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MINUTES OF THE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

County Board Room, Government Center, 100 Polk County Plaza, Balsam Lake, WI 54810

9:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 12th, 2023

This meeting was livestreamed via Zoom

\*Minutes remain draft until approved at next meeting

Meeting called to order by Chair Middleton at 9:00 a.m.

Members present

Table with 3 columns: Attendee Name, Title, Status. Rows include Amy Middleton (Chair, Present), John Bonneprise (Supervisor, Present via Zoom), Denise L'Allier-Pray (Supervisor, Present via Zoom), Ryan Wood (Supervisor, Present), Barbara McAfee (Supervisor, Present), William Alleva (Citizen, Present), Rita McKee (Citizen, Present), Sabrina Meddaugh (Citizen, Present via Zoom), Dr. Arne Lagus (Citizen, Present).

Also present: Ann Hathaway, Deputy County Clerk; Tonya Eichelt, Community Services Division Director, (via Zoom); Kathleen Gingras, Business Operations Director; Diana Peterson, Economic Support Manager; Lisa Lavasseur, Behavioral Health Director; Emil Norby, County Administrator; Malia Malone, Corporation Counsel; Jay Luke, County Board Supervisor; Brent Waak, Sheriff; Don Burrows, Chief Deputy; Dana Reese, GAM Administrator; Caroline King, Health Education Specialist; Helen Swanson, Director of Public Health; Claire Johnson, Communication/Public Info Specialist; Leigh Wahlen, Children and Family Services Director; Felicia Fisk, Health Educator Specialist; Jason Bosak, Health Educator Specialist;

Approval of Agenda Chair Middleton called for a motion to approve the December 12th, 2023, agenda as published. Motion (Bonneprise/McKee) to approve agenda. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Minutes Chair Middleton called for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 14th, 2023, meeting. Motion (McAfee/Wood) to approve the minutes for the November 14th, 2023, meeting. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment-No public comments were received.

Receipt of Information from Supervisors Not Seated as Committee Members - No information was received by the committee from Supervisors not seated as committee members.

Helen Swanson, Director of Public Health and Lisa Lavasseur, Behavioral Health Director, gave a presentation on Public Health and Behavioral Health regarding Substance Abuse.

Felicia Fisk, Health Educator Specialist and Jason Bosak, Health Educator Specialist, presented on the Tobacco and Alcohol Compliance report. During the compliance check for tobacco at local retailers, 57 were checked and out of that number 3 sold to the underaged youth. The alcohol compliance check had 38 retailers with 13 who sold to the underaged youth. Another compliance check will be for both in spring and summer of 2024.

**Resolution 48-23:** Resolution to Support Law Enforcement – Ban Fentanyl Test Strip Distribution, was not brought to the floor for discussion.

Dana Reese, GAM Administrator, advised that there was no update on the Golden Aged Manor Funding Model.

Emil Norby, County Administrator, discussed status on the Command Center, stating that both units were being evaluated.

Emil Norby, County Administrator, pointed out the location of the CWD testing boxes on the east side of the building. Don Burrows, Chief Deputy, indicated that 224 deer were tested with 1 deer that tested positive with CWD in the northern part of the county so far in 2023.

Emil Norby, County Administrator, announced that housing applications are now available online, and none have been received so far.

Communicable Disease Report was given by Helen Swanson, Director of Public Health.

Supervisor Bonneprise provided an update regarding a legislative event report.

2024 Workplans Draft was discussed, no changes were made except for clarification on the VSO updates.

#### **Items for the next Agenda**

- Annual Budget Amendments
- Housing
- Communicable Disease Report
- Division Update
- Legislative Event Report

**Next Meeting**-9:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 9th, 2023

Chair Middleton called for a motion to adjourn. **Motion** (Alleva/McKee) to adjourn. **Motion** carried by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Hathaway,  
Deputy County Clerk



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### AGENDA AND NOTICE OF MEETING

#### Health & Human Services Board

County Board Room, Government Center, 100 Polk County Plaza, Balsam Lake, WI 54810

Tuesday, December 12th, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

A quorum of the County Board may be present

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/97945779996>

Join Zoom by Phone: **1-651-372-8299** or **1-312-626-6799**

Webinar ID: **979 4577 9996**

#### Order of Business:

(The Committee may take up any subject matter noticed herein at any time during the meeting regardless of the location of such subject matter on the meeting notice at the time of issuance.)

1. Call to Order-Chair Middleton
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes for the November 14th, 2023 Meeting
4. Public Comment – 3 minutes – not to exceed 30 minutes total
5. Receipt of Information from Supervisors Not Seated as Committee Members
6. Public Health and Behavioral Health Presentation on Substance Abuse
7. Tobacco and Alcohol Compliance Presentation
8. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding **Resolution No. 48-23**: Resolution to Support Law Enforcement- Ban Fentanyl Test Strip Distribution
9. Golden Age Manor Funding Model Update
10. Status on Command Center
11. CWD Testing Boxes Update
12. Update Regarding Housing
13. Communicable Disease Report
14. Legislative Event Report
15. Review and Edit 2024 Workplan
16. Identify Subject Matters for next meeting: January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024
17. Adjourn

Items on the agenda not necessarily presented in the order listed. This meeting is open to the public according to Wisconsin State Statute 19.83. Persons with disabilities wishing to attend and/or participate are asked to notify the County Clerk's office (715-485-9209) at least 24 hours in advance of the scheduled meeting time so all reasonable accommodations can be made. Requests are confidential.

# *Polk County* **Community Services Division**

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## **Increasing Public Safety and Reducing Substance Abuse in Polk County**

Helen Swanson, PH Director  
Lisa Lavasseur, BH Director  
December 12, 2023



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# Welcome

## Presentation Overview

- County Board Priorities
- What is Harm Reduction
- What work is currently being done in Polk Co to address substance use
  - Prevention
  - Treatment
  - Recovery



# County Board Priorities

Increase Public Safety

Reduce Substance Abuse

Working collaboratively across Polk County Departments, local healthcare providers, the recovery community and other stakeholders is how we will combat substance use in Polk County. No one entity/person can do that successfully.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

Harm reduction is any behavior or strategy that helps reduce risk or harm to self or others

## Harm Reduction

- ▶ Seatbelts
- ▶ Sunscreen
- ▶ Helmets
- ▶ Condoms
- ▶ Designated Drivers



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# Strategies for Increasing Public Safety and Reducing Substance Abuse

According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Harm Reduction is an evidence-based approach that is critical to engaging with people who use drugs and equipping them with lifesaving tools and information to create positive change in their lives, potentially saving their lives.

