



## Anchorage Opioid Task Force Agenda

February 22, 2024

3-4:15pm, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Anchorage Health Department, 825 L St

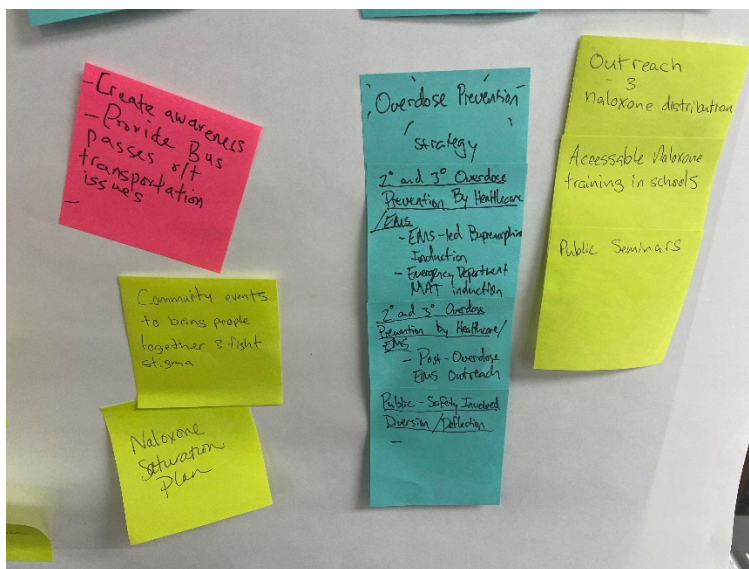
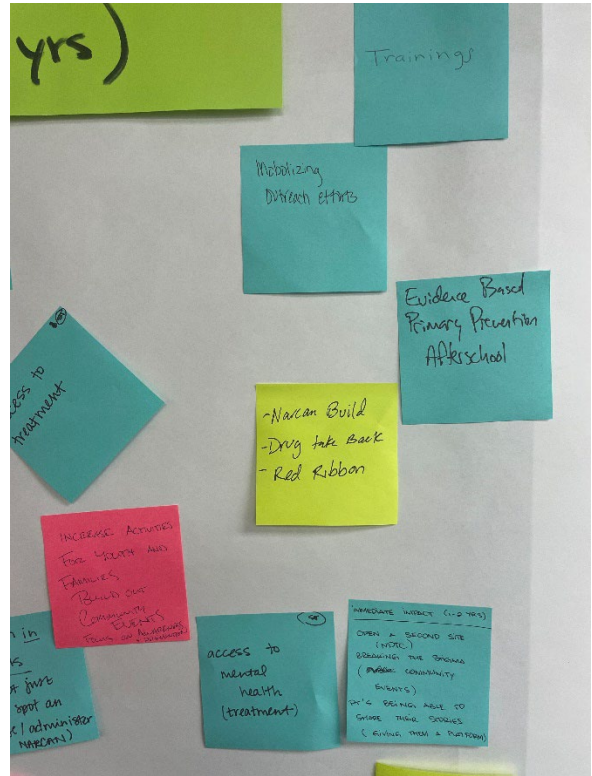
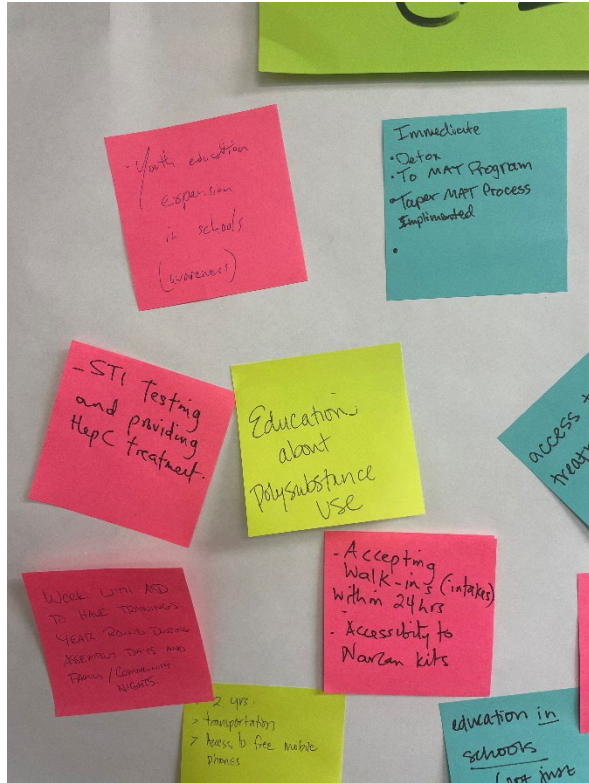
- Welcome! Brief Introductions
- AHD Updates
  - Secondary Data Review
    - UAA doesn't have capacity for this during the spring and would like to do the research in summer. UAA is meeting soon to figure out its staff workload and AHD will continue discussions with UAA.
  - Public Health Division Manager
    - Katie Stodgell is starting February 26, 2024, as AHD's new Public Health Division Manager and will be managing the AOTF with the PIO.
  - Advisory Committee update
    - Due to a lack of interested applicants, AHD has paused accepting applications. We will resume this once the AOTF has more momentum and community participation.
  - Town Hall – mid-March
    - We are working with the presenters to find a day that works for everyone and will update the task force once a date has been selected.
- Data on rise of stimulants (Millenium Health)
  - Dr. Kelly Olson presented about the rise of stimulants, particularly of methamphetamine and cocaine, occurring with urine samples testing positive for fentanyl.
    - Attendees noted that this mirrors the mortality and seizure data very closely.
    - Mortality data takes awhile to compile and is usually about a year behind. Urine sample data has very little delay and is shared with about a two-week lag.
    - Millenium Health shares its data with the CDC.
  - Millenium Health will be releasing a report about alcohol polysubstance use in late May.
  - See pdf attachments from Millenium Health for more detailed data.
- Group Activity – Core Strategies for Opioid Remediation Uses

