

# Substance Use and Mental Health Response in Anchorage

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# Drug Impact on Police Services

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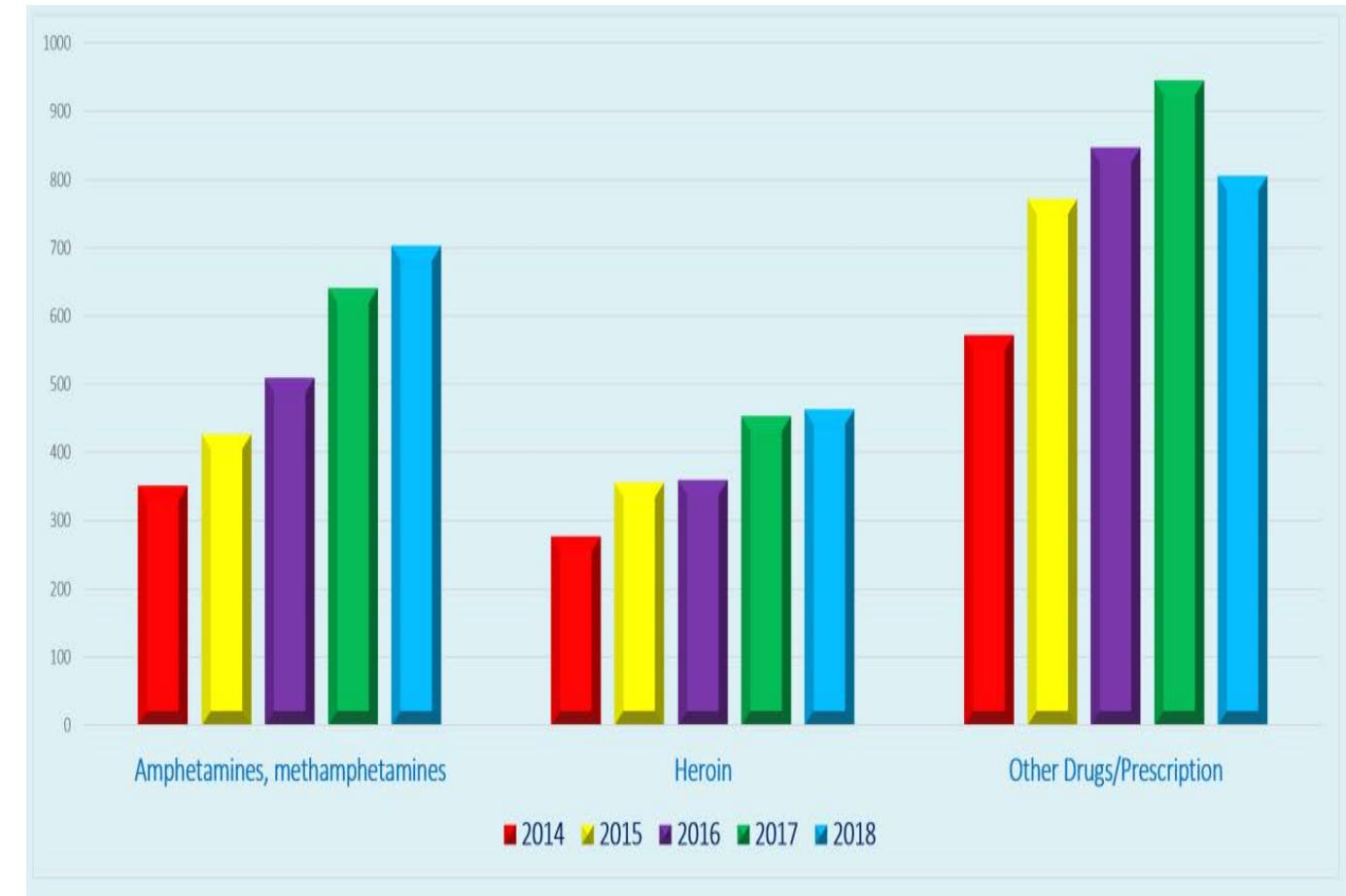
Arrest with drug seizures