Harm Reduction is present in

- prevention
- treatment
- recovery strategies

of the continuum of care for substance use disorders.



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# Decriminalization of Fentanyl Test Strips

- ▶ Currently, almost 40 states have decriminalized FTS
- ▶ March 25, 2022 WI passed legislation decriminalizing Fentanyl Test Strips
- ▶ WI lobbying groups that supported Senate Bill 600:
- ▶ [Senate Bill 600 - Lobbying in Wisconsin](#)

Law Enforcement	Health Professionals	Government
Badger State Sheriffs' Association	Vivent Health	City of Milwaukee
Milwaukee Police Association	WI Association for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence, Inc	Milwaukee County
WI Professional Police Association	WI Medical Society	WI Association of Local Health Departments and Boards
WI Sheriffs and Deputy Sheriffs Association	WI Nurses Association	WI Counties Association
		WI Public Health Association

# Harm Reduction

▶ Harm reduction is a practical approach that incorporates community-driven public health strategies around

- ▶ Prevention
- ▶ Treatment
- ▶ Recovery



# PREVENTION



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- Community Coalition/Action Groups
- Drug Free Communities Grant
  - Alcohol Compliance checks
  - Hidden in Plain Sight
  - Small Talks/Real Talks Campaigns
- Talk They Hear You Campaign SAMHSA - GSTV
- Western Wisconsin Tobacco Free Alliance
  - School Resource Packets
  - Catch My Breath
  - Quit Kits
  - Compliance checks
- WI Dental Pain Protocol Polk/Barron Co
- Harm Reduction:
  - Narcan Direct Program
  - Fentanyl Test Strips
  - Never Use Alone Hotline
  - Detera Drug Deactivation Bags
  - Medication lock box distribution
  - Prescription Drug Drop Boxes

# TREATMENT



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- Polk County Behavioral Health
- Programs for Change - Amery Behavioral Health
- North Lakes Community Clinic
- Whole Life Services
- St. Croix Health
- AA/NA/Alanon/Alateen
- CJCC - Diversion Programs; Treatment Court
- Aanji-Bimaadiziwin Healing Center
- CHES Health - evidence based eRecovery- Connections AP; care management; 24/7 peer engagement
- Harm Reduction:
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# RECOVERY

- Pro-Sober/Pro-Social Events
- Recovering Together Café's
- We Support Recovery - 185 active members
- Partners For Recovery Community Coalition
- CHESS
- Recovery Residences
  - ▶ Angel Hands Recovery Homes with 4 units in Frederic and Centuria - 2 for families, 2 for singles or couples
  - ▶ Butterfly House for women in St. Croix Falls
  - ▶ Onyx Sober Living for men in Amery
- AA/NA/Alanon/Alateen
- Recovery Coaches-We Support Recovery
- Peer Support Specialists
- Recovery Retreats
  - Came to Believe Retreat-Clear Lake
  - Spiritual Program Retreat-Amery

- ▶ Shelter Agencies
  - ▶ Northwoods Homeless Shelters-Amery/Luck
  - ▶ Salvation Army Grace Place -New Richmond (serves Polk)
- ▶ Recovery support meetings-faith based
- Harm Reduction Strategies:
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# Drugs to watch for in 2024

## PHENIBUT

Depressant with effects similar to Xanax, Valium, and Adderall

Originally from Russia, not prescribed in US due to risks

Sold in dietary supplements online

Tablet, powder, capsule

## FLAKKA

AKA "gravel"

Stimulant with Synthetic cathinone

Can cause psychotic symptoms

pale or pinkish crystal

Vaporized, snorted, eaten, or injected

## SYNTHETIC CANNABINOIDS

Man made to resemble active ingredients in cannabis

significantly stronger and more dangerous

previously sold legally in smoke shops as "K2" and "Spice"

most commonly liquid, can be shredded plant-like material



# Drugs to watch for in 2024

## **“TRANQ”**

Xylazine – non-opioid sedative

Injectable liquid, white powder, pressed pill

FDA approved in animals, NOT humans, due to extreme low blood pressure, respiratory depression, coma, and death

