

HEROIN: COMBATING THE LATEST DRUG EPIDEMIC



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The Heroin Epidemic

Florida Medical Examiner Data (2015)

Opioids listed as cause of death:

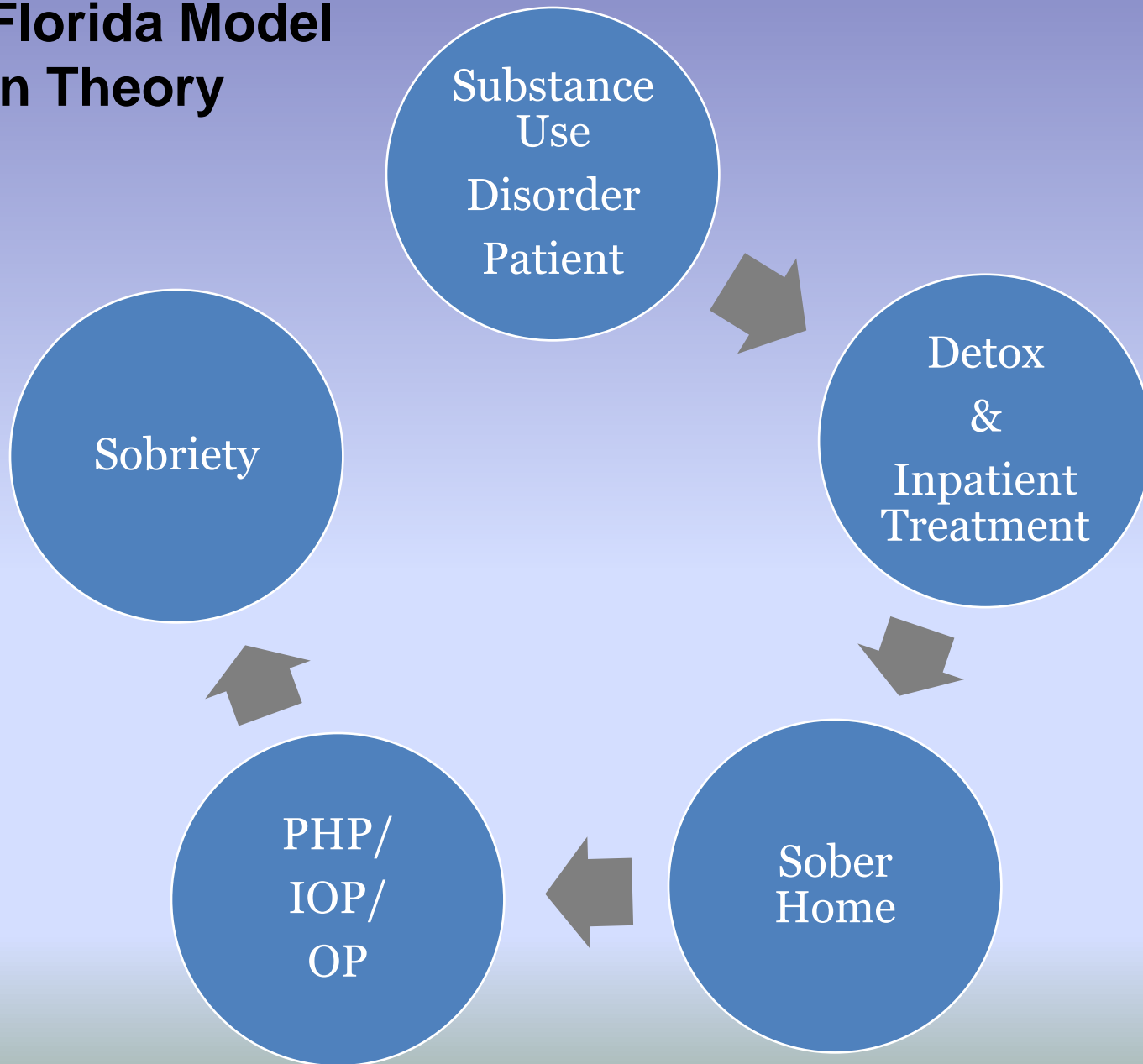
- **Heroin (733)** *increase* of 94.1% over 2014
 - **Fentanyl (705)** *increase* of 69.3% over 2014
 - **Morphine (895)** *increase* of 24.3% over 2014
 - **Oxycodone (565)** *increase* of 10.5% over 2014
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- **Methadone (290)** *decrease* of 8.3% from 2014
 - **Hydrocodone (236)** *decrease* of 9.1% from 2014

