

Substance Use and Mental Health Response in Anchorage

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Drug Impact on Police Services

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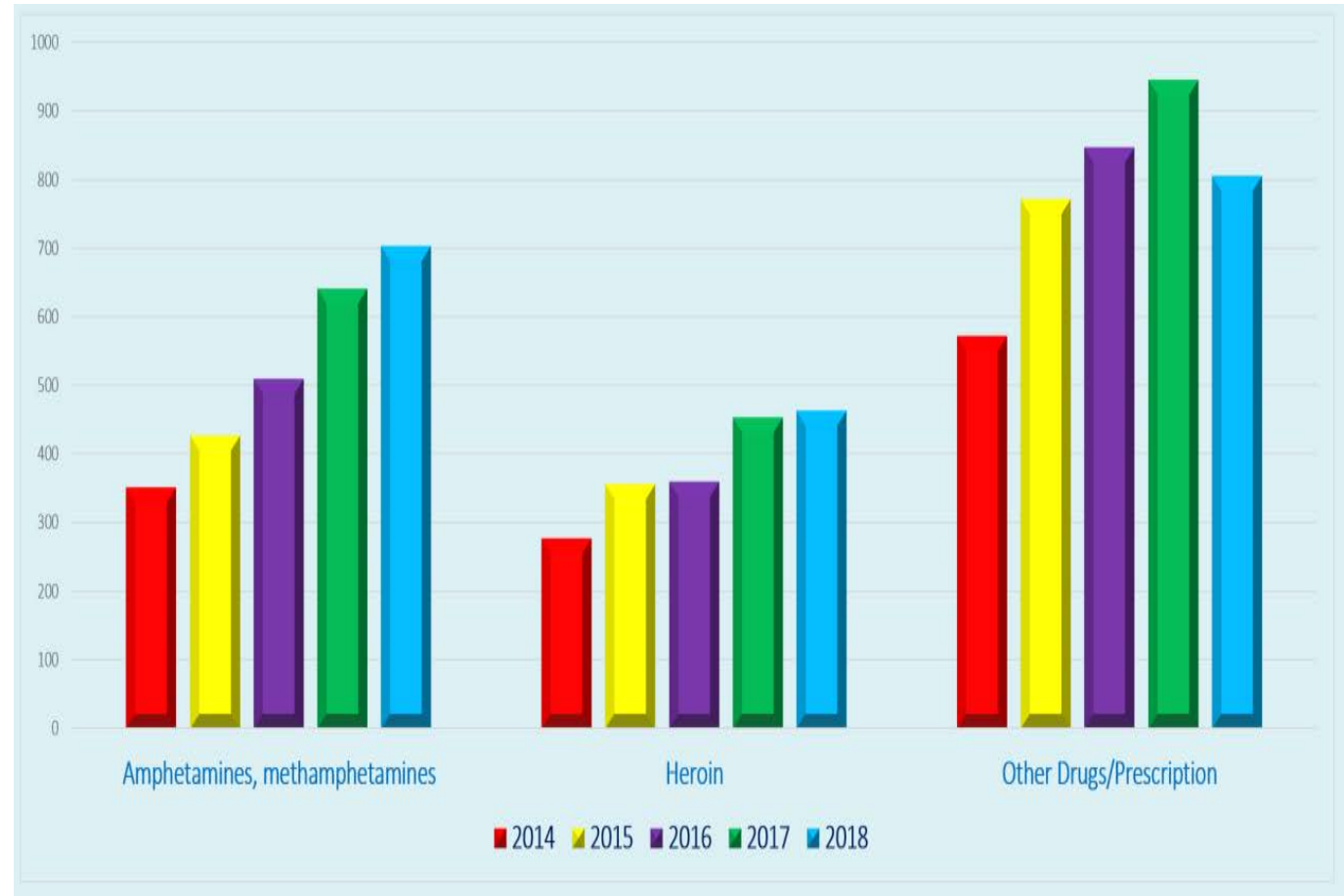
Arrest with drug seizures