## **RAINBOW FENTANYL**

New version aimed to appeal to younger crowds in social settings

Pressed pills in multiple colors

## **ISO**

Isotoniazene – a powerful synthetic opioid

20–100x more powerful than fentanyl

Has been identified in WI toxicology reports

Powdered form, administered with other drugs

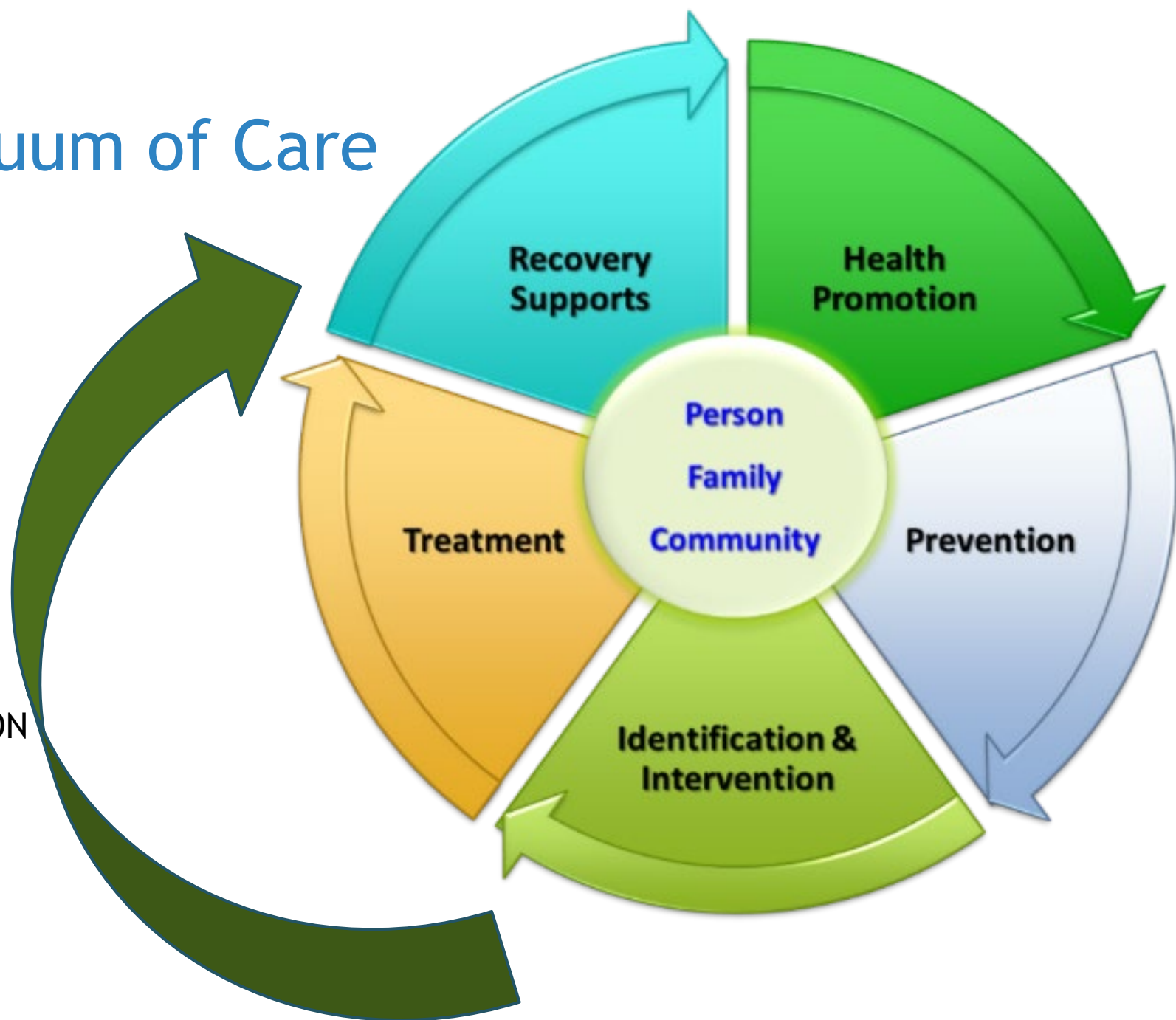
## **CARFENTANIL**

Opioid, 100x more powerful than fentanyl and 10,000x more powerful than morphine

frequently cut with other substances (heroin, meth, cocaine)

found in powder, tablet, patch, spray, eye drops, nasal spray or on blotter paper

# Continuum of Care



# THE PUBLIC HEALTH APPROACH TO PREVENTION TARGETS BOTH THE FROGS AND THE POND



**Frog - Individual focus:**  
Programs

Individual agencies tend to do frog work- schools, hospitals, churches



**Pond - Community focus:** Policies, systems, environment, norms

Community collaboration is necessary for pond work

# NARCAN® (Naloxone)

- ▶ Narcan quickly reverses an opioid overdose
- ▶ It can restore normal breathing within 2 to 3 minutes
- ▶ More than 1 dose of Narcan may be needed when stronger opioids are involved
- ▶ Narcan is a nasal spray and can be administered by any bystanders
- ▶ The NARCAN® Direct Program is a WI DHS program that provides free NARCAN® for community distribution.
- ▶ 317 Narcan Kits have been given to community members by Polk Public Health since May 2022
  - ▶ Education about: opioids, signs of an overdose, and Narcan administration is provided during trainings



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# Suspected Opioid Overdose Cases in WI

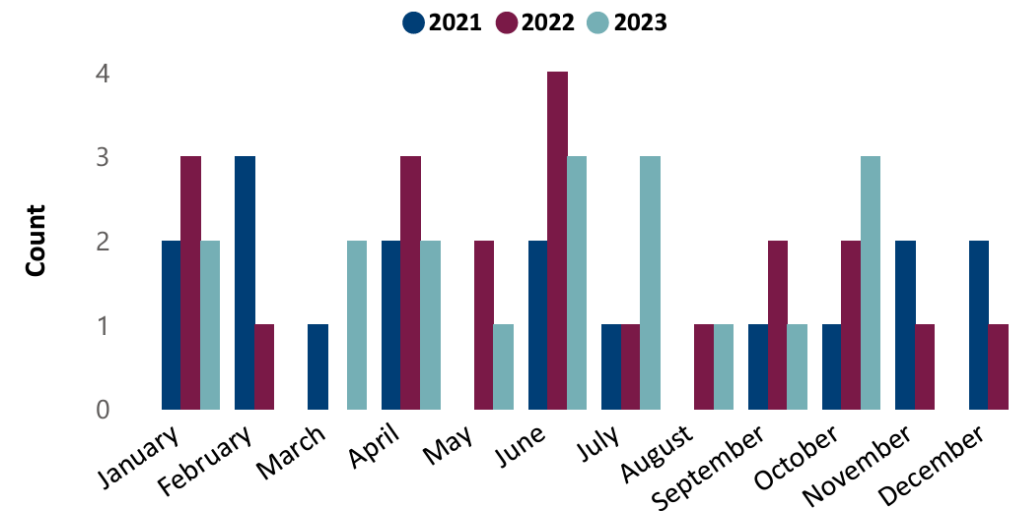
(as determined by WI ambulance run reports)

## ▶ Polk County: Jan-Oct 2023

OPIOID OVERDOSE AMBULANCE RUNS AT-A-GLANCE			
	County	Region	Wisconsin
<b>MONTH*</b>			
October	3	63	658
October Rate (per 100,000)	6.8	8	11.4
<b>YEAR TO DATE (YTD)</b>			
Count	18	668	7489
Rate (per 100,000)	40.9	84.7	129.7
% of total ambulance runs	0.6	1.1	1.4
Naloxone doses administered	20	451	7930

\*The most recent month available

Figure 2. Polk County Suspected Opioid Overdoses by Month, YTD



Source: Office of Health Informatics, Wisconsin Department of Health Services  
 Data: Wisconsin Ambulance Run Data System (WARDS)

# WI Deaths Associated with Fentanyl

- ▶ 12/06/2023 - DHS news release - Last year, 1,421 Wisconsinites died by opioid overdose (3 per day). There were also 2,530 opioid-related trips to emergency departments, and 978 hospitalizations. Drugs mixed with fentanyl account for most of the overdose deaths.
- ▶ Fentanyl or other synthetically provided opioids soared from 113 in 2015 to nearly 1300 in 2021.
- ▶ During 2018 through 2021, deaths increased an average of 37% per year
- ▶ It is estimated that as many as 40 percent of counterfeit pills contain enough fentanyl to be lethal.

