Emerging Issues

Opioids

- Synthetic opioids including [illicit fentanyl and fentanyl-type drugs](#) have been appearing in other drugs sold as pain pills or heroin, contributing to [Fentanyl Overdose Deaths in Washington State](#).

- Jail and prison inmates with opioid use disorder often lack access to Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) and social services while incarcerated.

- There is a need to transform care for pregnant and new mothers with opioid use disorder, including stigma reeducation.

- Rising rates of homelessness are creating a crisis in some communities. Trying to address [housing and opioid issues](#) is taxing limited resources.

* Sources:

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