

# MIPP SUDs Task Force Updates

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# Please Welcome Our New Staff



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# Christine Roberts

## OD2A-S Grant Manager

*“Christine grew up outside of Houston, Texas. Thanks to her amazing dad, her family traveled to Montana several summers and she fell in love with Montana and Helena. She graduated from Texas A&M University with a degree in Biomedical Science and earned a PhD in Physiology from University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. During her time in San Antonio, she met her husband, who is from Helena! Her move to Helena was preceded by time in Phoenix where she was a Research Professor at Arizona State University and manager of a clinical program at Phoenix Children’s Hospital serving youth and families at high-risk for cardiovascular disease and Type 2 Diabetes. She and her husband, daughter and son finally made it to Helena in 2017! Christine is also the Executive Director for Life Houses, Inc, a local nonprofit providing safe housing and life skill development for young adults. In her free time, she enjoys hiking, camping, kayaking, lake skating, and gardening, as well as a good book or movie. She is excited to join the team and looks forward to meeting everyone.”*



# Celine Beamer Shepherd

## OD2A-S Program Evaluator

*"I am originally from Mount Desert Island, Maine. I moved to Montana in 1997 for graduate school and never left. I live in Missoula with my husband, 2 teenage girls, 2 English Labradors and 6 chickens. I was previously a Research Associate Professor at the University of Montana and the Operations Chief for the Missoula County COVID response. When I am not working, I am outside walking the trails, working in the garden, shuttling the girls to various sports activities, or knitting and reading. I am looking forward to working with such a diverse and talented team."*



# TBD

## OD2A-S Epidemiologist



# OD2A-S Updates



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# OD2A-S 2023-2028

Overdose Data to Action in States (OD2A-S) is intended to enhance the ability of State Health Departments to track and prevent nonfatal and fatal overdoses while identifying emerging drug threats.

It emphasizes surveillance strategies and the promotion of evidence-based and evidence-informed interventions. Focus is on opioids and stimulants, as well as poly-drug use.



# OD2A-S Strategies

- Surveillance Infrastructure
- Morbidity Surveillance
- Mortality Surveillance
- Clinician/Health system Engagement and Health IT/PDMP Enhancement
- Public Safety Partnerships/Interventions
- Harm Reduction
- Community-Based Linkage to Care





**WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO?**



You May  
Have Heard...

# Delays in state contracts leave Montana health providers strapped

The Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services is months behind in paying organizations contracted to connect people to care. The interruption is likely to have lasting effects, even after the state catches up.





# Contracts

- Montana Primary Care Association
- Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies
- Asher Media
- Loveland Consulting
- Millennial Health
- Bamboo Health (formerly APPRISS)
- Montana Public Health Institute





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