- ▶ **DHS and DOJ Announce Dose of Reality Roundtable Discussions on Wisconsin's Opioid Epidemic**
- ▶ Statewide tour will include local community leaders and partners to talk about what we can do to save lives
- ▶ The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) and Department of Justice (DOJ) are announcing a series of roundtable discussions to hear directly from local communities who are working toward preventing overdose deaths in the state and helping Wisconsinites struggling with opioid use.
- ▶ “We are calling these roundtable discussions a “[Dose of Reality](#)” because we want to hear the reality of Wisconsinites experiences in their own communities,” said DHS Secretary-designee Kirsten Johnson. “We want to understand our partners’ current situation, hear what is needed to address opioid use in their community, and celebrate their successes.”
- ▶ Last year, 1,421 Wisconsinites died by opioid overdose. There were also 2,530 opioid-related trips to emergency departments, and 978 hospitalizations. Drugs mixed with fentanyl account for most of the overdose deaths.
- ▶ “The hundreds of millions of dollars we’ve helped to secure will support a more comprehensive approach to combating the opioid epidemic,” said Attorney General Kaul. “I am looking forward to hearing from folks around the state about the impact these funds are having and what more we can do to fight this public health crisis.”
- ▶ The Dose of Reality roundtable discussions will be held in six Wisconsin communities with community leaders and partners who received a portion of the [opioid settlement funds](#). DHS received about \$31 million in opioid settlement payments in state fiscal year 2023. Wisconsin is expected to receive more than \$740 million in total funding through 2038 from opioid settlements. [2021 Wisconsin Act 57](#) requires that the 87 local governments that participated in this litigation receive 70 percent of the funds, with the state receiving 30 percent of the funds. Many of these communities have received additional funds from DHS and federal sources that are used for prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery support services.
- ▶ The first Dose of Reality roundtable discussion was hosted today in Madison. Attorney General Kaul and Secretary-designee Johnson met with public health officials, law enforcement agencies, recovery treatment organizations, and members of school-based prevention programs. Other discussions will take place around the state through the month of December.
- ▶ Dose of Reality is a joint effort of DHS and DOJ. Find more information about opioids, data, prevention, harm reduction, and treatment and recovery resources on the [Dose of Reality webpages](#).
- ▶ If you or someone you know has a substance use disorder, visit the [Wisconsin Addiction Recovery Helpline](#) website or call 211 for information on substance use treatment and recovery services.

# What are Fentanyl Test Strips (FTS)?

- ▶ Testers dissolve a small amount of substance in water and dip the test strip into the liquid for 15 seconds
- ▶ 1 line indicates fentanyl is present, 2 lines indicate a negative result
- ▶ FTS do not measure the quantity of potency of fentanyl present in a drug sample

## FENTANYL TEST STRIP INSTRUCTIONS

### FOR ALL TESTS:



Prep what you plan to use and set it aside



Leave residue in baggie or cooker

### STEP 1: Add Water PILL OR POWDER TESTING



Add 10 drops of sterile water to the empty baggie with residue or to your cooker after your shot has been drawn and then mix well.

### ONLY METH & MDMA



Drop cooker/baggie with residue into a shot of water

When testing methamphetamine or ecstasy/molly, you need a larger amount of water: a shot glass amount - a half of a cup.

### STEP 2: Test STEP 3: Wait STEP 4: Results



Hold the blue end of your test strip and dip the wavy lines into the water for 15 seconds. Be sure to only dip up to the wavy lines.



Take strip out of water and lay on flat surface. Wait two minutes until you can see lines show up in the middle.



1 line - Positive for fentanyl or similar opioid



2 lines - Negative result/fentanyl was not detected, but USE CAUTION



Invalid test: Retest the drugs using a new fentanyl test strip. Test strips should only be used once and thrown away.

**No drug is 100% safe.**

*Disclaimer: Fentanyl test strips are not guaranteed to detect all forms of fentanyl. People could overdose even if the test results do not detect the presence of fentanyl in the drug supply. In addition, there are other dangers associated with using drugs, including but not limited to; infection, disease, and psychological harm. The safest practice is to avoid using substances not purchased from a licensed pharmacy altogether.*



# Proposed FTS Distribution Plan: Hope Kits

- ▶ Hope Kits provide individuals who are using substances, tools and resources that will help reduce the risk of injury, overdose, and death and offer hope for recovery.
- ▶ Public Health would create the kits but community partners (churches, shelters, recovery residences, etc) would distribute to the individuals they serve
- ▶ Kit items would include:
  - ▶ Nasal naloxone (NARCAN®), with instructions for administering
  - ▶ Fentanyl test strips, with instructions for use
  - ▶ CPR face shield
  - ▶ List of community resources that will support treatment and recovery services such as:
    - ▶ Never Use Alone Hotline information
    - ▶ List of Narcan Direct Programs for free community access to NARCAN
    - ▶ List of Fentanyl Test Strip Direct programs for access to free fentanyl test strips
    - ▶ Local treatment services
    - ▶ 211 Wisconsin Addiction Recovery Helpline

# DHS Begins FTS Distribution

- ▶ Oct 2022-WI DHS distributed FTS to counties enrolled in the Narcan Direct Program-Polk Co received FTS
- ▶ FTS and Narcan distribution was funded by WI's share of the ARPA
- ▶ Additional FTS and Narcan funded by National Prescription Opiate Litigation settlement funds
- ▶ Currently, 41 counties distribute FTS
- ▶ 67 agencies in WI are listed on DHS website as FTS distribution sites
- ▶ WI residents can order FTS and have them shipped to their home at no-cost

[Dose of Reality: Get the Facts on Opioids | Wisconsin Department of Health Services](#)

# FTS Research Findings:

1. Fentanyl testing strips had the lowest detection limit and the highest sensitivity and specificity for fentanyl of the technologies assessed.
2. The vast majority of people who use drugs have a high degree of concern about fentanyl in the drug supply
3. The vast majority of people who use drugs are interested in fentanyl checking as a product safety measure.
4. The majority of people who use drugs would modify their drug use behaviors if their drugs tested positive for fentanyl.
5. Key informants support the concept of drug checking with the goals of providing needed information to people who use drugs and serving as a point for greater engagement in services, including syringe service programs and treatment for substance use disorder.

# FTS Research Findings:

- ▶ A 2018 North Carolina study involving a community-based FTS distribution program found that 81% of those with access to FTS routinely tested their drugs before use. Those with a positive test result were **five times** more likely to change their drug use behavior to reduce the risk of overdose.
- ▶ According to a 2018 Rhode Island study, participants who had a positive fentanyl result were associated with a significant decrease in overdose risk. Participants in the study stated that fentanyl test strips opened their eyes, saved their life, and changed their use.

