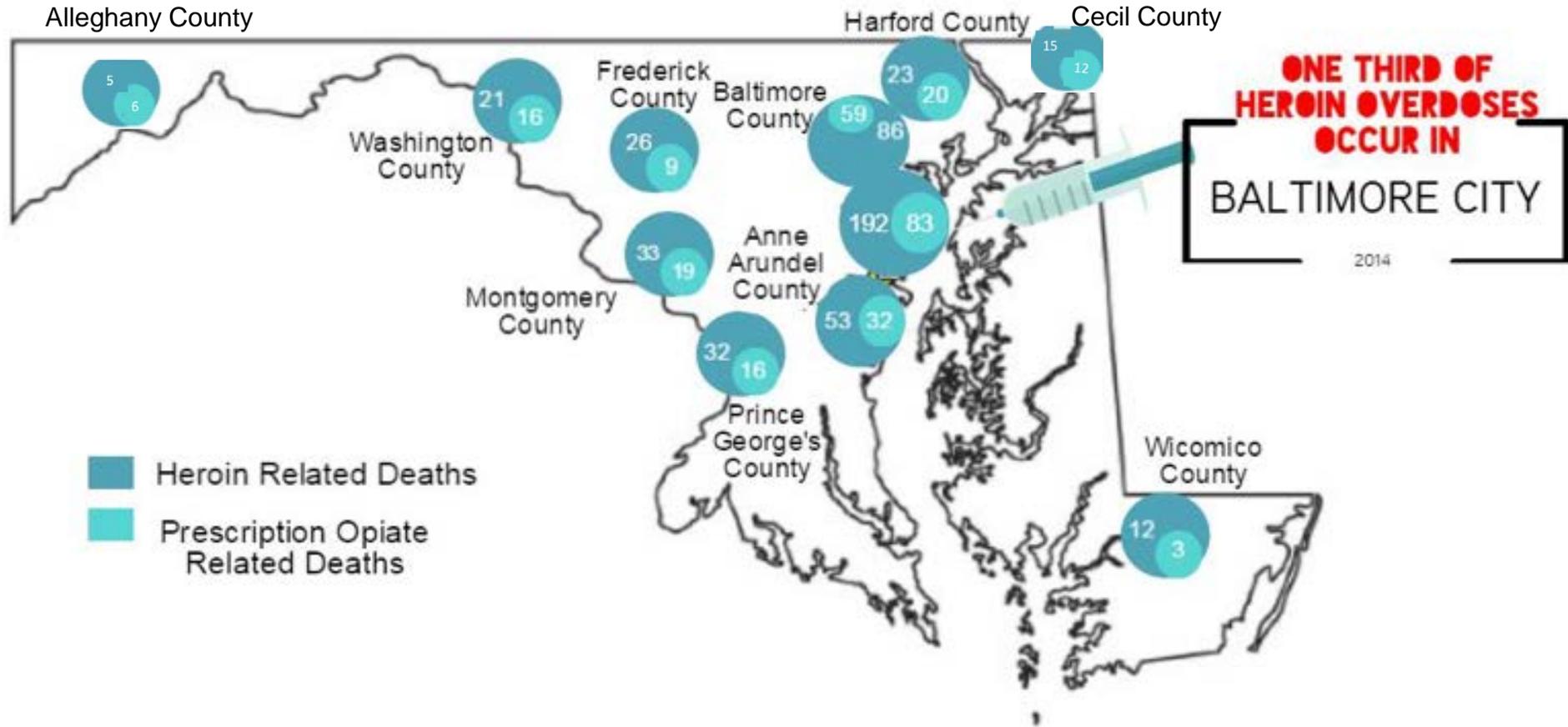
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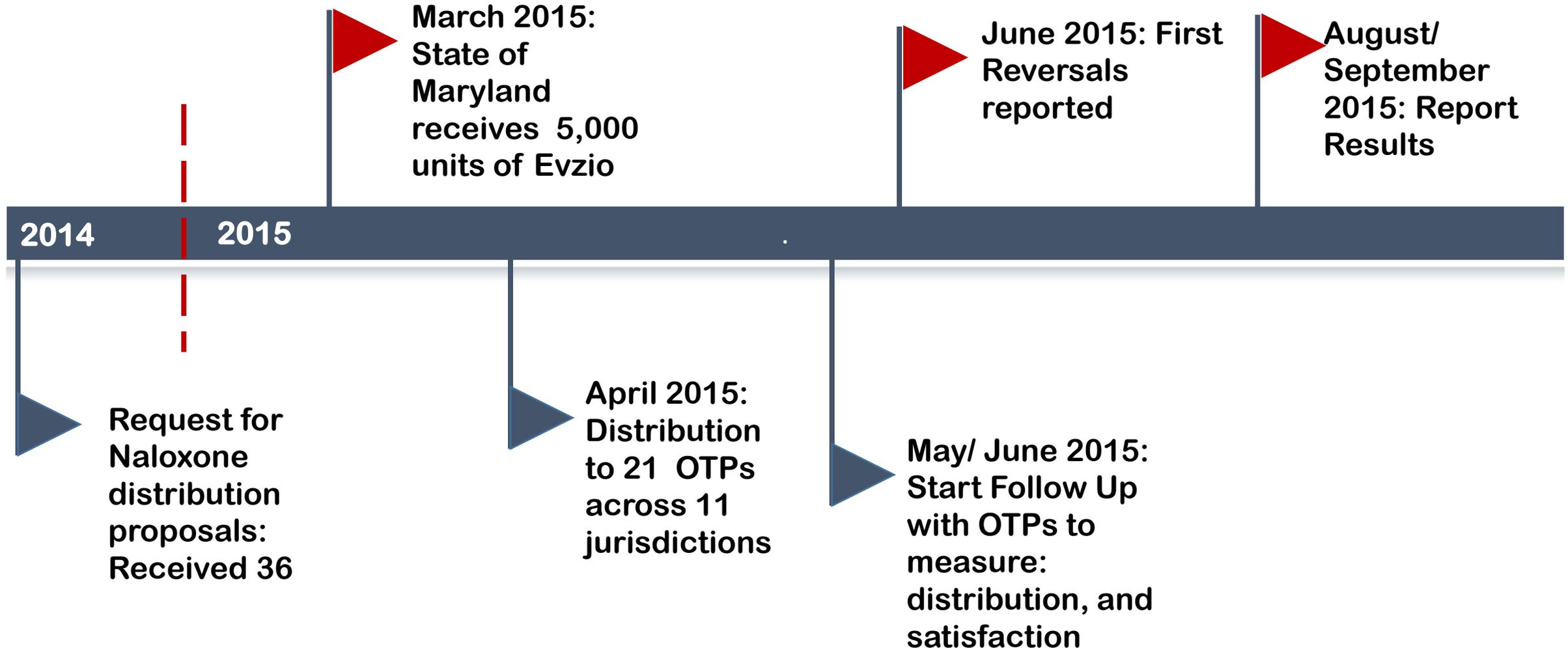
