

# Kent County Opioid Safety and Overdose Prevention

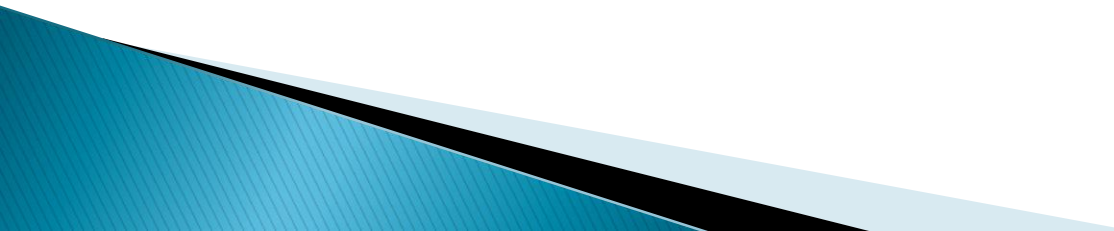
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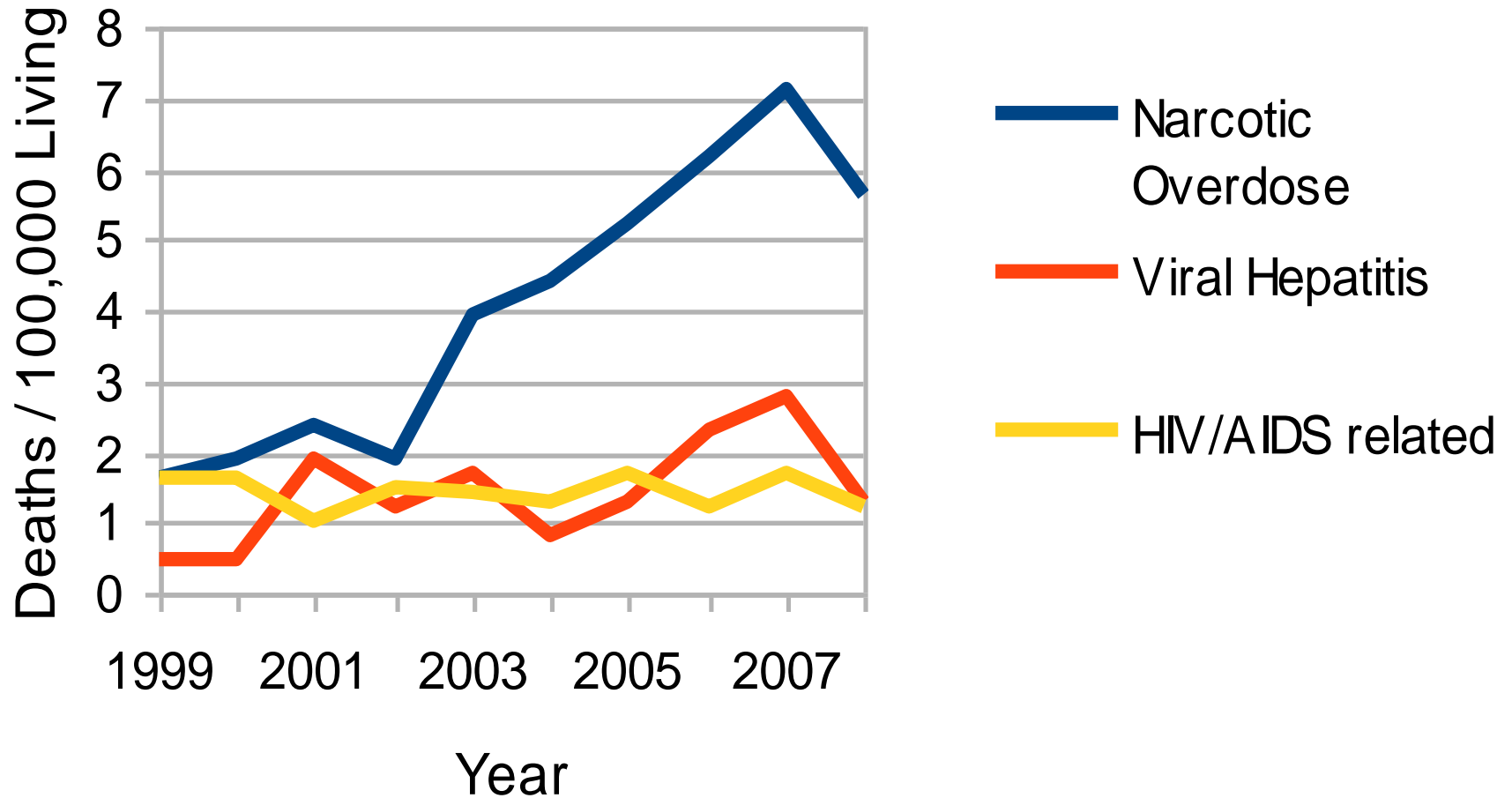
# The Red Project