650

Drug only arrests

30 +

Overdose Deaths



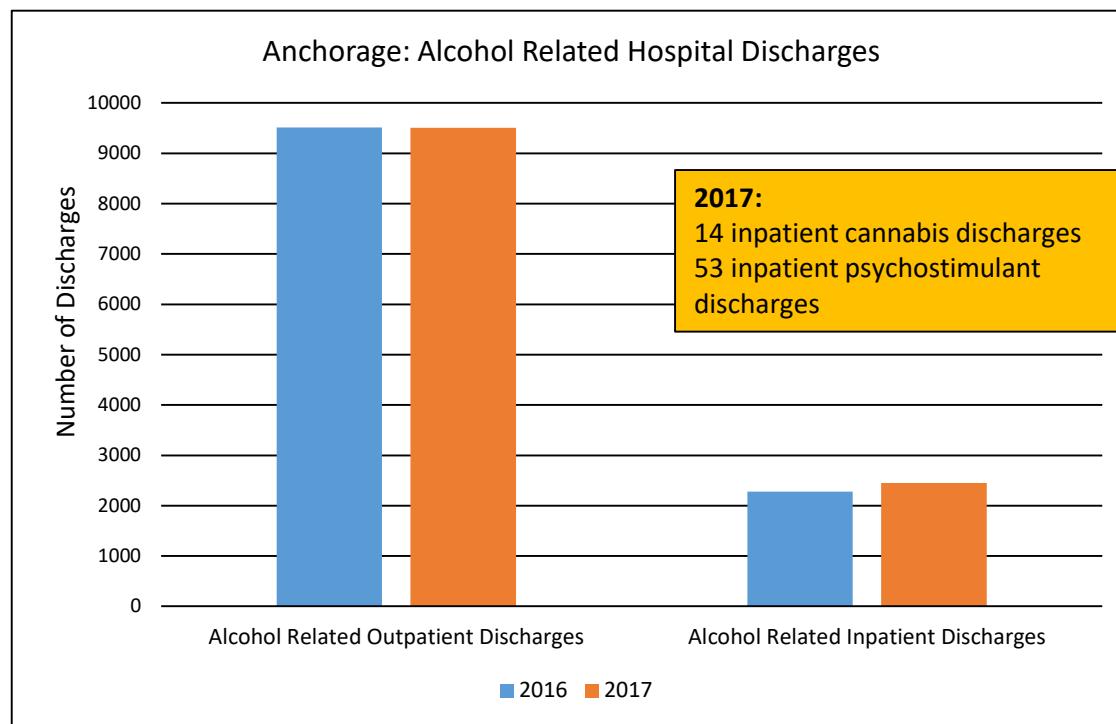
# Mobile Response (March 2019)

821 Total Police Reports

Actual Disposition of the Individual	
Title 47 to Hospital	173
Cite and Release	1
Voluntary Hospital	16
Arrested/Jail	28
Unable to Locate	16
No Action	84
Hospital Medical (includes some title 47's)	31
Other	31

# Substance Misuse Summary of Findings

- Alcohol is the substance of highest use and misuse in Anchorage**
  - Compared to all other substances, alcohol contributes to the most deaths, EMS ambulance transports, hospitalizations, OCS intakes



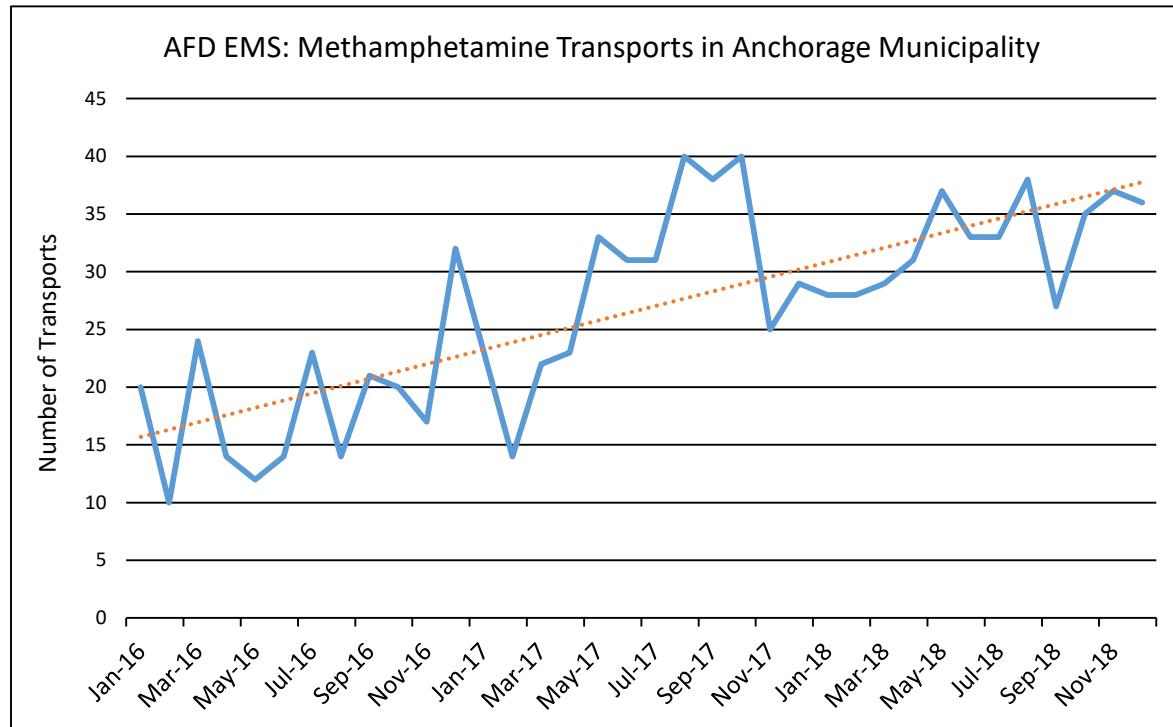
Alaska Health Analytics and Vital Records: Health Facilities Reporting Data 2016-2017