**Evzio Distribution in
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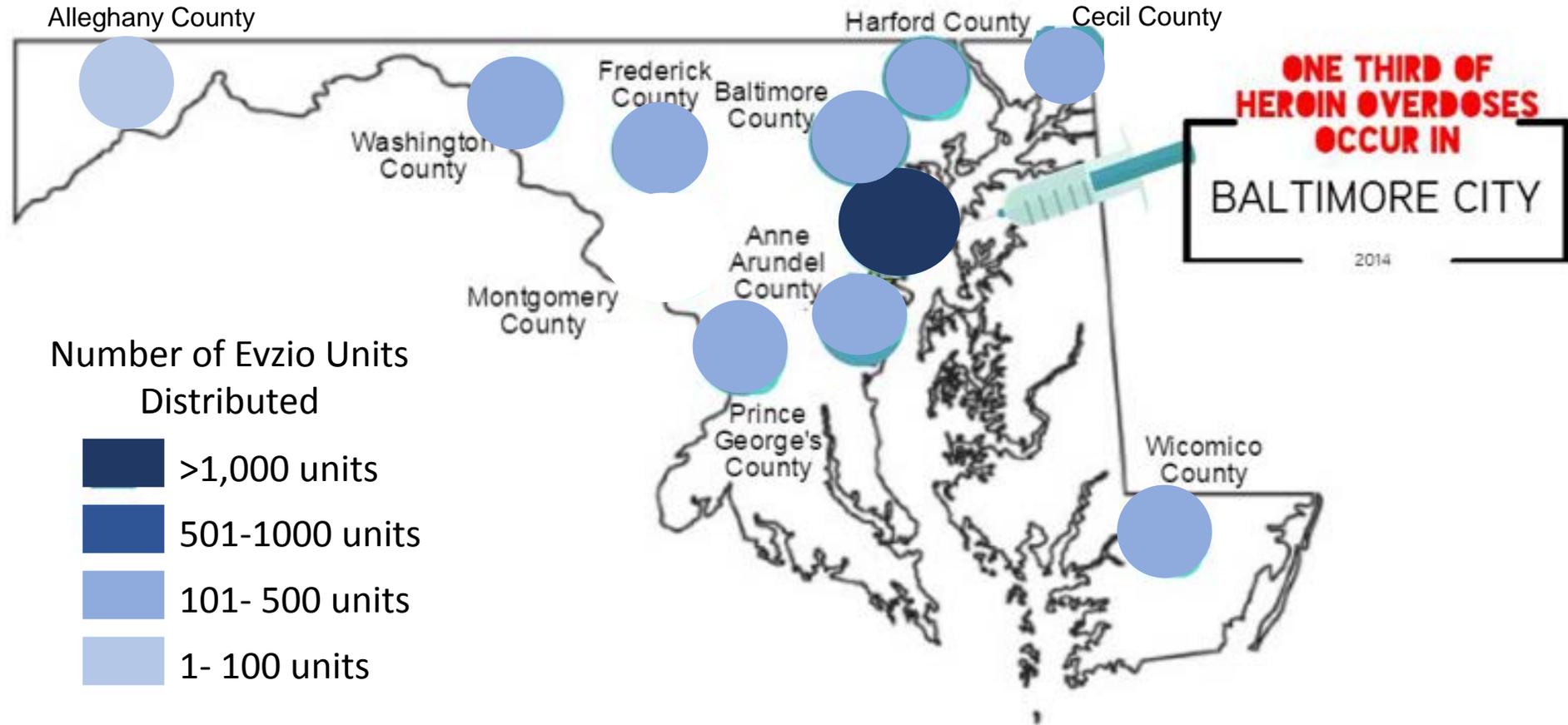
