

# Community Drug & Alcohol Strategy

Presentation to  
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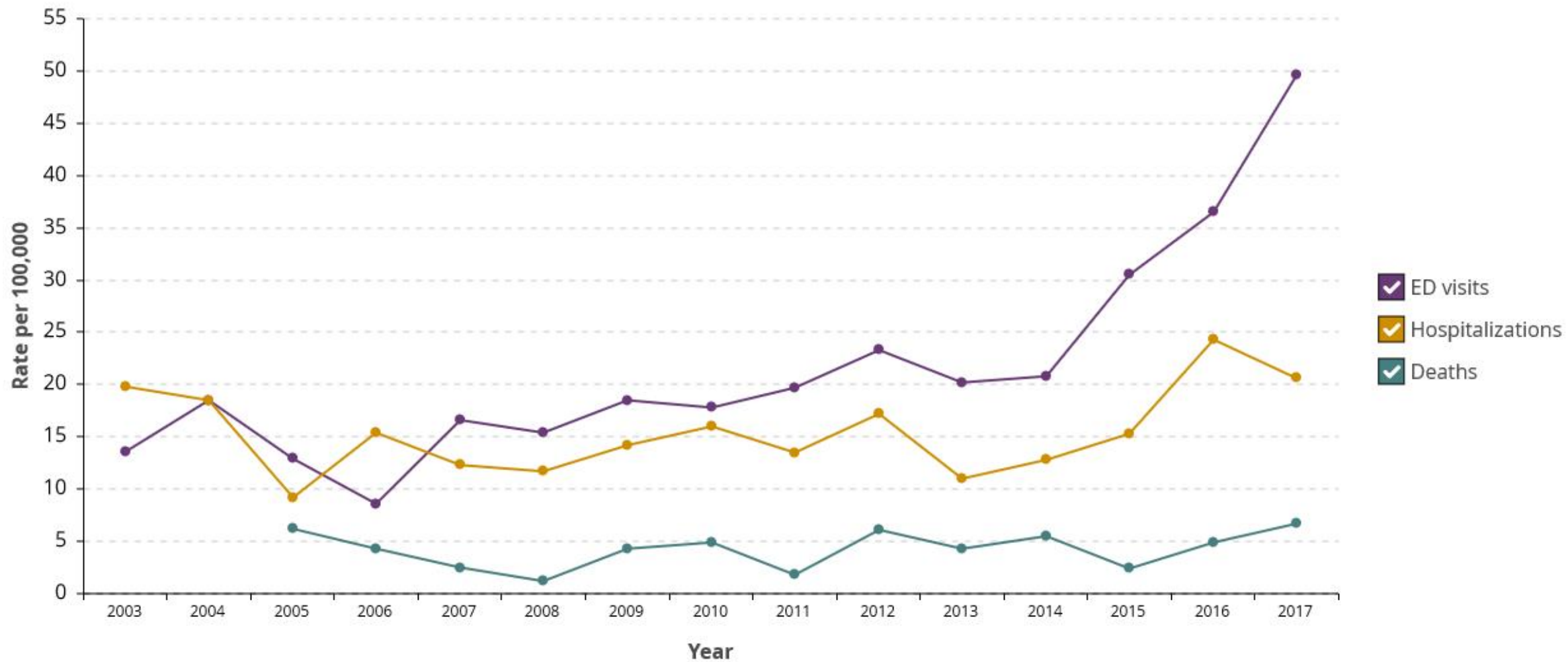
# Our Work

**Opioid Working Group:** A collaborative response to addressing opioid addiction and overdose in Grey Bruce.

**Cannabis Legalization Working Group:** Preventing and reducing cannabis-related harms among youth.

**Strategy and Coordination:** Development of a shared framework for reducing substance related harms in Grey-Bruce.

## Rates of opioid-related morbidity and mortality, Grey Bruce Health Unit, 2003 - 2017



## *“Weeding out the myths”*

**Parents: Help your teen understand what's  
fact and fiction about cannabis**



**A panel of local professionals will discuss the  
upcoming legalization of cannabis and what it  
means for you and your family.**

**October 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Durham Community Centre

**October 10<sup>th</sup>**  
Warton Community  
Centre

**October 17<sup>th</sup>**  
Harmony Centre  
Owen Sound

**October 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
Saugeen Shores PLEX

**October 11<sup>th</sup>**  
Town of The Blue  
Mountains Town Hall

**October 29<sup>th</sup>**  
Frank Macintyre  
Building Dundalk

**ALL SESSIONS RUN FROM 7:00pm – 8:30pm**



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# Strategy & Coordination

- **Data Report:** Exploring trends in substance use and related harms in Bruce and Grey counties
- **Learning exchanges** with clients of HopeGreyBruce Mental Health and Addiction group services
- Multi-stakeholder **strategic planning** sessions
- Development of an **Evaluation Framework** for Municipal Drug Strategies w/ UofT
- Leadership **Roundtables** w/ content experts

# Our Role

## **SYSTEM BUILDERS**

*Create a unified network of services, supports and resources*

## **STRENGTHEN VOICES**

*Increase equitable dialogue and engagement to achieve better health outcomes*

## **CHAMPIONS FOR RURAL SOLUTIONS**

*Import, adapt and replicate promising approaches for rural communities*

# Success factors

- Dedicated staff time (coordinator position)
- Involvement of people with lived experience
- Commitment from executive level management
- Shared values and understanding of issues
- Influential champions
- Culture of mutual respect and trust
- Funding to move initiatives forward
- Consistent communication

# CONTACT INFORMATION

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