

National Recovery Month – September 2025

WHEREAS, According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration’s (SAMHSA) 2023 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 17.1% of Americans, about 48.5 million people had a substance use disorder yet fewer than 15.6% received treatment; and

WHEREAS, Federal data shows overdose deaths dropped from 110,037 in 2023 to 80,391 in 2024, the lowest since 2019; and

WHEREAS, Michigan reported a 34% reduction in overdose fatalities approximately 2,931 in 2023 to 1,927 in 2024, marking the third consecutive year of decline; and

WHEREAS, Over 1.3 million naloxone kits have been distributed statewide, reversing nearly 34,000 overdoses; and

WHEREAS, Oakland Community Health Network continues to educate and raise awareness of the risks and potential harm associated with prescription drug misuse; and

WHEREAS, Substance use disorder recovery is a journey of healing and transformation, enabling people to live in a community of their choice while striving to achieve their full potential; and

WHEREAS, Recovery benefits individuals with substance use disorders by focusing on their abilities to live, work, learn, and fully participate in and contribute to society enriching the community culture; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Oakland Community Health Network hereby recognizes September as National Recovery Month. OCHN calls upon individuals, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, faith-based organizations, and schools to re-commit to increasing awareness and understanding of substance use, and the need for appropriate and accessible services to promote recovery.