



# Summer 2023 at IPC - Opioid Overdose Fatality Review Board Analysis in Kent Co. MI

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# PROJECT OVERVIEW

- Preceptor: Dr. Gina Dahlem, UM School of Nursing
- Project: Evaluation of Kent County's Opioid Overdose Fatality Review Board (OFR)
  - Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, Substance Abuse Program (COSSAP) grant in partnership with Michigan State Police

# WHAT I WORKED ON

- OFR Evaluation
  - Analyze transcripts of interviews with members
  - Identify themes related to facilitators and barriers to participation, motivations, improvements, goals, etc.
  - Create a codebook and match data/quotes collected to major themes/quotes
- Findings
  - Increasing diversity and ease of access are essential to success
  - OFR is a unique, evidence-based approach
  - Participants have a variety of motivations to participate
  - Interdisciplinary and collaborative nature are biggest strengths

# Michigan Emergency Department Improvement Collaborative (MEDIC) Conference

- June 9 in Midland, MI
- Emergency medicine physicians from all over the state
- Great networking opportunity
- Tailored my internship experience to my interests and goals



# AREAS OF GROWTH

- This internship allowed me to do many things for the first time...
  - Formal qualitative research
    - Rapid Qualitative Analysis and CFIR
  - Designing an infographic
- Lessons learned...
  - About my topic: Interdisciplinary approaches have great potential to make change when administered properly
  - About my career: Medicine and public health intersect at every turn; determined to be there!
  - About myself: I am capable of thinking outside the box and learning things that scare me at first

## FUTURE GOALS

- Currently applying to medical school
  - Emergency medicine with potential focus in addiction and/or community medicine
- Plan to continue to conduct community or emergency department-based research in the opioid space
- Hope to participate in interdisciplinary teams like OFR related to improving community response and management related to the opioid epidemic

# THANK YOU

- Dr. Gina Dahlem - PI
- Whitney Ludwig, MPH - Research Specialist
- Taylor Hautala - Internship Coordinator
- All guest speakers