Nicholas C. Peiper, Sarah Duhart Clarke , Louise B. Vincent, Dan Ciccarone , Alex H. Kral , Jon E. Zibbell. Fentanyl test strips as an opioid overdose prevention strategy: Findings from a syringe services program in the Southeastern United States. *Int J Drug Policy*. Sep 28, 2018. 6

Krieger MS, Goedel WC, Buxton JA, et. al. (2018). Use of rapid fentanyl test strips among young adults who use drugs. *Int J Drug Policy*, In Press Oct. 2018

# FTS Research Findings:

- ▶ Positive FTS result leads to behavioral changes that mitigate the risk of overdose:
  - ▶ Discarding drugs
  - ▶ Reducing drug doses
  - ▶ Going slower
  - ▶ Doing a "tester" shot
  - ▶ Using drugs with someone else around
  - ▶ Keeping naloxone nearby
  - ▶ Sharing FTS with friends
- ▶ There is no empirical evidence that use of FTS results in increased drug use among people who use drugs
- ▶ It is unlikely that the availability of drug checking equipment promotes drug initiation

- ▶ Harm reduction strategies do not attempt to minimize or ignore the harm and danger associated with the use of illicit substances, but rather acknowledges that illicit substance use exists in our world.

“Research finds that individuals who have a voice in when and how they will receive help, who establish their own harm reduction, treatment, or recovery goals, and who are treated with respect, dignity, and a recognition of their autonomy, are more receptive to receiving help and achieve better outcomes.”

*National Drug Control Strategy*



# POLK COUNTY COMPLIANCE CHECKS

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A summary of the process and findings.

# Tobacco Compliance Checks

The Polk County Health Department completed 57 Tobacco compliance checks with the help of local youth ages 16–17 years old.

For each check, a youth volunteer attempted to purchase tobacco with their legitimate, vertical, Wisconsin state ID. All retailers were notified that checks would be happening prior. Majority of retailers had clear signage stating no tobacco sales to minors.



The Wisconsin Wins Program has three main areas that they work in to help achieve their mission of keeping commercial tobacco products out of the hands of youth.

- Compliance Checks
- Community Partnerships
- Retailer Trainings

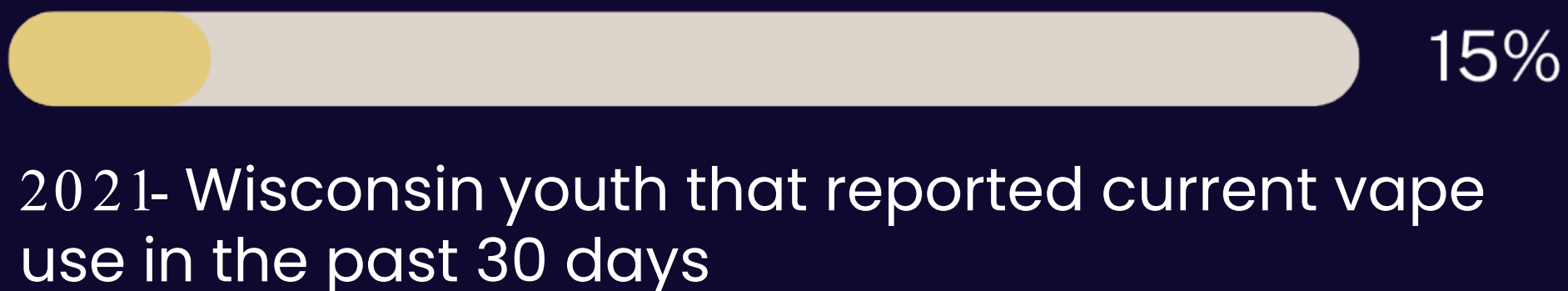
\* When referencing tobacco, we are referring to commercial tobacco, and not the sacred and traditional use of tobacco by some Native American communities.\*\*



## BACKGROUND

# Local Youth Tobacco Use

Data below shows both local and state high school data from the 2021 YRBS.



## PERVIOUS COMPLIANCE CHECK FINDINGS

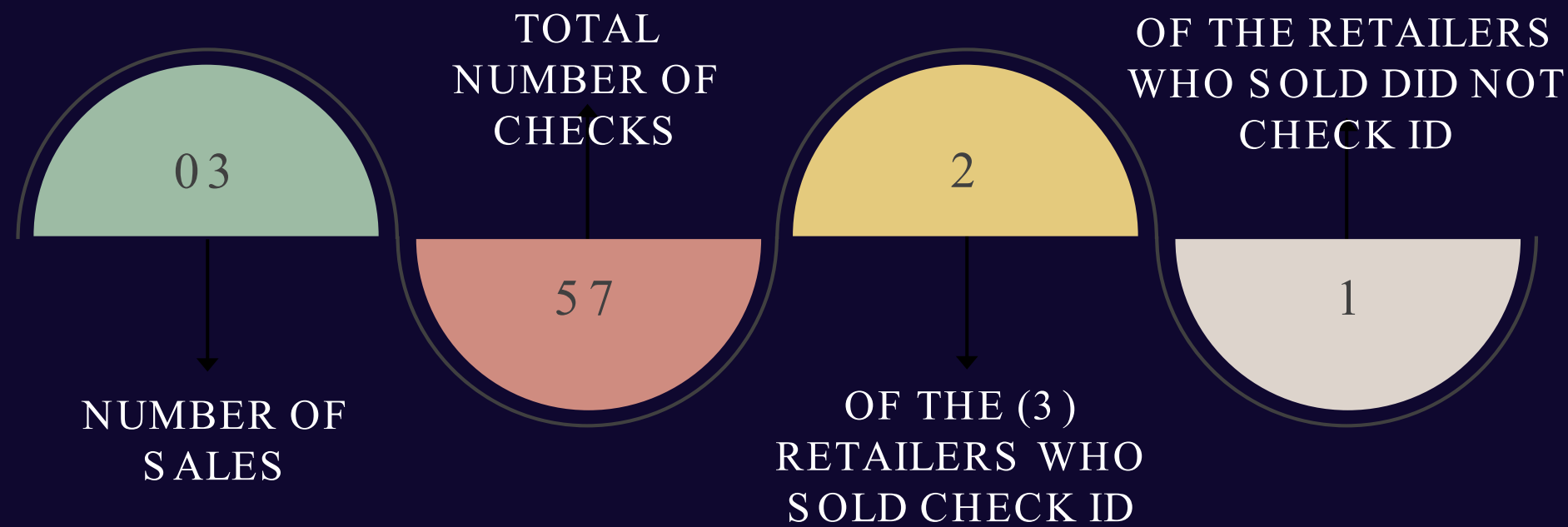
Due to COVID-19 local Tobacco Compliance Checks have not been conducted since early 2020.

Compliance Checks resumed in 2022-2023 finding 13% of retailers sold to youth under the age of 18 during the WI Wins compliance check process in Polk County.

