Addressing an Epidemic

Summit on Reducing the Supply of Illegal Opioids in Washington State

Washington State Attorney General Bob Ferguson
In 2015, Drug Overdose Deaths Exceed Motor Vehicle, Firearm Deaths
Addiction On the Rise

Publicly Funded Drug Treatment Admissions, All Opioids
Washington State

Source: University of Washington Alcohol and Drug Abuse Institute
Executive Order 16-09

“To reduce the supply of illegal opioids, I have requested, and the Attorney General has agreed to partner with the Washington State Patrol and Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys, to convene local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies and community partners to develop and recommend strategies.”

— Gov. Jay Inslee
Key AGO Opioid Work

• **Social and Health Services** – opioid addiction leading to abuse and neglect

• **Labor and Industries** – Litigating to enforce groundbreaking L&I opioid guidelines
  – Over two dozen health care providers denied from L&I provider network

• And more
The Challenge

• Changing and growing problem
• Fentanyl
• Comprehensive, multi-disciplinary response needed
Next Steps

• AGO will work with WSP, WAPA, to develop a report out from the content of this summit
  – Intended to help Washington policy makers make decisions to reduce opioid abuse
  – Recommendations for administrative improvements, legislative changes
Thank you

• AGO Policy Team
• Washington State Patrol
• Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys