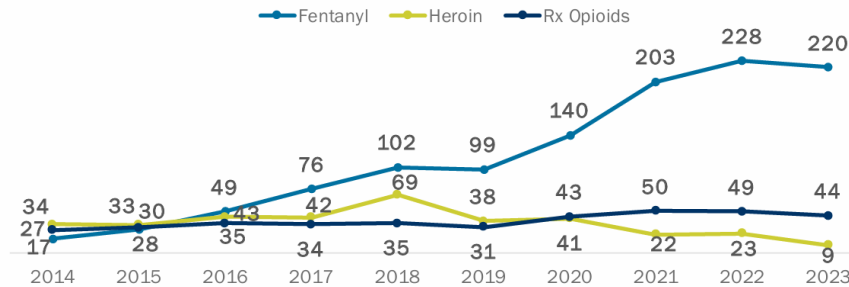


Date: 1/23/2025
To: Members of the Committee
From: Elizabeth Bridgewater
Subject: Data Points Follow-up

Q: What is the chart on opioids measuring?

A: The actual number of fatal overdoses broken down by what was found in the drug test following the overdose. The chart no longer demonstrates the increase in overdose deaths across the 5 year period, but also the increase in overdose deaths involving fentanyl. I've copied the chart again for easy reference, with the title that I accidentally omitted.

Figure 4: Accidental and undetermined opioid-related fatal overdoses involving fentanyl have more than doubled between 2019 and 2023.



Q: What percentage of property owners participating in the VHIP program who have chosen the 10 year option versus the 5 year option?

A: In VHIP 2.0 we have 38 projects complete, approved or under review. 28 or 73% have chosen 10 year forgivable. 10 or 27% have chosen 5 year grant. Some of the ones under review may change, but based on current data, the expectation is that we will see approximately 70-75% choosing the 10 year forgivable option. It might also be helpful to know that we report monthly to DHCD and if the committee wanted to see statewide data, they could provide it pretty easily.