

Opioid Recovery & Remediation Fund Advisory Council



**June 14, 2023
2:30 - 4:00 pm**

Zoom



Today's Agenda



- 1. Welcome and Introduction to Our New Members**
- 2. Approval of 12/22 Meeting Minutes**
- 3. AGO Opioid Settlement Updates**
- 4. Strategic Framework & Current Initiative Updates**
- 5. Call to Action**
- 6. Community Engagement**
- 7. Proposed Next Steps/2023 Work of Advisory Council**



Meet Our New Council Members



Alyssa Peterkin, MD

Assistant Professor of Medicine, Boston University Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine

Alyssa Peterkin MD is board certified in internal medicine and addiction medicine. She received her medical degree from New York Medical College and completed residency in Internal Medicine at Mount Auburn Hospital in Cambridge, MA. As a graduate of the Grayken Addiction Medicine Fellowship, her interests include addiction education and expanding access to substance use disorder treatment. She works as a hospitalist, regularly attends on the inpatient addiction consult service and works in Faster Paths which is Boston Medical Center's low barrier substance use disorder clinic. She currently serves as Program Director for the Grayken Addiction Medicine Fellowship, Co-Director for the Addiction and Health Track at Boston University Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine, and works on a NIDA-funded clinical trial as a medical clinician. She previously served as the education committee chair for the Massachusetts Society of Addiction Medicine (MASAM).

Carla B. Monteiro, MSW, LICSW

Manager of Clinical Programs, Project ASSERT & Rapid ACCESS, Grayken Center for Addiction, Boston Medical Center

Carla B. Monteiro is a LICSW and Manager of Clinical Programs at the Grayken Center for Addiction. She also works as an Emergency Psychiatric Clinical Social Worker at Boston Children's Hospital. Carla has previously worked as an Addiction Clinical Social Worker at the Bridge Clinic at Brigham and Women's Hospital and with incarcerated men and women at the Suffolk County House of Correction and Nashua Street Jail. Carla volunteers as a Forensic Evaluator for the MGH Asylum Clinic and Physicians for Human Rights in her spare time. She has received official citations from the Massachusetts Senate, House of Representatives, and the Black and Latino Caucus. She is a member of the National Association of Black Social Workers and the National Association of Social Workers, MA-Chapter. She founded and serves as the President of the Cape Verdean Social Workers Association and previously served on the Board of Directors at Nos Di Tchada I Amigos. Carla was honored with the "Future of Social Work Award" by the National Association of Social Workers in May 2019, the Alfred J. Gomes Award from Bridgewater State University, the 40 Under 40 Award from the Boston Business Journal in 2020, and recognized as one of Boston's Most Impactful Black Women by Get Konnected in 2021.



ORRF Overview



The Opioid Recovery and Remediation Fund Advisory Council was established in January 2020 with the signing into law of Chapter 309 of the Acts of 2020.

The Council is chaired by the Secretary of Health and Human Services (non-voting member) and encompasses 20 members comprising a diverse panel of policymakers, public health professionals, legal experts, and clinicians appointed by the Governor (3), Attorney General (3), Legislature (4), and Massachusetts Municipal Association (10).

Expenditures from the Fund are made by the Secretary and EOHHS in consultation with the Advisory Council.

As of December 2022, The **Commonwealth is slated to receive over \$920 million** in settlement funds over the next 17 years. Settlement funds are split 60/40 with 60% of all funds going **directly to the ORRF (~\$625m)** and the remaining 40% being split across **Massachusetts' municipalities (~\$379m)** signing onto the State's subdivision agreement.



Opioid Settlements Update

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Sandra Wolitzky

Chief, Health Care Division
Office of the Attorney General



Recent Opioid Settlements with Walmart, Teva, Allergan, CVS and Walgreens

Maximum Potential Abatement Payments to Opioid Remediation and Recovery Fund

Walmart	\$ 37,353,053	\$36mm payable in 3 years or less
Teva	\$ 56,791,720	Payable in 13 annual payments of ~4.3mm
Allergan	\$ 29,807,754	Payable in 7 equal annual payments of ~4.2mm
CVS	\$ 65,956,108	Payable in 10 annual payments (of variable size)
Walgreens	\$ 71,736,026	Payable in 15 annual payments (of variable size)
Total to ORRF from the five new settlements:	\$ 261,644,660	

Maximum Potential Abatement Payments to Municipalities

Total to municipalities from the five new settlements:	\$ 168,451,773	
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2023 Payments to ORRF

Received	Expected
\$3.7M from Mallinckrodt (January 2023)	\$470k from J&J (July 2023)
\$565k from McKinsey (April 2023)	\$13.8M from Distributors (July 2023)
\$500k from Athena Healthcare (April 2023)	\$2.8M from Mallinckrodt (timing TBA)



Total Payments So Far and Estimated 18-Year Totals

	Settlement Funds Already Paid (as of June 2023)	Estimated Total Settlement Funds To Be Paid Over 18 Years
To ORRF	\$ 86,838,676	\$ 625,494,116
To Municipalities	\$ 42,349,043	\$ 378,709,558
Total	\$ 129,187,719	\$ 1,004,203,674

Note: The ORRF totals include funds from statewide opioid settlements (such as the distributors and J&J settlements) as well as from other MA AGO settlements.



