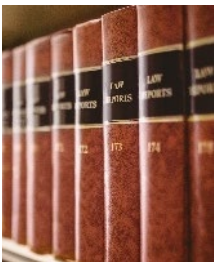


PROJECT UPDATES

- The initial notice of funding opportunity proposed a project end date of September 2022. The CDC issued a notice of automatic no cost extension in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The research team plans to use this time to integrate impactful interventions into the model and finalize dissemination strategies.
- The research team is planning a trip to Indiana to meet with project collaborators and to observe judicial proceedings.
- The next stakeholder meeting is scheduled for March 9, from 1-2:30pm.



DISSEMINATION

- The research team is in the early stages of writing a paper on the qualitative research methods utilized in this study and the best practices discovered throughout the course of the research project.
- The paper “Evaluating the effectiveness of problem-solving courts at preventing fatal and non-fatal opioid events: preliminary findings from Indiana” was published in *Drugs In Context*. It can be accessed at:
<https://www.drugsincontext.com/evaluating-the-effectiveness-of-problem-solving-courts-at-preventing-fatal-and-non-fatal-opioid-events-preliminary-findings-from-indiana/>
- Elizabeth Van Nostrand presented a virtual poster titled “Using a Mixed-Methods Design to Identify Services That Impact Non-Fatal and Fatal Overdose Events” on February 3 at the 2022 Conference on Statistical Practice. Visit the project website for a link to the poster.



QUALITATIVE INTERVIEWS

- The research team revised the project interview questions and is working to finalize the IRB modification.
- Interviews with problem solving court team members will begin soon.

MODELING

- The team is working on a framework that will be used for modeling.
- A sample model will be developed and will incorporate Indiana arrest data and interventions identified to date.
- The research team will be seeking input from end users regarding the look and functionality of the model.

DATA LINKAGE

- An agreement has been reached between the courts, Management Performance Hub (MPH), and the research team. Supervised Release System (SRS) data will be delivered to MPH in the coming weeks.
- Due to data ownership issues, the project will no longer include linkage of inpatient hospitalization data.
- The research team is working with MPH to finalize the variables to be included in linkage.
- Linking of datasets by MPH will begin soon. Analysis is anticipated to begin in Spring 2022.

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