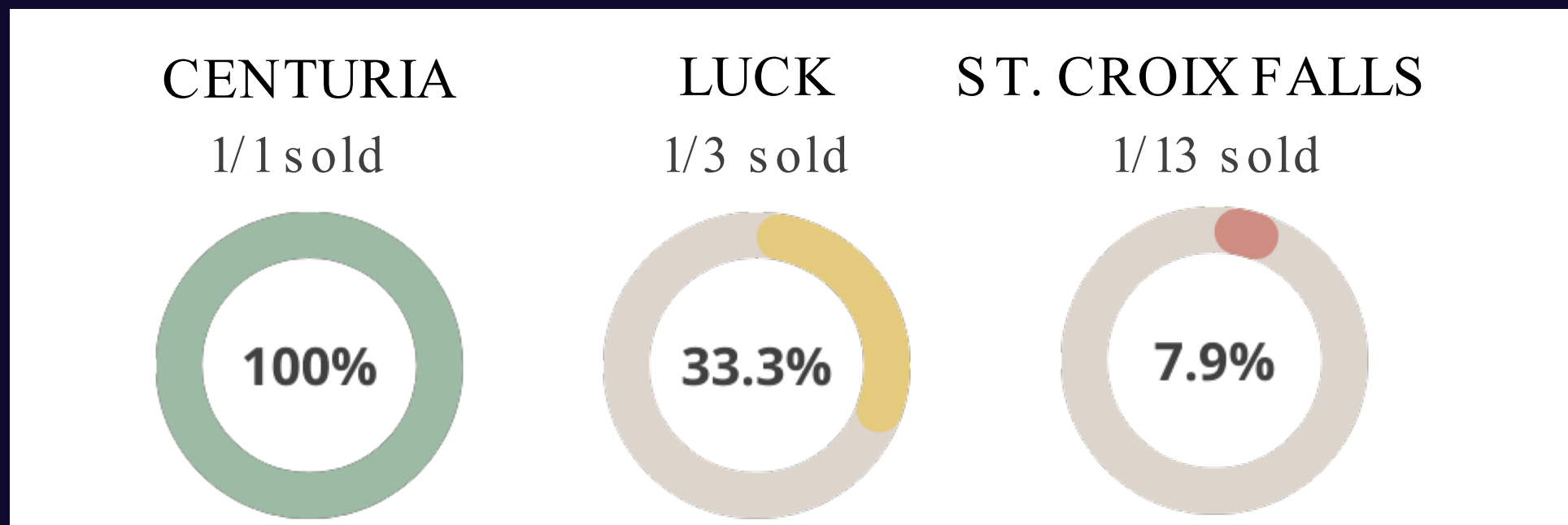
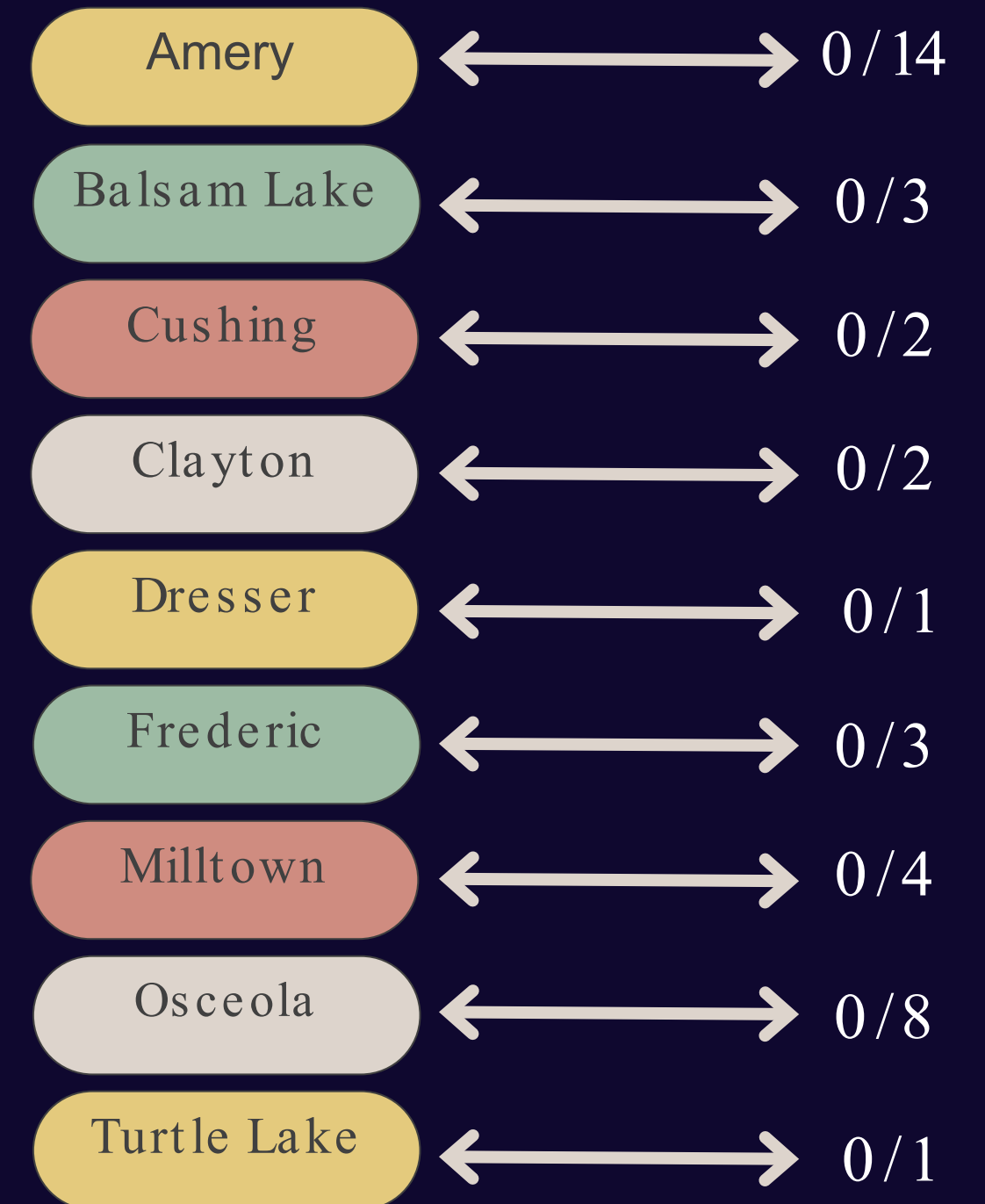
# What We Found

## CHECKING ID'S

All locations checked had signage stating they check ID's.



## MUNICIPALITIES WHO DID NOT SELL



# Alcohol Compliance Checks

The Polk County Health Department completed 38 alcohol-age-compliance checks with the support of the Sheriff's Department at convenience stores across the county.

For each check, an 18-year-old volunteer attempted to purchase alcohol with their legitimate, vertical, Wisconsin state ID. All retailers were notified that checks would be happening prior. All retailers had signage stating no alcohol sales to minors.

