

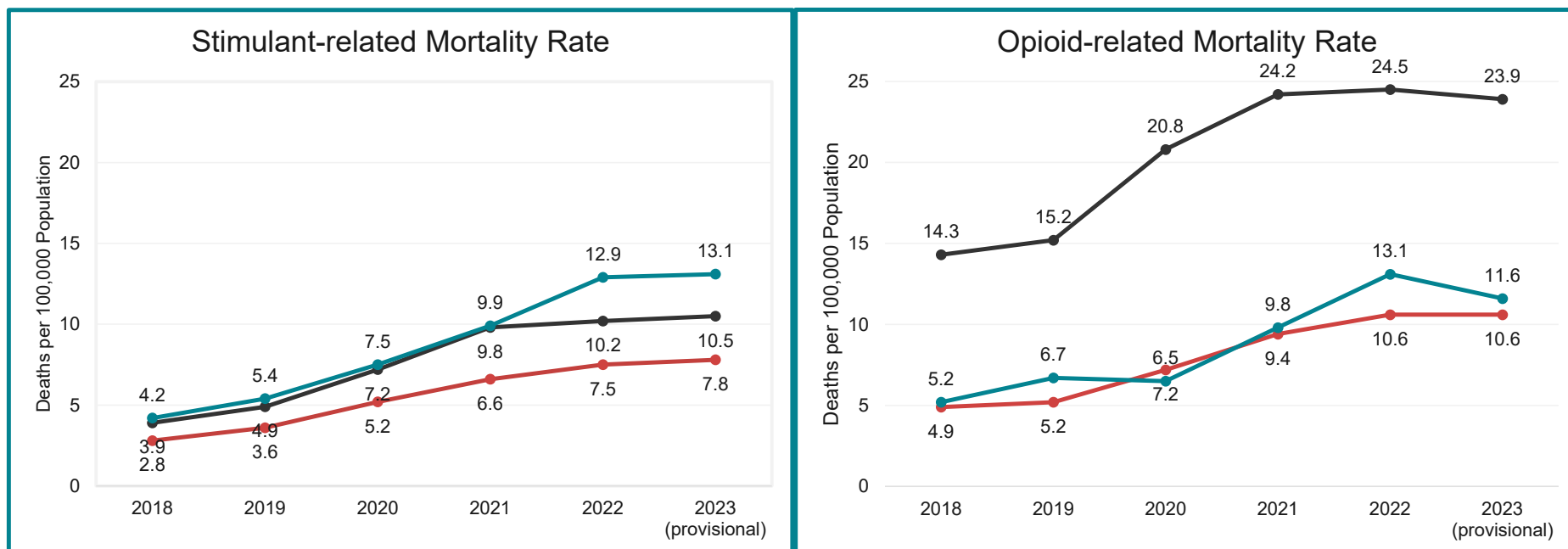
Resolution Declaring Overdoses a Public Health Crisis

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Local Overdose Deaths: Methamphetamine No. 1, Opioids Close Behind

—●— US —●— Texas —●— Bexar County



Graphics by Metro Health Informatics Office using data from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) National Center for Health Statistics & National Vital Statistics System; provisional mortality from CDC WONDER (2024)

Overview of Opioid Settlement Funds

- City, County, and State of Texas all joined lawsuits against opioid manufacturers and distributors
- Settlements to date include pharmacy chains, opioid manufacturers, distributors, and more
- State of Texas has secured more than \$1.6 billion in opioid settlement funds, up to 15% of which will be passed through to local governments



COSA Settlement Funding



- COSA anticipates receiving **\$6,072,227.37** as its share of an opioid litigation settlement, to be paid out **through 2040**
- Claims are pending against additional defendants

FY 2024 & FY 2025 Spending Plan



	Total
Substance Use Outreach & Community Capacity Building Initiative	\$434,000
Harm Reduction Supplies	100,000
Narcan Kit Supplies	75,000
Substance Use Resource Portal	50,000
Targeted Provider Education Addressing Stigma Around Pregnant People Experiencing Addiction	150,000
Medically Assisted Treatment for Street Outreach Clients	100,000
Total	\$909,000



Resolution Declaring Overdoses a Public Health Crisis – Highlights

- ✓ Overview of National, State, and Local data
- ✓ Risk factors of including untreated mental health conditions, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), trauma, and barriers to accessing health services and treatment
- ✓ Framework of Prevention, Harm Reduction, Treatment, and Recovery
- ✓ The harm to the individual and the stress to the system
- ✓ The value of a coordinated response

Resolution Declaring Overdoses a Public Health Crisis