- ▶ Established in 1998 to bridge gaps in service delivery for communities affected by HIV
  - ▶ Mission: Improve Health, Reduce Risk, Prevent HIV
  - ▶ Provide access to knowledge, tools, information, and support needed to stay healthy
  - ▶ Health Issues: HIV, Hepatitis C, and Overdose
  - ▶ People Who Inject – Sterile Syringes
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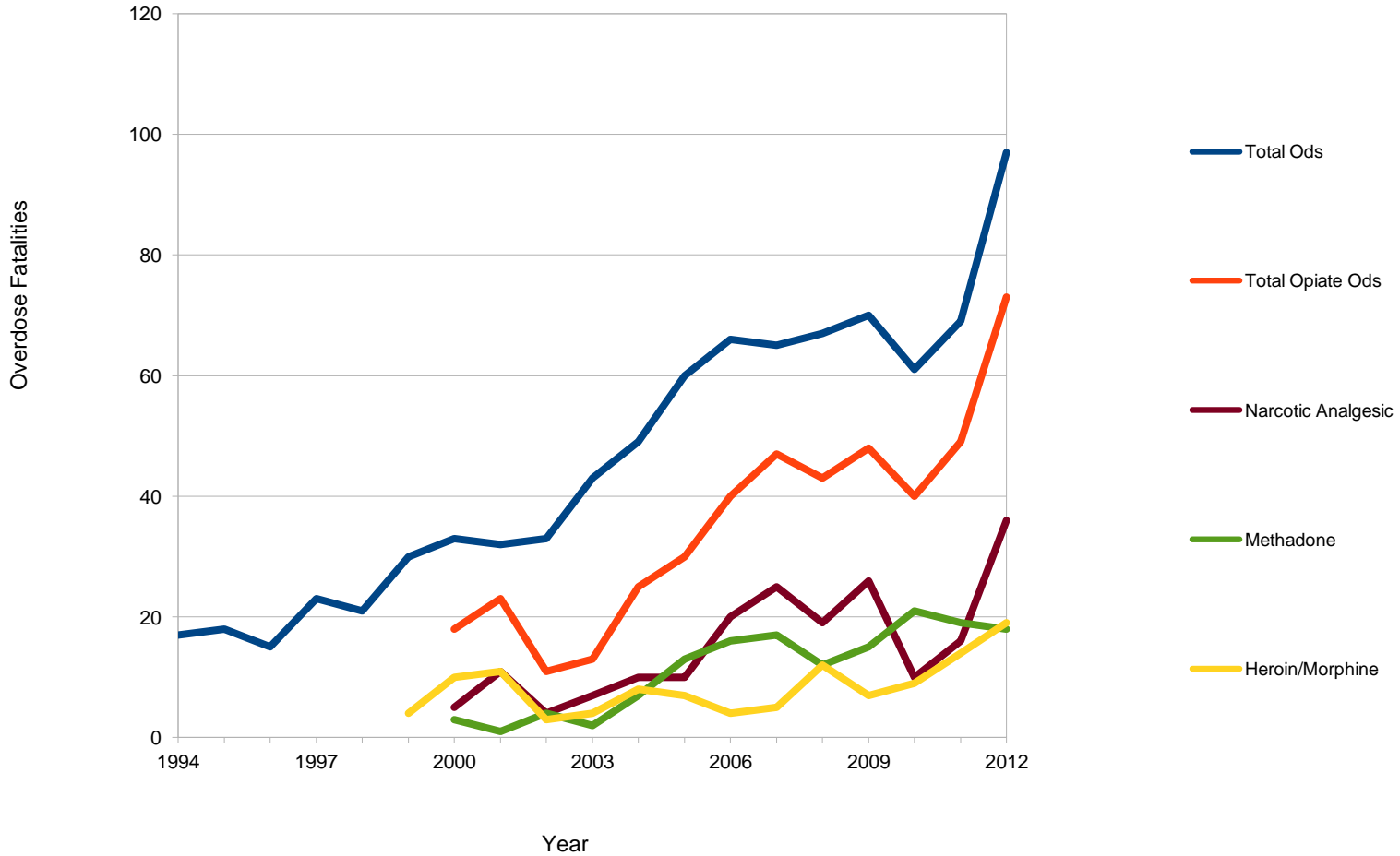
# The Clean Works Program

