

Mayors Innovation Project:

Panel: Comprehensive City Approach to Opiate Addiction

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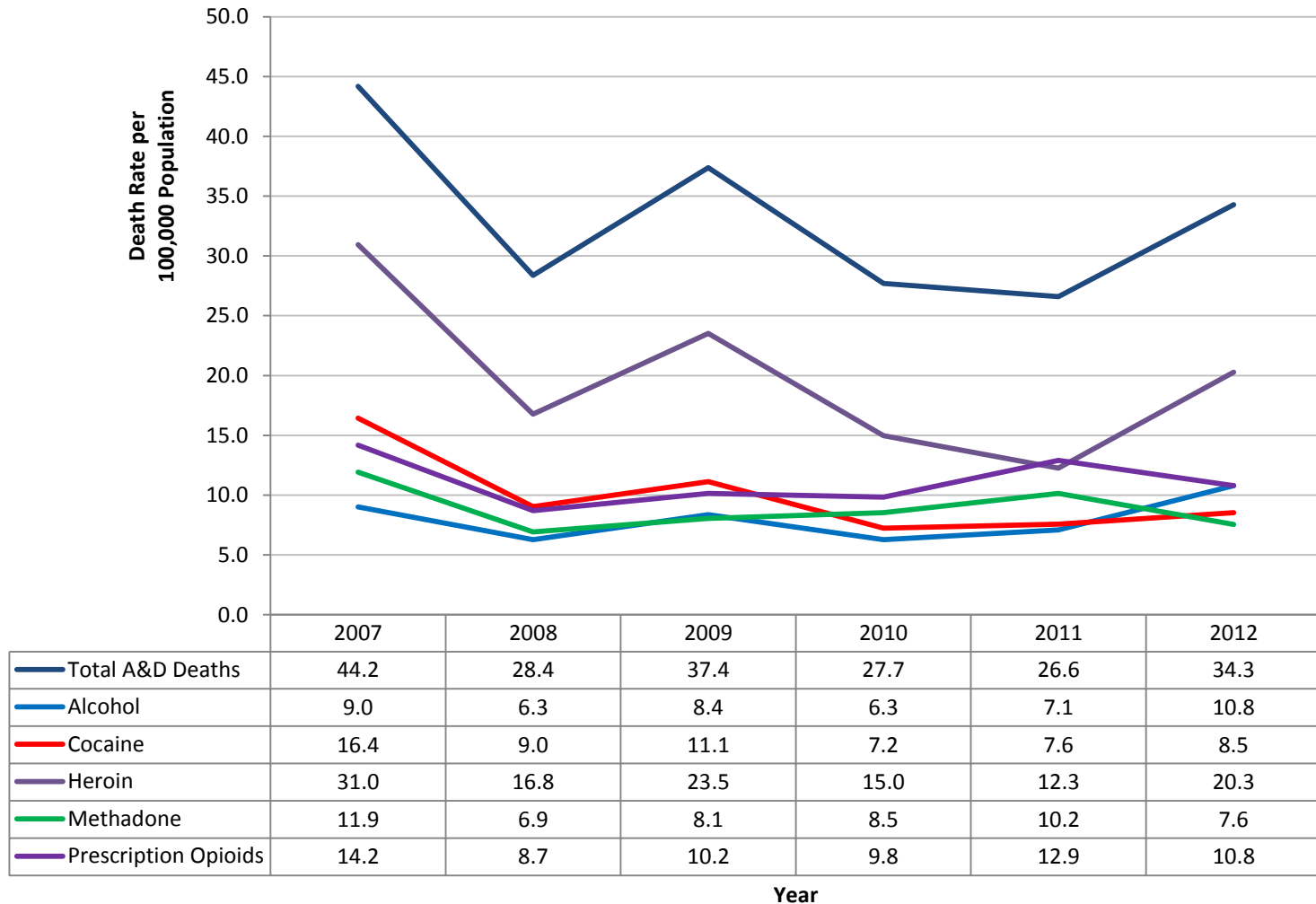
Behavioral Health System
Baltimore

The Mental Health and Substance Use Authority for the City of Baltimore

Baltimore City :

- **Population 622,000**
- **Heroin Use 19,000**

Overdose History



Criminal Justice:

- **35 % of arrests are drug related**
- **Total drug related arrests are going down**
- **98% of sale and 49% of possession related arrests in 2013 were for opium or cocaine and derivatives.**

What We've Done

- **Treatment Options Expansion**
- **Overdose Prevention/Harm Reduction**
- **Collaboration with Police**
- **Specialty Courts**
- **Mayor's Violence Reduction Initiatives**

Task Force Precipitants:

- **Disagreement about scope of problem**
- **Apparent access to treatment problems**
- **Questions about treatment quality**
- **Neighbor – provider tensions**
- **Poorly informed public - prejudice**
- **Poor/incomplete data**
- **Uncoordinated licensing and oversight**
- **Lack of comprehensive plan**

Task Force Workgroups:

- **Data**
- **Access**
- **Practice Standards**
- **Neighborhood**

Task Force Objectives:

- **Clear understanding of numbers**
- **Plan for public education/reducing prejudice**
- **Standards for provider relations with neighbors**
- **Standards for Individual provider and system Access**
- **Practice Standards: accreditation plus**
- **Plans for system wide data**
- **Plan for state and local authority coordination**

Goal:

**Unencumbered Access
to
Effective Treatment**