TOTAL DEATHS DUE TO OPIOIDS IN PALM BEACH COUNTY

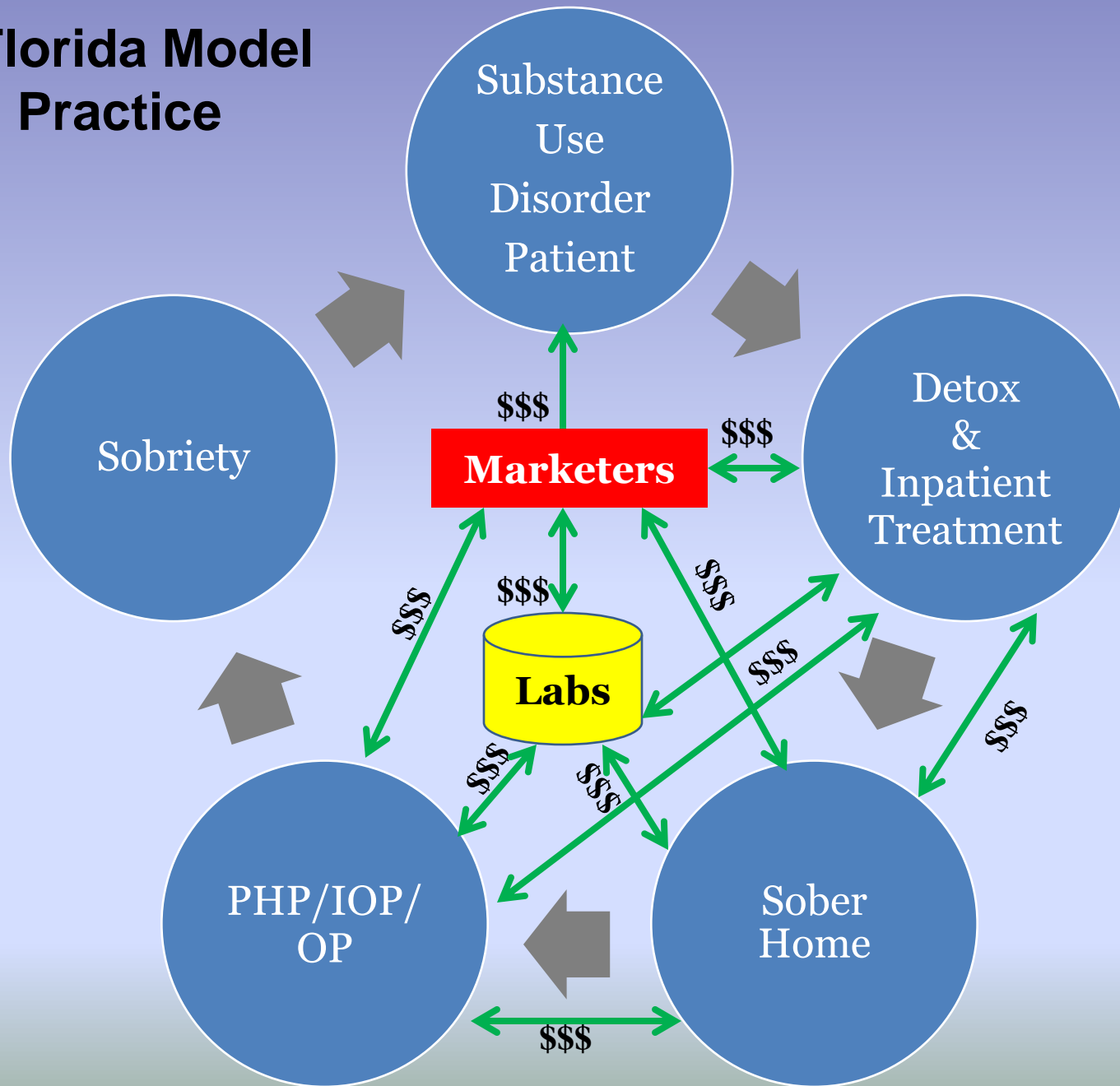
- 2012: **143**
- 2013: **161**
- 2014: **189**
- 2015: **307**
- 2016: **588** (still receiving December reports – 91% increase)