- ▶ Established in August of 2000
  - 25% of all HIV/AIDS cases in KC are related to IDU
  - Open from a downtown fixed site location 2 nights a week
- ▶ 2011 / 2012 Expansion & Mobile Health Unit
  - Currently open 6 days a week from 5 different locations
  - Currently less than 10% of HIV/AIDS case related to IDU
- ▶ Huge success in reducing the spread of HIV/AIDS among people who inject

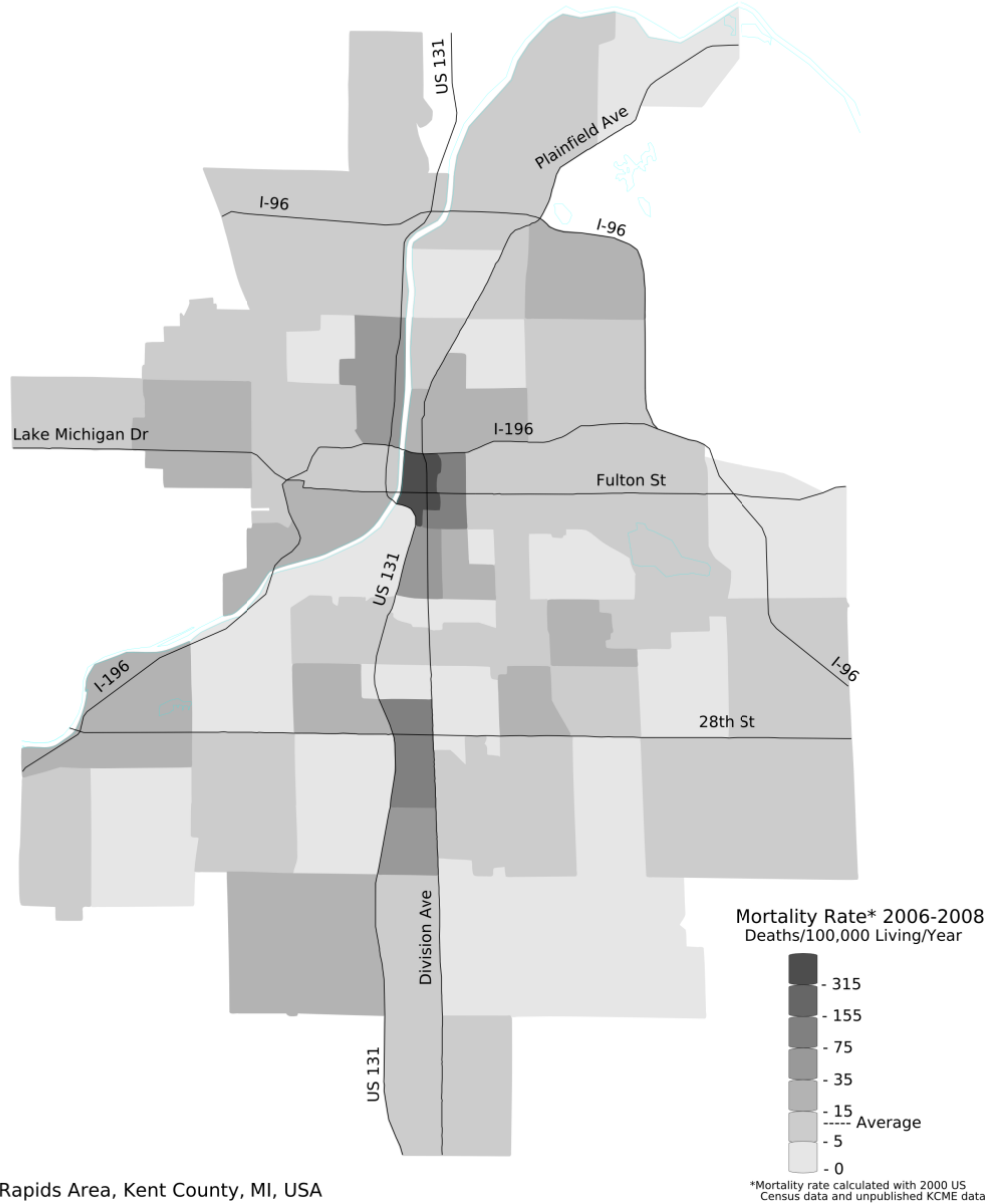
# Kent County Mortality Rates



## Kent County Overdose Fatalities by drug of first mention



# OVERDOSE HAPPENS HERE OVERDOSE HAPPENS EVERYWHERE



Grand Rapids Area, Kent County, MI, USA

# Naloxone Hydrochloride



# Local Programming

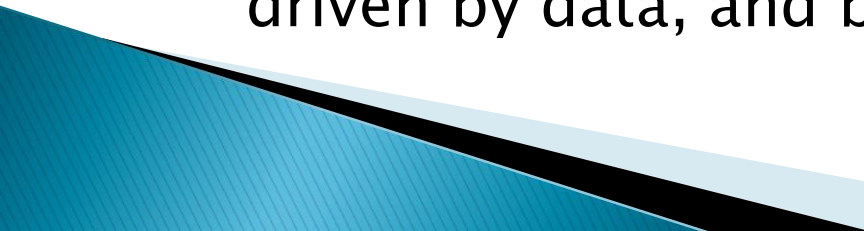
- ▶ Clean Works Program– October 2008
- ▶ Cherry St Health Methadone Clinic– 2012
- ▶ Network 180 and SUD Treatment– 2013
  - SA Turning Point, Arbor Circle IOP, Our Hope, Jellema House, Freedom House, Cherry St Health Methadone Clinic, Degage Open Door Women’s Shelter, Network 180 Access Center, etc
- ▶ Results (as of 4/30/2014)
  - Just under 800 individuals trained which has led to 160 reported reversals



# Where do we go from here?

- ▶ Red Project programming has had a huge impact on an individual level, for people served by our programs
- ▶ We would like to see community levels of overdose begin to decrease in Kent County:
  - Reaching prescription opioid users
  - Recruiting community partners/Encouraging a community response
  - Building community support/awareness, and decreasing stigma: [www.REDneedsGREEN.org](http://www.REDneedsGREEN.org)

# Final Thoughts

- ▶ It is a basic human right to have access to the tools necessary to sustain and improve health
    - For people using opioids, Naloxone is one such tool
  - ▶ Overdose is a community health issue
    - We need a community response
  - ▶ We are all, in one way or another affected by this issue
    - We all need to be a part of any effective response driven by data, and best practice programming
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# Sources

- ▶ 1998 Grand Rapids Mayors Task Force on Drug Policy Reform Final Report
  - ▶ Michigan Department of Community Health Quarterly HIV Statistics
  - ▶ Kent County Medical Examiner
  - ▶ Centers For Disease Control Wonder Mortality Database
  - ▶ Clean Works Program Data
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