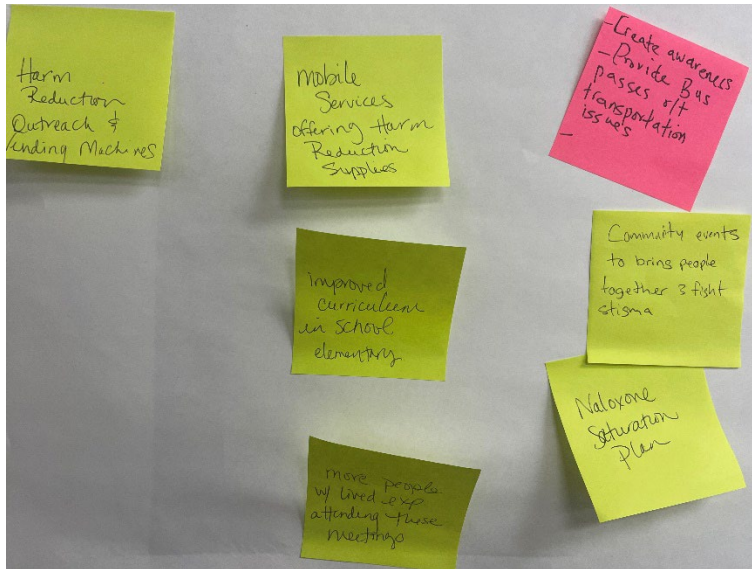


- Attendees brainstormed solutions using the following prompts:
  - What can we do to make an immediate impact on the Anchorage opioid crisis? (1-2 years)
  - What are some ways we can make a longer-term impact on the Anchorage opioid crisis? (3-7 years)
  - What are some big picture ideas/ways to impact the Anchorage opioid crisis? (10-20 years)
- Photos of attendees' answers can be found starting on page 3 of this document.
- **Open Discussion**
  - We are looking for anyone who would like to present to the group in March. Contact Michelle or Director Rash.
  - AHD is looking into harm reduction and/or naloxone vending machines.
    - Jenn with ANTHC will share vendor information with AHD.
    - Dr. Jurasek can share maps with information about where overdoses are occurring.
  - There's still interest in a media campaign, similar to One Pill Can Kill, to spread awareness of the dangers of using opioids.
  - Upcoming events:
    - From Addiction to Redemption: A Night with Derrick Moore, March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6-8pm at the Wilda Marston Theater
    - Millenium Health's Signals Report Volume 6: The "Fourth Wave": The Rise of Stimulants and the Evolution of Polysubstance Use in America's Fentanyl Crisis, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the 49<sup>th</sup> State Brewery Barrel Room West