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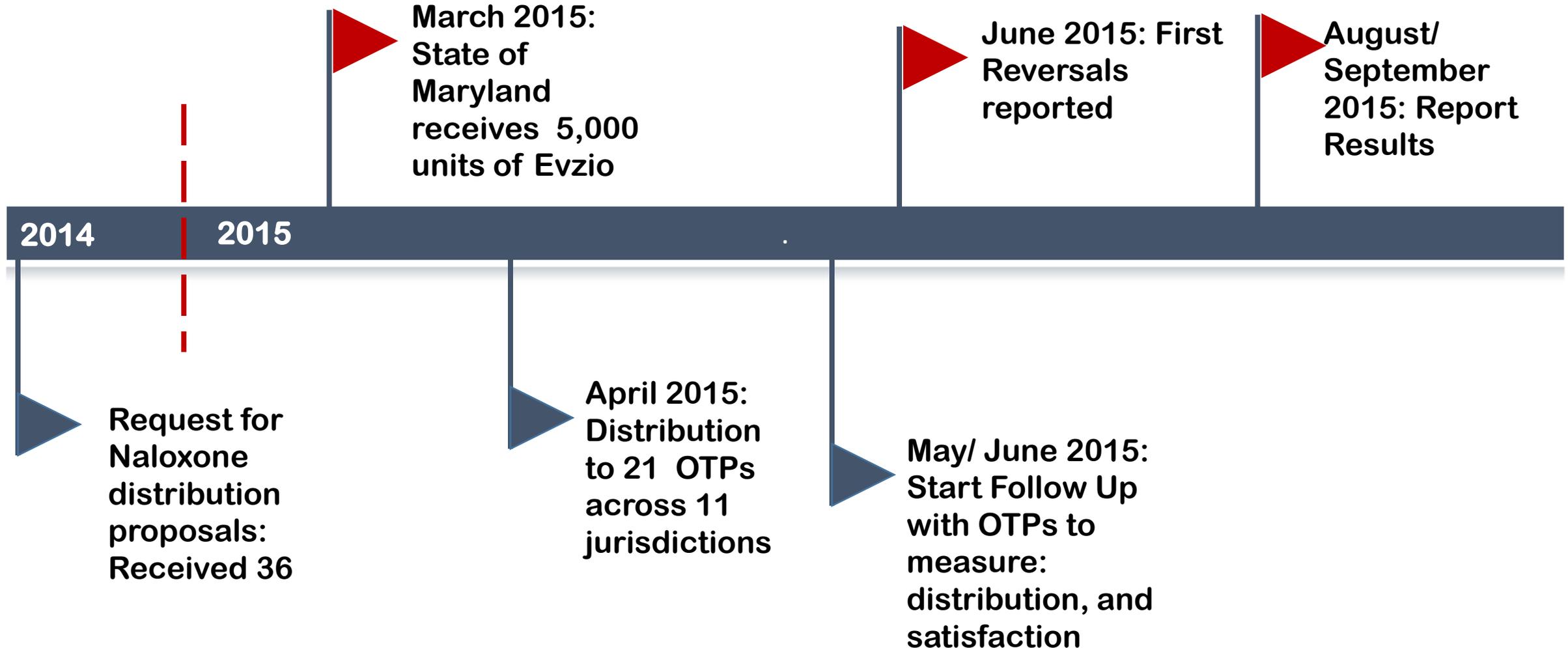
Evzio Distribution Details