Source: Palm Beach County Medical Examiner

The Florida Model In Theory



The Florida Model In Practice



LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

SB788 & HB807

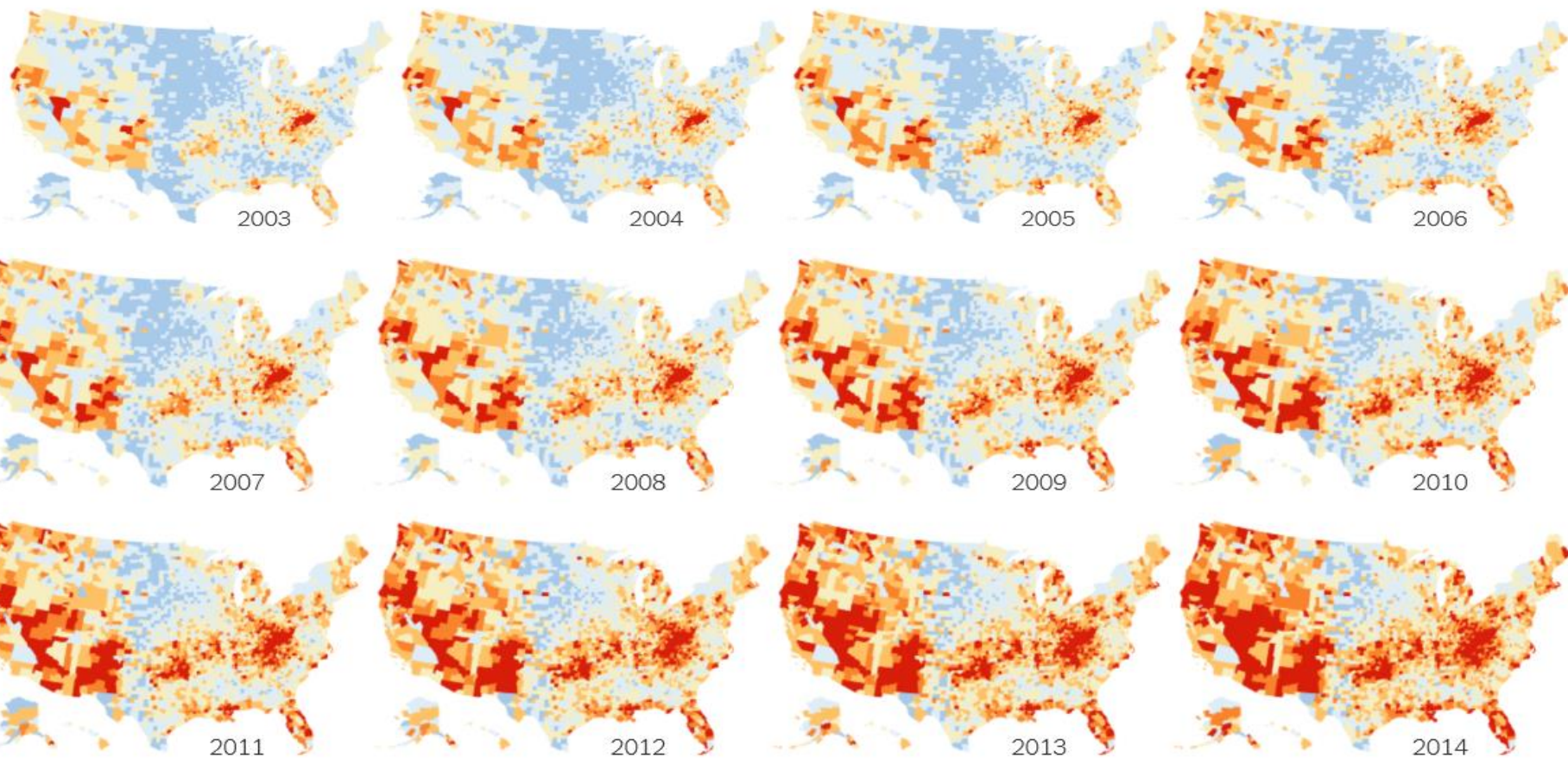
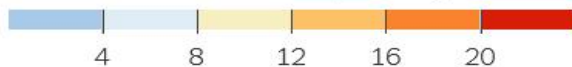
- Truth in Marketing & certification of marketers by FCB, criminal penalties
- Toughen Patient Brokering laws
- Give the Attorney General jurisdiction
- License clinical providers
- Require FARR certification of sober homes when patients are referred to or from providers
- Strengthen DCF oversight & ability to deny or revoke licenses (AHCA powers)