**Group Activity Photos**

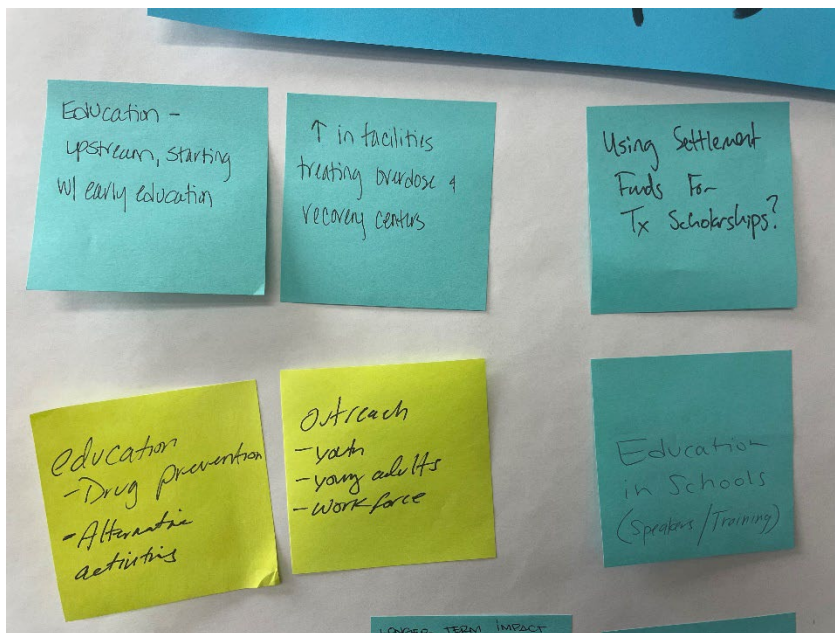
1. What can we do to make an immediate impact on the Anchorage opioid crisis? (1-2 years)