650

Drug only arrests

30
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Overdose Deaths



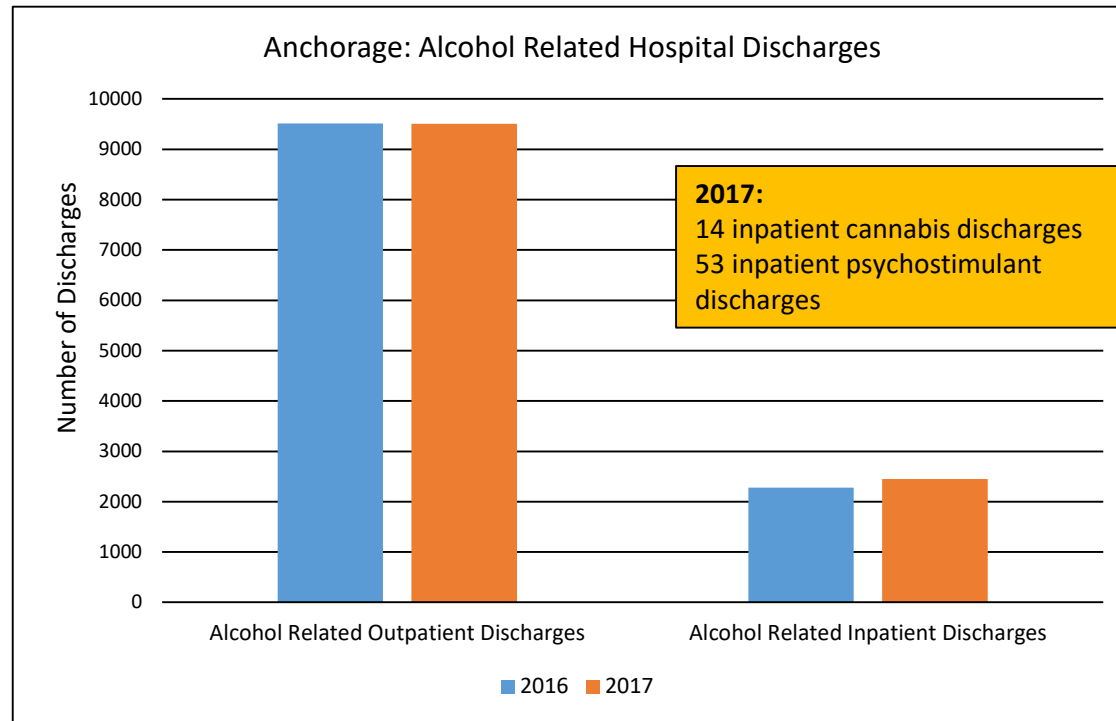
Mobile Response (March 2019)

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



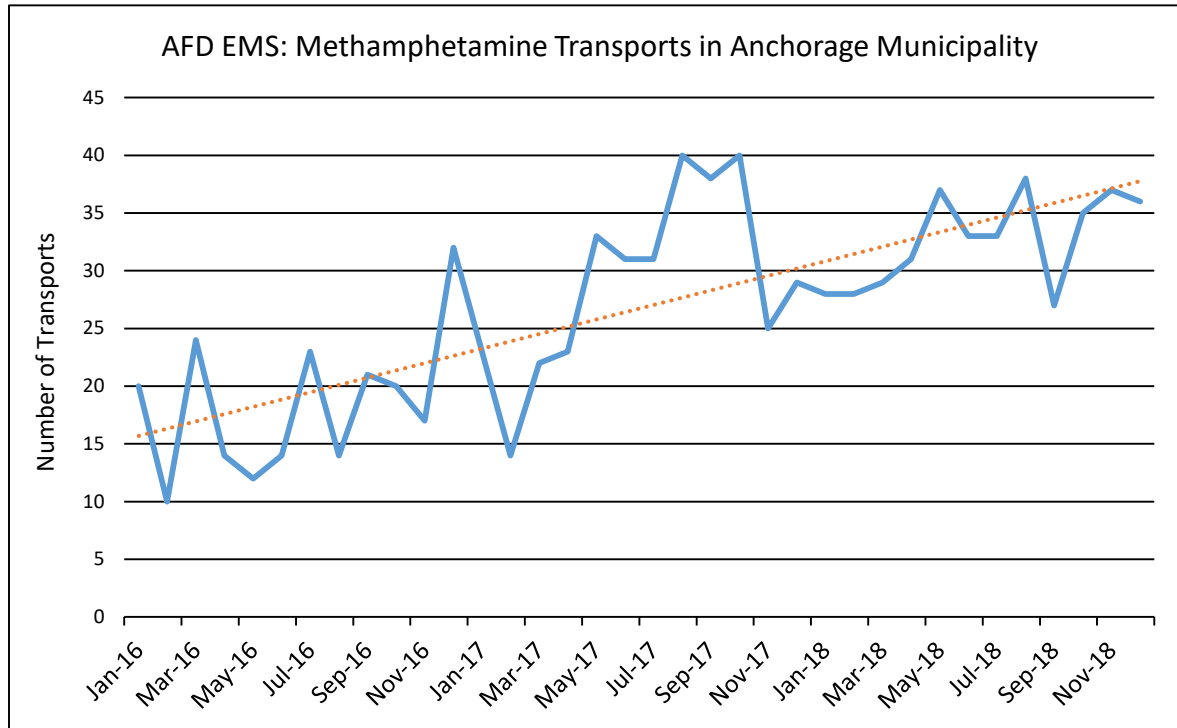
Alaska Health Analytics and Vital Records: Health Facilities Reporting Data 2016-2017

