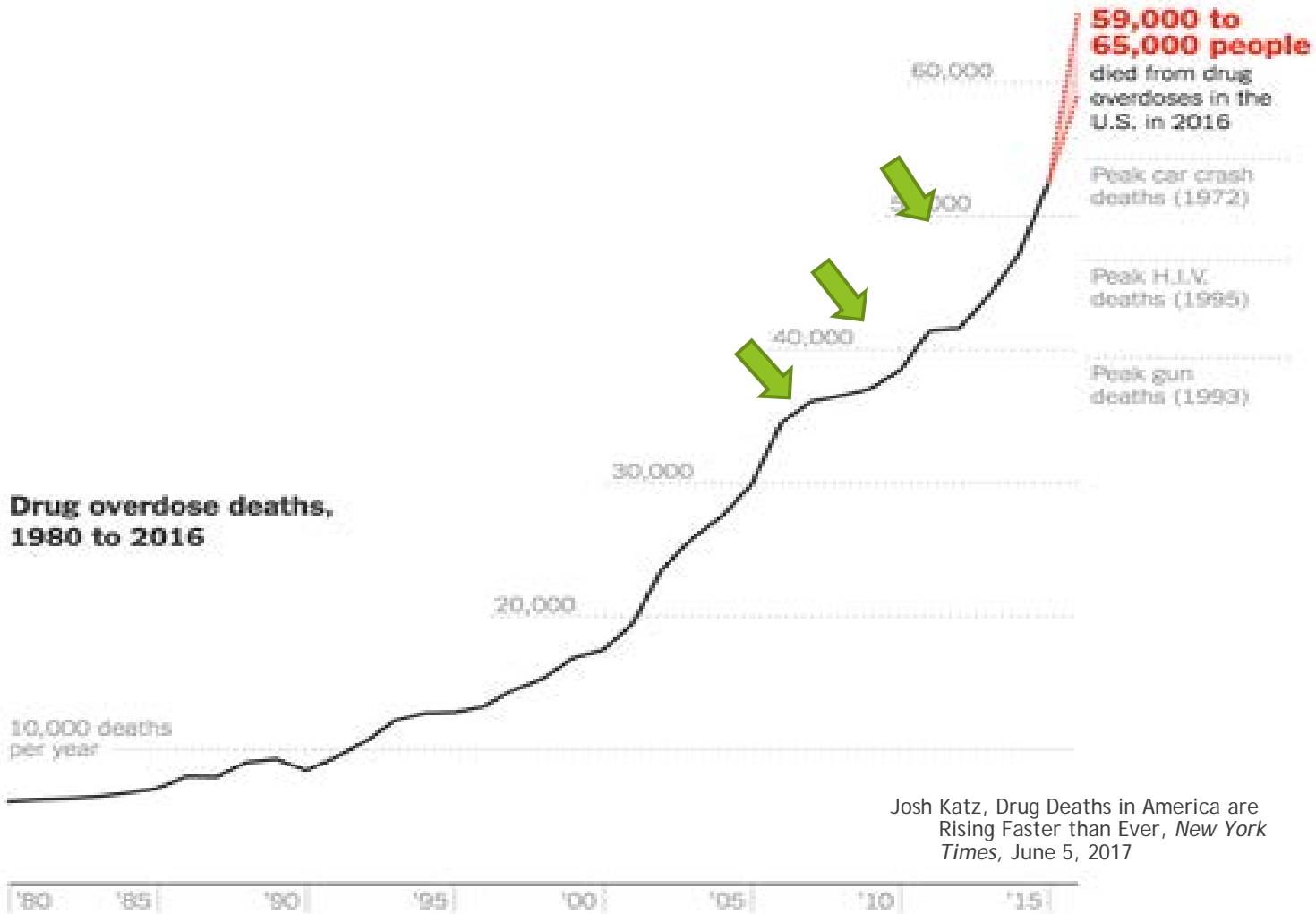


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Responding to the Opioid Epidemic

Drug overdose deaths, 1980 to 2016



Josh Katz, Drug Deaths in America are Rising Faster than Ever, *New York Times*, June 5, 2017

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Systems Challenge

- ▶ Many organizations have a role – identification and relationships
- ▶ What data exists, and how is that data or other information shared?
- ▶ Who is a leader, and what authority exists?
- ▶ What are the steps we should be taking to address this problem comprehensively?

Limited Data Leads to a Partial Response

- ▶ Effort focused on a subset of symptoms
 - ▶ Overdoses, Burglaries, Retail Theft
- ▶ What are the main sources of addiction & who are those most impacted?
- ▶ Resources not always matched to best return or highest need return
- ▶ Work duplicated and problem patterns persist

Diffuse Authority Creates Leadership Challenge

- ▶ Cross-sector problem
- ▶ Public Health and Law Enforcement components
- ▶ Who drives accountability?
- ▶ How to discuss publicly?