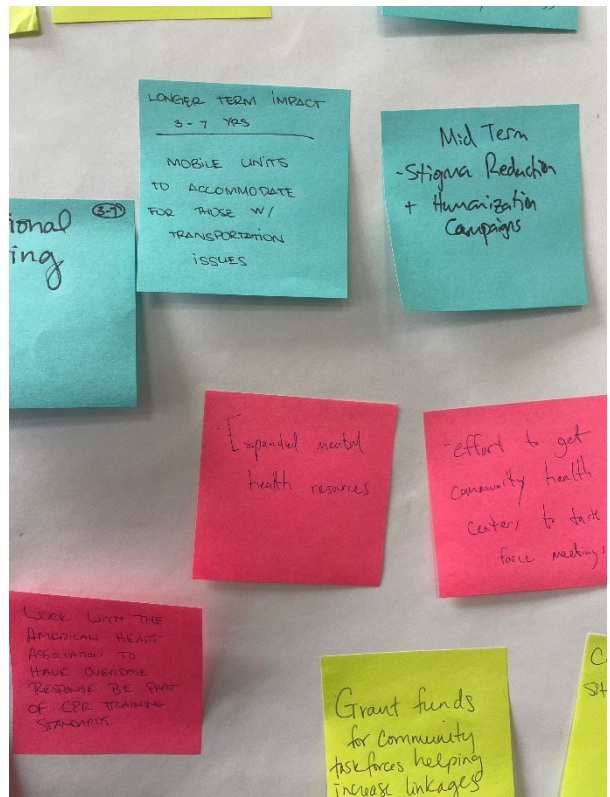
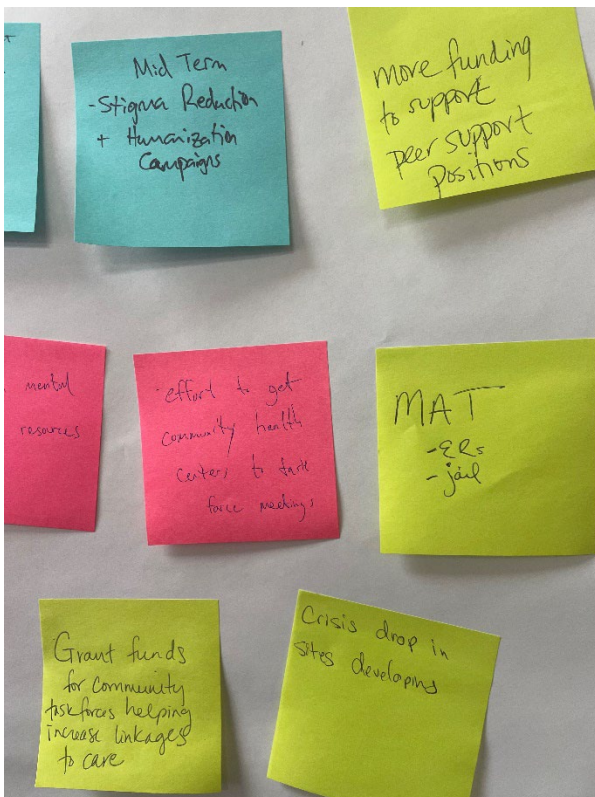
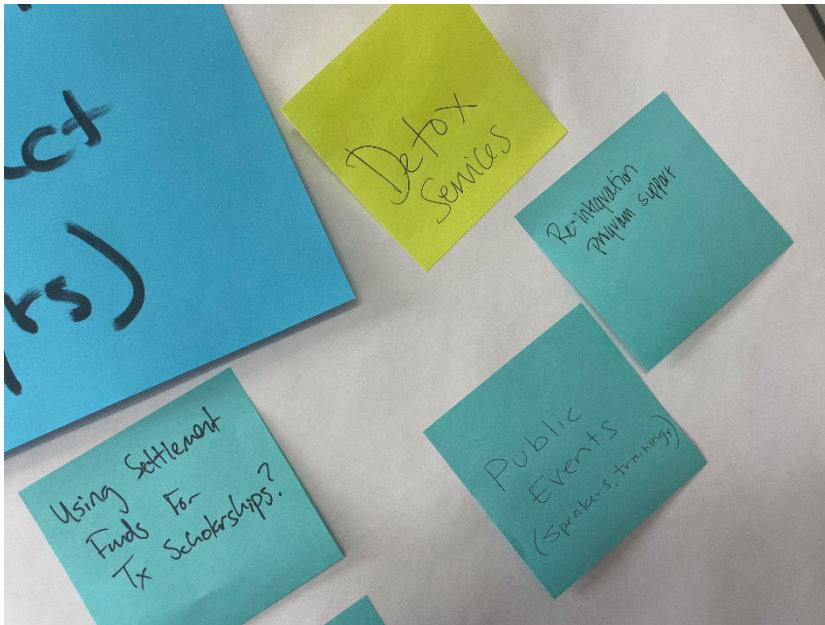