Substance	Percent of Alaskans 18+ years old who used or misused in past year or month
Alcohol use (past month)	56.3%
Binge alcohol use (past month)	26.3%
Marijuana use (past month)	16.6%
Pain reliever misuse (past year)	4.9%
Cocaine use (past year)	2.5%
Methamphetamine use (past year)	0.9%
Heroin use (past year)	0.5%

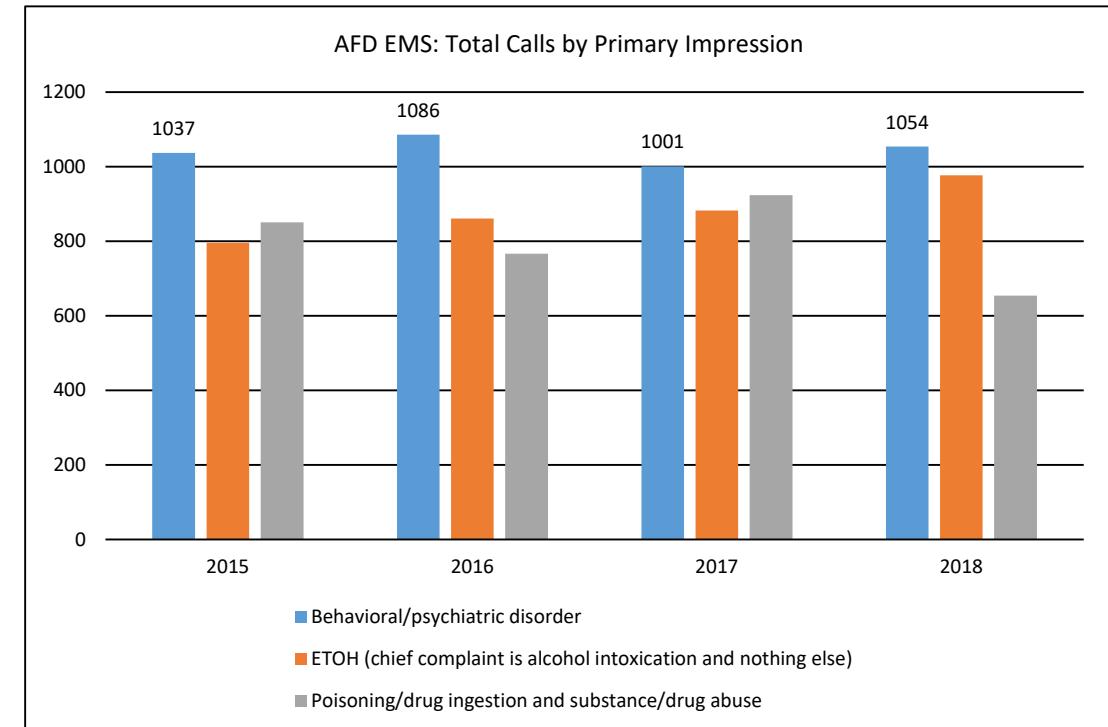
National Survey on Drug Use and Health 2016-2017

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- **Methamphetamine use is increasing**
  - 2013-2018: methamphetamine-related overdose mortality rate increased **233%**. All other drug mortality rates declined in this period.



Source: Anchorage Fire Department



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# Filling Treatment Gaps in Alaska

*Projected capacity to serve up to 250 people annually*

- **Residential (In-patient) Treatment Program:**
  - Program capacity: 18 individuals with 9 double occupancy bedrooms
  - Length of stay: 90 days
  - Population served: adult males
- **Ambulatory Withdrawal Management**
  - Capacity: 8
  - Length of Stay: 15 days
- **Transitional Housing:**
  - Capacity: 44 individuals
  - Length of Stay: Average 6 months
- **Out-patient Treatment Program:**
  - Program capacity: Variable based on staffing capacity
  - Length of program: 60 days
  - Days per week operated: 4





# Construction and Infrastructure Costs

## ***Design Costs and Timeline***

- Design cost estimate - ~\$1.2 million
- Current timeline:
  - August – September 2019 – RFP released and contract awarded
  - September – January 2020 – Design completed
- Design includes:
  - Residential (in-patient) treatment
  - Out-patient treatment
  - Transitional Supportive Housing
  - Administrative office space

## **Construction Costs and Timeline**

- Infrastructure improvement cost - ~\$2.85 million
  - Improvements will be made to the road, water, sewer, and gas utilities.
  - Funding will come from 2020 MOA bond proposition.
  - Timeline:
    - Improvements will coincide with construction of treatment center.
- Total Treatment Center construction estimate - ~\$17.9 million
  - Proposed timeline:
    - March 2020 – Construction permit issued
    - May 2020 – Construction begins
  - Outstanding amount to complete construction - \$14.5 million

# Aftercare and Community Supports

- Many people will stabilize in housing with supportive services appropriate for their needs
- Community integration through housing (Pay for Success)
  - = Reductions in emergency and first responder resources