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Organization

- ▶ Unique role for Mayors
 - ▶ Convening power
 - ▶ Media amplification
 - ▶ Resources and new players
 - ▶ Accountability
 - ▶ Address Stigma

- ▶ Identify who are your partners in this challenge and get them together

Opioid Principles

- ▶ Defining the problem
- ▶ Establishing a Cohesive Universe of Related Actions
- ▶ Explain approach to the Public
- ▶ Encourage debate and engagement on these efforts

Opioid Principles

- ▶ *Prescription opioids can be as dangerous as heroin – and should be treated as such*
 - ▶ #1 Principle is not the symptoms that had been the focus previously
- ▶ *Opioid addiction is a public health crisis with a law enforcement component*
- ▶ *People struggling with opioid addiction need access to treatment without delay*

Restructuring

- ▶ New emphasis within community policing
- ▶ Opioid Policy Coordinator
 - ▶ 30 years of social work enters the Police Department
- ▶ Data analysts with a new mission
- ▶ Epidemiologist consult
- ▶ New partnerships
- ▶ Specialized equipment

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CommunityStat: Responding to Systems Challenge

- ▶ Knowing partners, defining principles, restructuring – all these elements help
- ▶ CommunityStat is an effort to address some of the data challenges and the leadership challenges
- ▶ CitiStat, Compstat models applied to community issue



CommunityStat

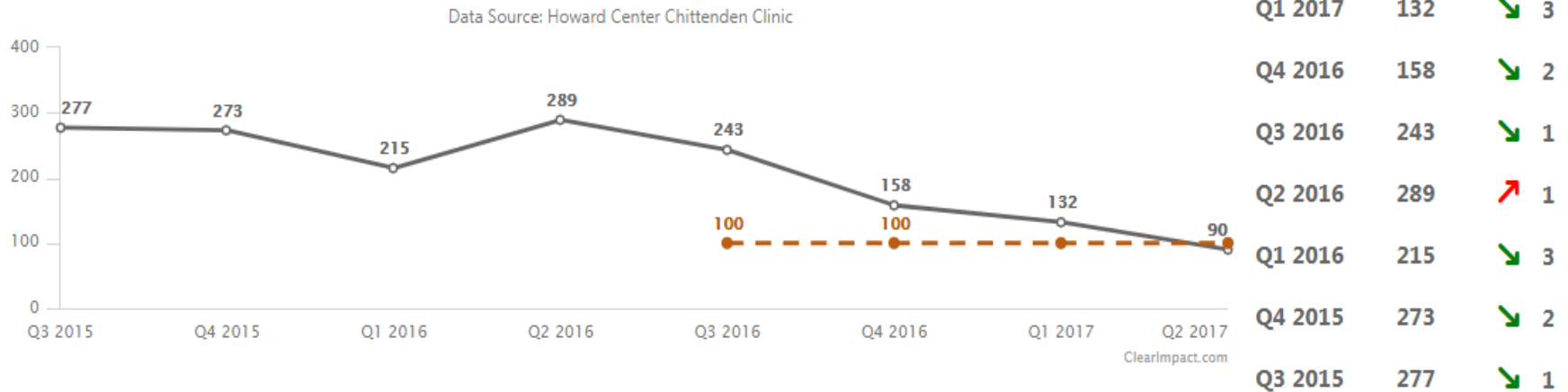
- ▶ Data – Policy – People
 - ▶ Information clearing house
 - ▶ Creates natural coalitions
- ▶ Shaping & then advancing priorities
- ▶ Forum for accountability
- Functional Work Outside Meeting: Substat / Triage Teams

Substat - Burlington Police and Other PDs in Action



Data and Progress

Key Indicators	Number of Accidental Opioid Overdose Fatalities in Chittenden County	2017	12	↓ 1
Key Indicators	Number of Opioid Overdose Incidents Responded to by District 03 (Chittenden Cty) EMS	Jul 2017	14	↑ 2
Key Indicators	Number of Opioid-Related Emergency Department Visits at UVM Medical Center	Jun 2017	9	↓ 2
Key Indicators	Average Number of Individuals on the Chittenden County Hub Wait List	Q2 2017	90	↓ 4



Credit: CCOA and Sam Francis-Fath

Current Priorities

- ▶ Treatment and recovery without delay
- ▶ Develop prevention and public education plan
- ▶ Prison reform to support addiction treatment and recovery
- ▶ Develop a Legislative Agenda

This is a terrible crisis.

Mayors have a unique
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it within their cities.

Thank you

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