- In the autumn of 2014, DHMH had requested that all of Maryland's 64 certified OTPs provide the Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) with a plan for how they would implement naloxone prescribing and/or dispensing for program clients.
- BHA received plans covering 36 OTPs. These plans provided information for how DHMH could expect OTPs to handle and dispense the naloxone.
- BHA offered Evzio only to those OTPs that had submitted a plan.

Evzio Distribution



Timeline of Evzio Project



Follow Up Phone Calls

- **Measure number of units distributed to clients**
- **Discuss setting in which training is delivered**
- **Discuss who is the training entity at the organization**
- **Discuss who are the clients receiving the Evzio Units**
- **Discuss Client and Staff Satisfaction with training and Evzio**

Results

- **Discuss who is the training entity at the organization**
 - **Training was usually carried out by program staff and nurses**
- **Discuss who are the clients receiving the Evzio Units**
 - **Because many of the long term clients had existing prescriptions for the intranasal naloxone, most programs focused distribution to new-intake clients**
- **Discuss Client and Staff Satisfaction with training and Evzio**
 - **The Evzio donation program had positive effects on staff and client knowledge of overdose prevention, self-efficacy of overdose response and the client provider relationships**

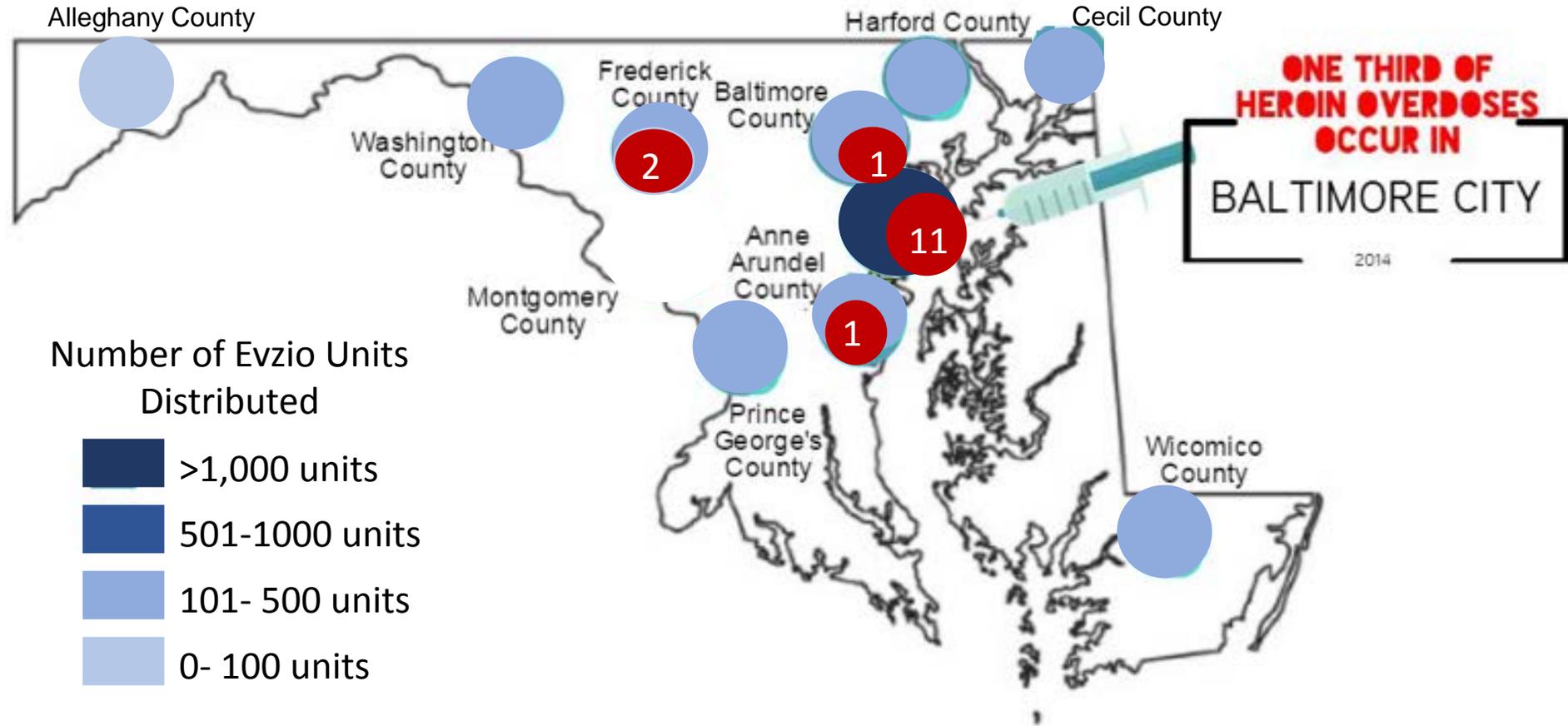
Results

- **Measure number of units distributed to clients**
 - ➡ **2,380 kits out of the 5,000 donated kits were distributed among the 21 OTPs**
 - ➡ **Distribution rates vary from 2-100%**
- **Discuss setting in which training is delivered**
