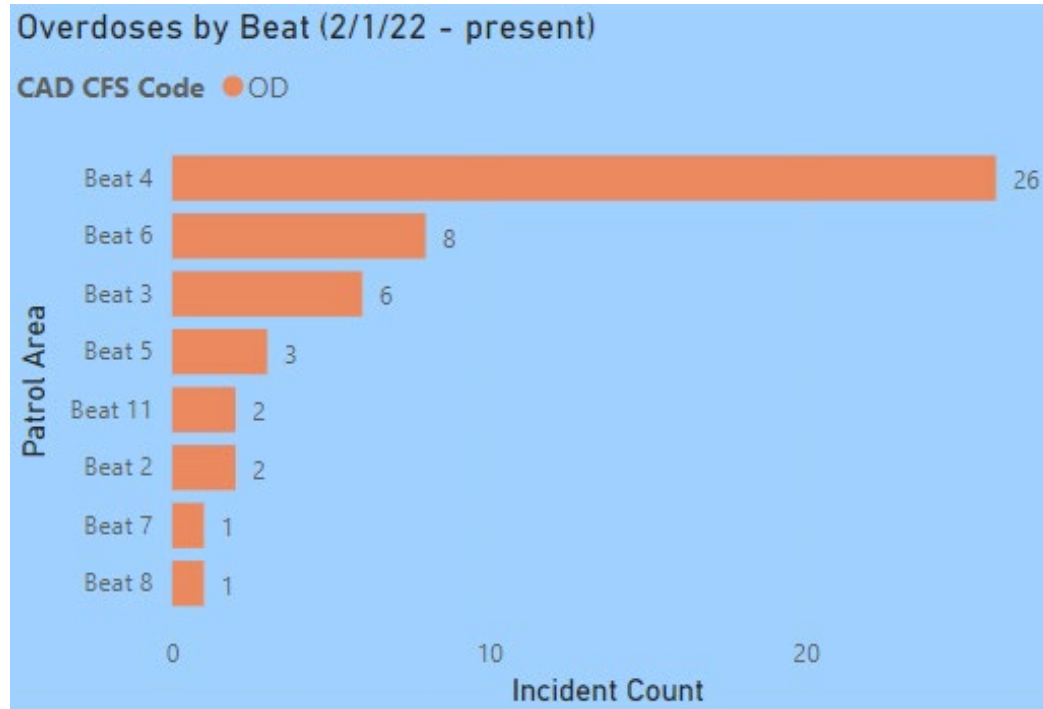


YTD



39 of the 63 overdoses in Beat 4 were at the Oxford Street Shelter.

February to Present



17 of 26 overdoses in Beat 4 were at the Oxford Street Shelter.
Officers administered Narcan 5 times.

February to Present

Overdoses by location (2/1/22 - present)



CAD CFS Code ● OD