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%

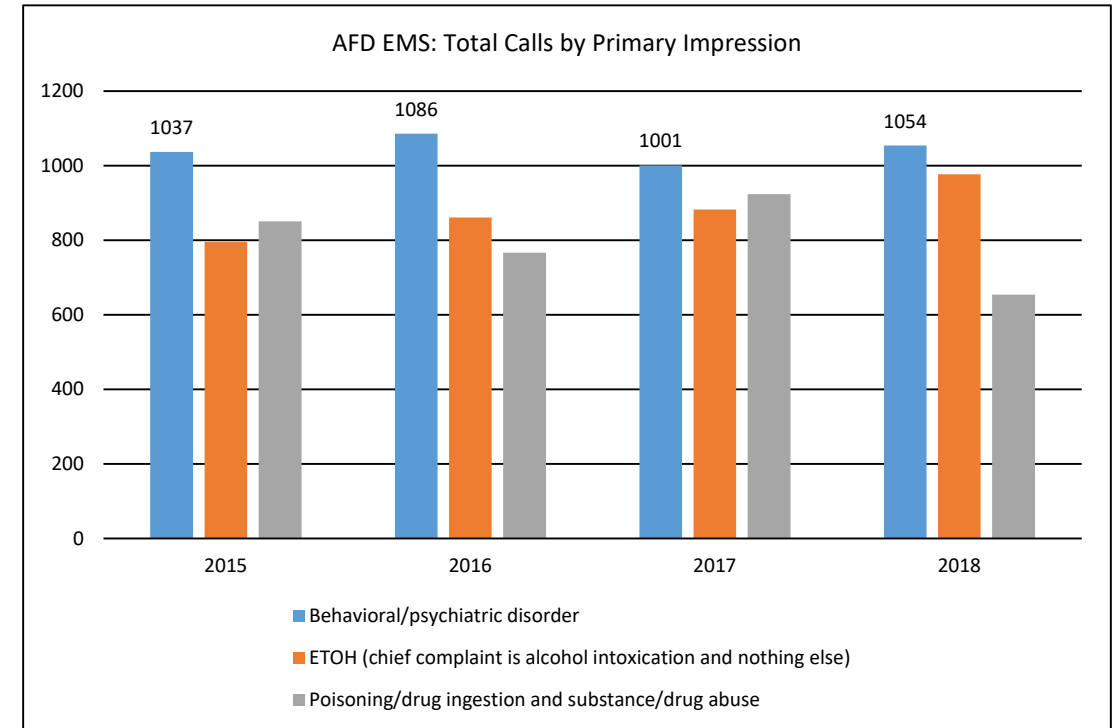
National Survey on Drug Use and Health 2016-2017

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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.



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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