 - ➡ **Training was held in both one- on- one counselor sessions and group sessions**
 - ➡ **Many OTPs took intake orientation as an opportunity to deliver group training to new clients**

Structural Barriers to Distribution

- **Number of qualified training staff**
- **Number of training sessions**
- **Pre-existing scripts for long term clients**
- **Patient knowledge and awareness of Naloxone**

Reported Reversals



Reversal Details

- Of those who administered Evzio, **60%** were **trained in the past 3 months**.
- In **3 instances**, Evzio was administered by an **OTP staff to a non-client** found in a **public space** within close proximity to the treatment center.
- In **3 instances** the Evzio was administered to a **stranger** in an **outdoor public setting**.
- **Heroin** was believed to be **involved in 60%** and **methadone** was involved in **27%** of the overdoses where Evzio was administered.

Reversal Report

“A client who received Evzio through our program saw a group of people carrying someone out of an abandoned condominium near his home. Coincidentally, it was his neighbor who was being carried to the apartment building. His friends were planning to abandon him. When the client realized it was someone overdosing, he ran to his apartment to retrieve his Evzio. After carrying the neighbor to the apartment, the client administered his Evzio and the neighbor awoke within a minute! He was agitated at the time, and was transported to the emergency department nearby. Two days later, the neighbor came to the client's apartment and thanked him for saving his life. The client took the opportunity to refer him to the treatment program where he received the Evzio. Both the client and the neighbor are now in treatment together.”