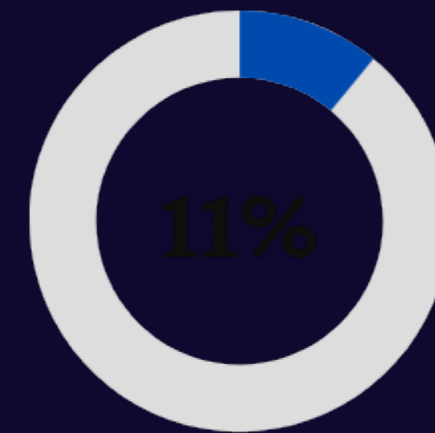
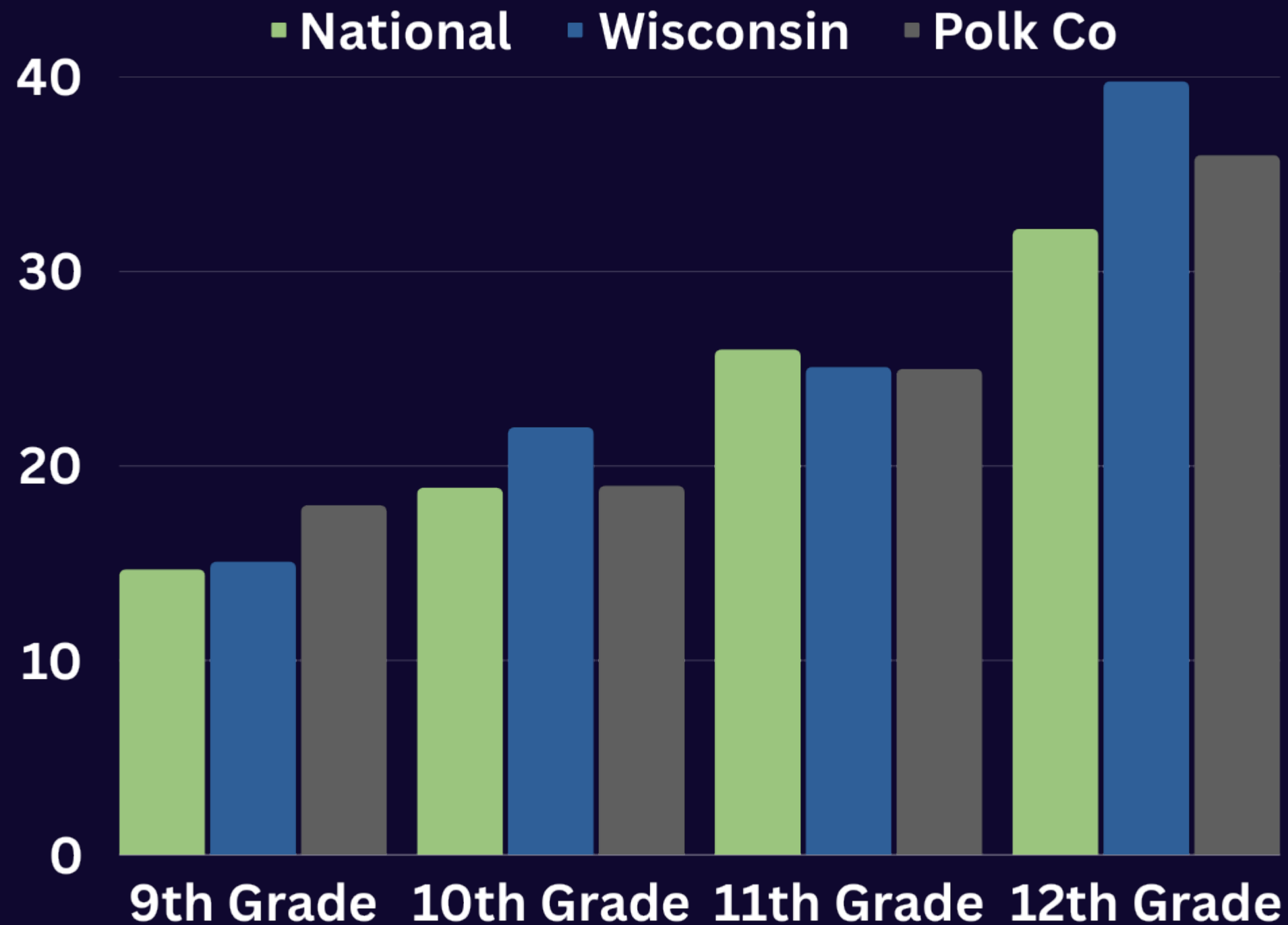


Alcohol -Age-Compliance Checks will be conducted on an annual basis.

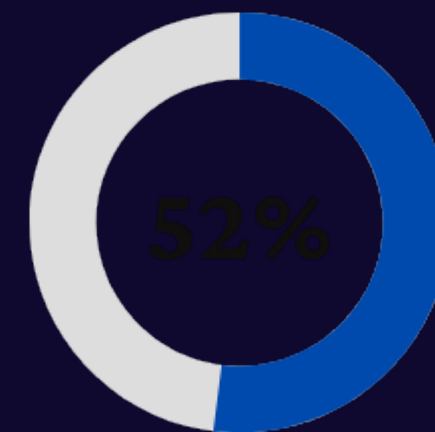
BACKGROUND

# Local Youth Alcohol Use

High School Students Who are Currently Drinking (YRBS, 2021)