How the Epidemic of Drug Overdose Deaths Ripples Across America

By HAEYOUN PARK and MATTHEW BLOCH JAN. 19, 2016

The New York Times

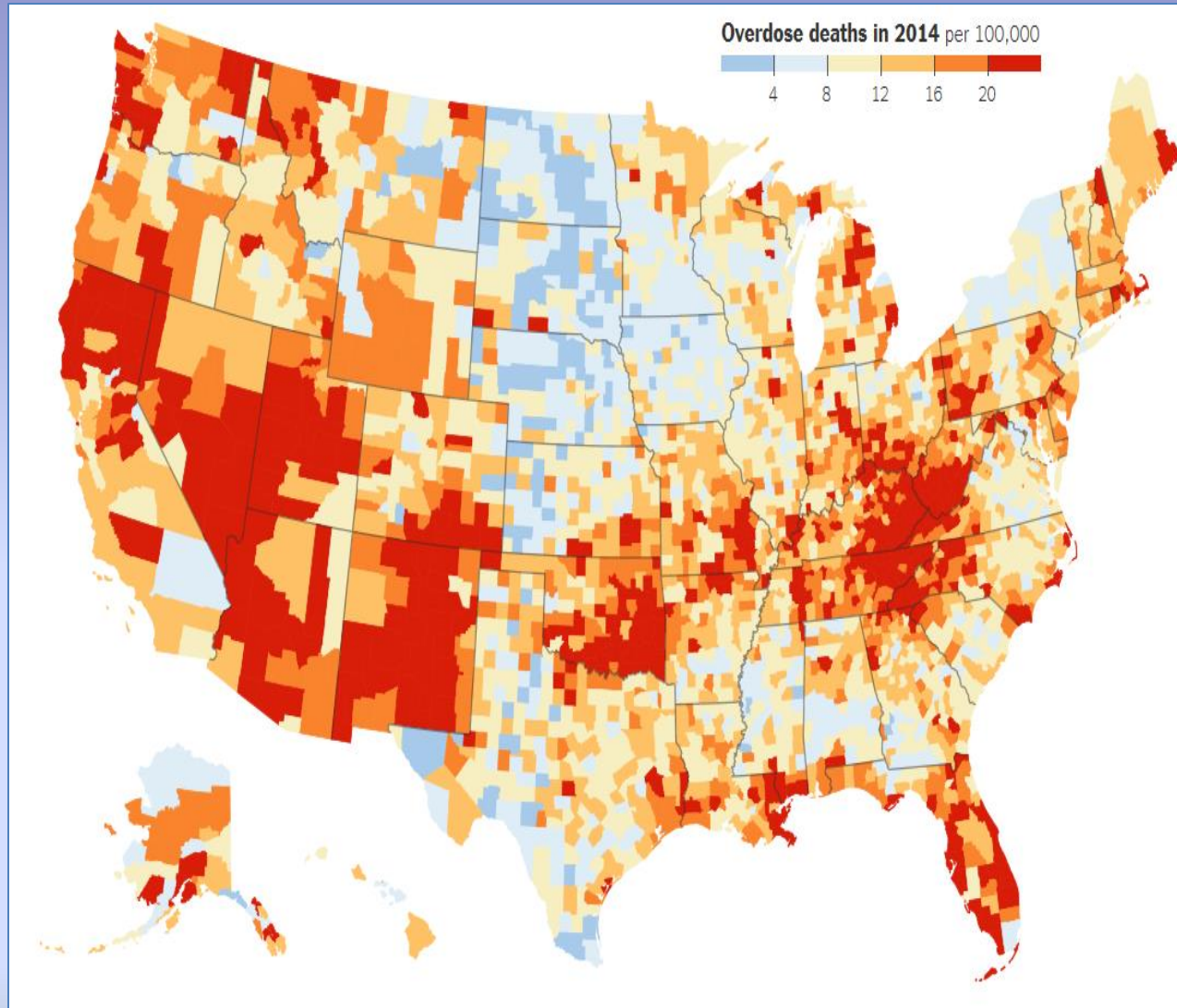
Overdose deaths per 100,000



Sources: "Drug Poisoning Mortality: United States, 2002-2014" by Lauren M. Rossen, Brigham Bastian, Margaret Warner, Diba Khan and Yinong Chong, National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

DEATHS FROM OVERDOSES ARE REACHING LEVELS SIMILAR TO THE HIV EPIDEMIC AT ITS PEAK

- Death rate from drug overdoses is climbing at much faster pace than other causes, jumping to an average of 15 per 100,000 in 2014 from 9 per 100,000 in 2003.
- The “trend is now similar to that of the human immunodeficiency virus, or HIV, epidemic in the late 1980s and early 1990s.” -- Robert Anderson, the CDC’s chief of mortality statistics



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