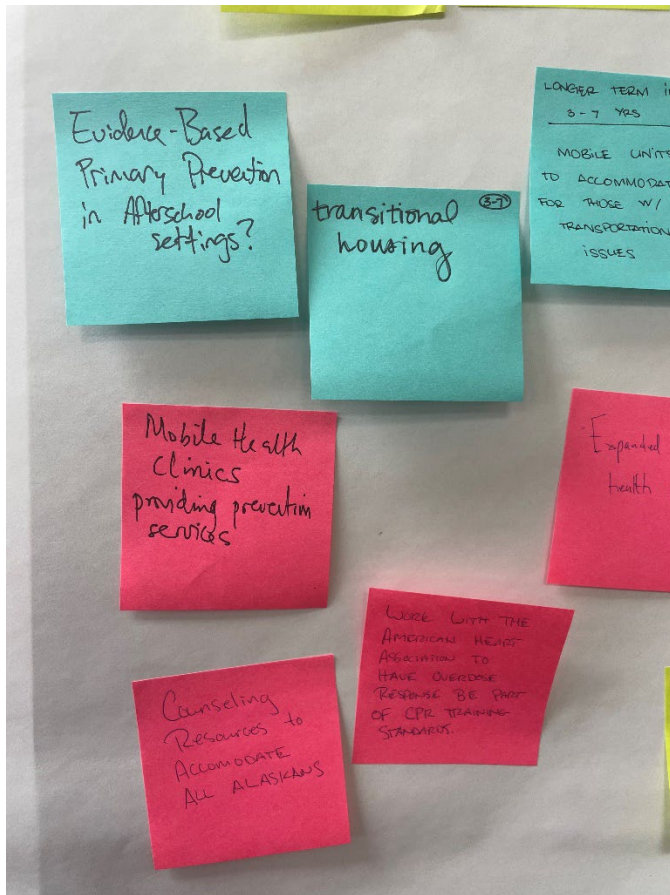


- *Virtual participants: Standing orders for naloxone for anyone receiving a prescription of opioids; include with Mediset for those who are receiving pharmacy deliveries*

2. What are some ways we can make a longer-term impact on the Anchorage opioid crisis? (3-7 years)

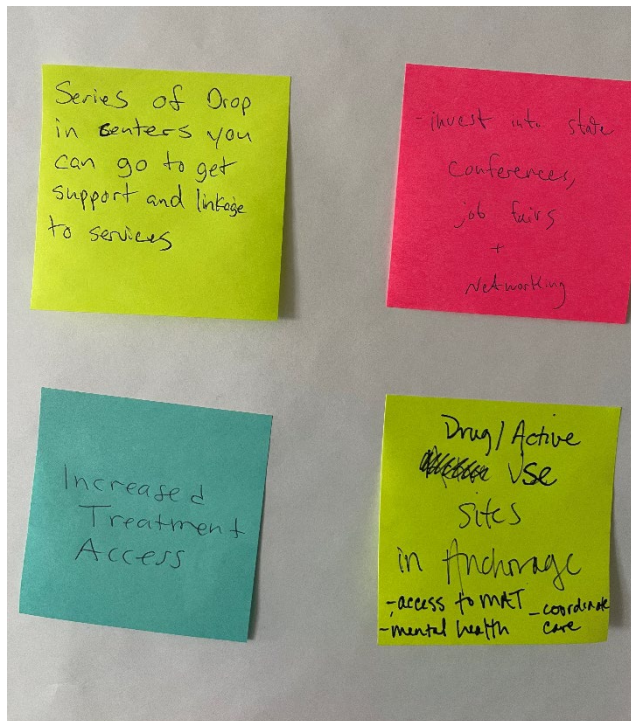
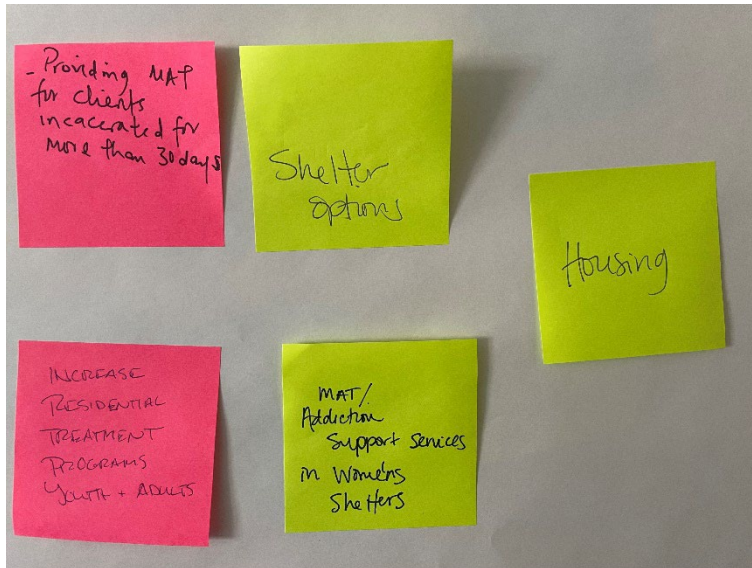






- *Virtual participants: Partner with HUD and BIA housing to build a strategic plan for a Housing First model of care for Anchorage*

3. What are some big picture ideas/ways to impact the Anchorage opioid crisis? (10-20 years)



- *Virtual participants: Build a Housing First center similar to Bud Clark Commons in Portland, OR that includes mental health services, treatment for chemical addictions, and housing assistance with Section 8*