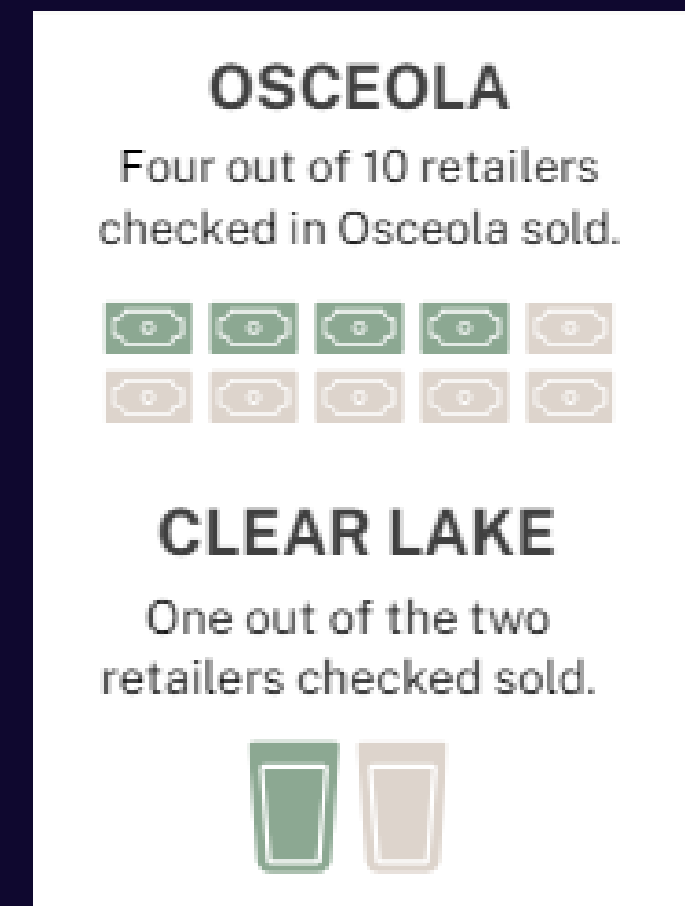
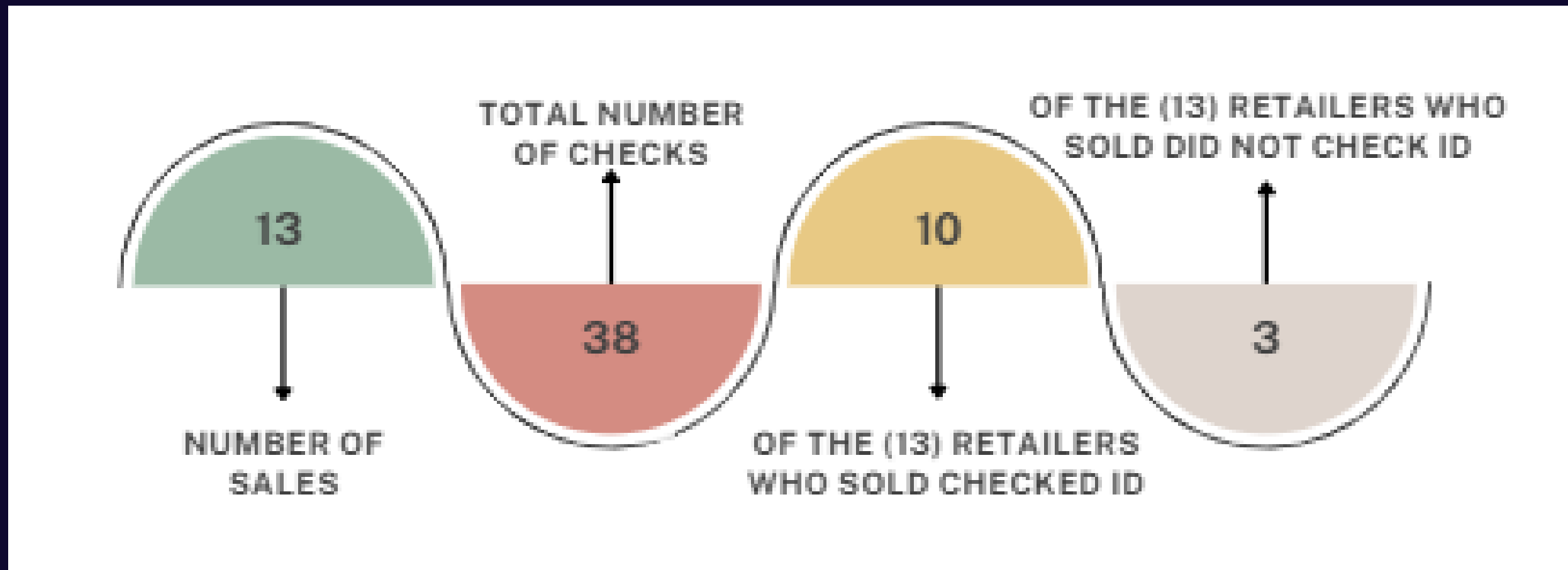


11% of Polk County Middle School students are currently drinking (YRBS, 2021).



52% of Polk County High School students have consumed alcohol (YRBS, 2021).

# What We Found



# What We Found



The age of a person's first drink is strongly associated with a higher risk of substance use/abuse.

Underage alcohol consumption slows brain development and may permanently impact memory, attention, and decision-making abilities. Additionally, alcohol consumption is linked to higher rates of depression and anxiety.

We owe it to our youth to preserve a healthy, happy future for them. Cracking down on availability of alcohol and other substances will help them get there.

**Polk County Board of Health and Human Services  
2024 Workplan**

*The Committee Work Plan is a working-draft that will be updated and revised throughout the year*

Date	Scheduled Agenda Items	Program Review and Upcoming Issues
January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finalize 2024 Work Plan</li> <li>• BHHS Accomplishments</li> <li>• BHHS Satisfaction Survey</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program review</li> <li>• Legislative Event Report if applicable</li> </ul>
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No meeting</li> </ul>	
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GAM, Child Support and VSO updates</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legislative Event Report if applicable</li> <li>• Medical Examiner</li> </ul>
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Division Strategic Plan Update</li> <li>• Child Support Update</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legislative Event Report</li> <li>• GAM, Child Support and VSO Updates (From March)</li> </ul>
May 10:00 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2024 Budget Priorities Discussion</li> <li>• Preliminary End of Year Financial Report</li> <li>• Establish budget priorities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legislative Event Report if applicable</li> </ul>
June **8:30 AM 10:00 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HHS Committee Orientation</li> <li>• Department Annual Reports-CSD, GAM, VSO, Child Support</li> <li>• Medical Examiner Update</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legislative Event Report if applicable</li> <li>• Preliminary End of Year Financial Report</li> </ul>
July 10:00 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GAM, Child Support, VSO mid-year reports</li> <li>• 2024 Budget Priorities Discussion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Budget Updates (State/Local)</li> <li>• Public Transportation Update</li> </ul>
August 9:30 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review and recommendations on fee schedule and leases</li> <li>• Community Health Improvement Plan Update</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Hearing for 2024 Budget *9:30 start</li> <li>• Legislative Event Report if applicable</li> <li>• Child Support mid-year report</li> </ul>
September 9:30 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation 2024 Budget</li> <li>• GAM, Child Support, VSO mid-year reports</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program review</li> <li>• Legislative Event Report if applicable</li> </ul>
October 10:00 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual Budget Amendments</li> <li>• Division Update</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legislative Event Report if applicable</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
November 10:00 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GAM, Child Support, VSO Update</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hold meeting at GAM</li> <li>• Legislative Event Report if applicable</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
December 10 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Division Update</li> <li>• 2024 Workplan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program review</li> <li>• Legislative Event Report if applicable</li> </ul>

**Standing Agenda Items:**

Covid-19 Update