Strategic Framework



Population

Serve populations impacted by opioid use disorder (OUD), specifically in historically underserved communities.



Innovation

Augment an innovative evidence-based multi-pronged approach across the OUD lifecycle.



Equity

Integrate community engagement and health equity concepts into all funded efforts.



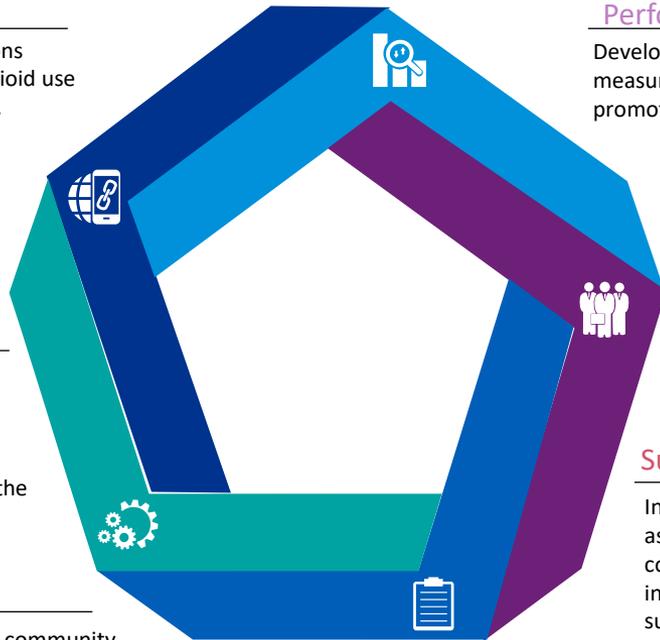
Performance

Develop metrics to measure progress and promote accountability.



Sustainability

Invest in technical assistance, data collection, and infrastructure to support equitable and sustainable Fund allocations.



- The Fund will focus on five Strategic Priorities that serve as the foundation for the Strategic Plan: targeting impacted populations, driving innovation, measuring performance, promoting sustainability, and supporting equity.
- Each Strategic Priority is unique and was formulated with the specific objective to drive the Fund’s work closer to achieving the Mission and Vision.
- Each Strategic Priority is supported through a series of strategies and activities that may evolve over time as well as a set of Performance and Accountability metrics that will help the Fund track progress against each stated Strategic Priority.
- These five Strategic Priorities will drive success by informing who we reach, what programs and initiatives will reach them, how we measure success, and how we engage communities and hold the Fund accountable to its Mission, Vision, and Guiding Principles.



Updates on Current ORRF Initiatives



Expansion of Harm Reduction Services



Increased Access to Medication for Opioid Use Disorder



Low-Threshold Housing



Community Outreach and Engagement



Workforce



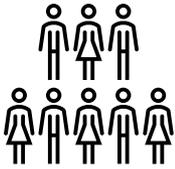
ORRF Initiatives Spotlight: Housing



CITY/REGION	VENDOR	Contracted Units FY23	Housed End Jan	Plan total housed Feb
Amherst	AMHERST COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS	15	16	16
Holyoke / Springfield	CENTER FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT	40	5	40
Springfield	CLINICAL SUPPORT OPTIONS	100	117	122
Boston	COMMONWEALTH LAND TRUST INC	28	28	28
Lawrence	COMMONWEALTH LAND TRUST	13	13	15
Lynn	ELIOT CHS	70	50	70
Quincy / Brockton	FATHER BILL'S & MAINSPRING INC	28	30	32
Wrentham	HEALTH IMPERATIVES	10	4	6
Boston	JUSTICE RESOURCE INC	30	21	26
Holyoke	RIVER VALLEY COUNSELING CENTER INC	15	15	15
Lowell	SMOC	14	12	14
Springfield	SMOC	14	15	15
Worcester	SMOC	14	1	1
Boston	VICTORY PROGRAMS INC	30	30	30
	TOTALS	421	357	430



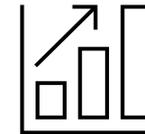
The Challenges Continue Unabated



An estimated **24,181** lives were lost to opioid overdose in MA between 2000-2021 with an estimated **2,301** lost in 2021 alone



In 2021, on average fentanyl was present in **93%** of opioid-related overdose deaths where a toxicology screen was also available



In particular, rates are increasing among BIPOC, woman and rural populations leaving many children from these populations without parents

Community Engagement

- **Regional Community Engagement Teams** are available to help support municipalities with coordination of input from people from diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds with lived experience with the Opioid Crisis locally.
- BSAS continues to add to these teams and support participation by people directly impacted by the Opioid crisis including disproportionately impacted communities.





Community Engagement



BSAS staff and BSAS-funded organizations are available to support municipalities with soliciting input from people with lived experience locally.



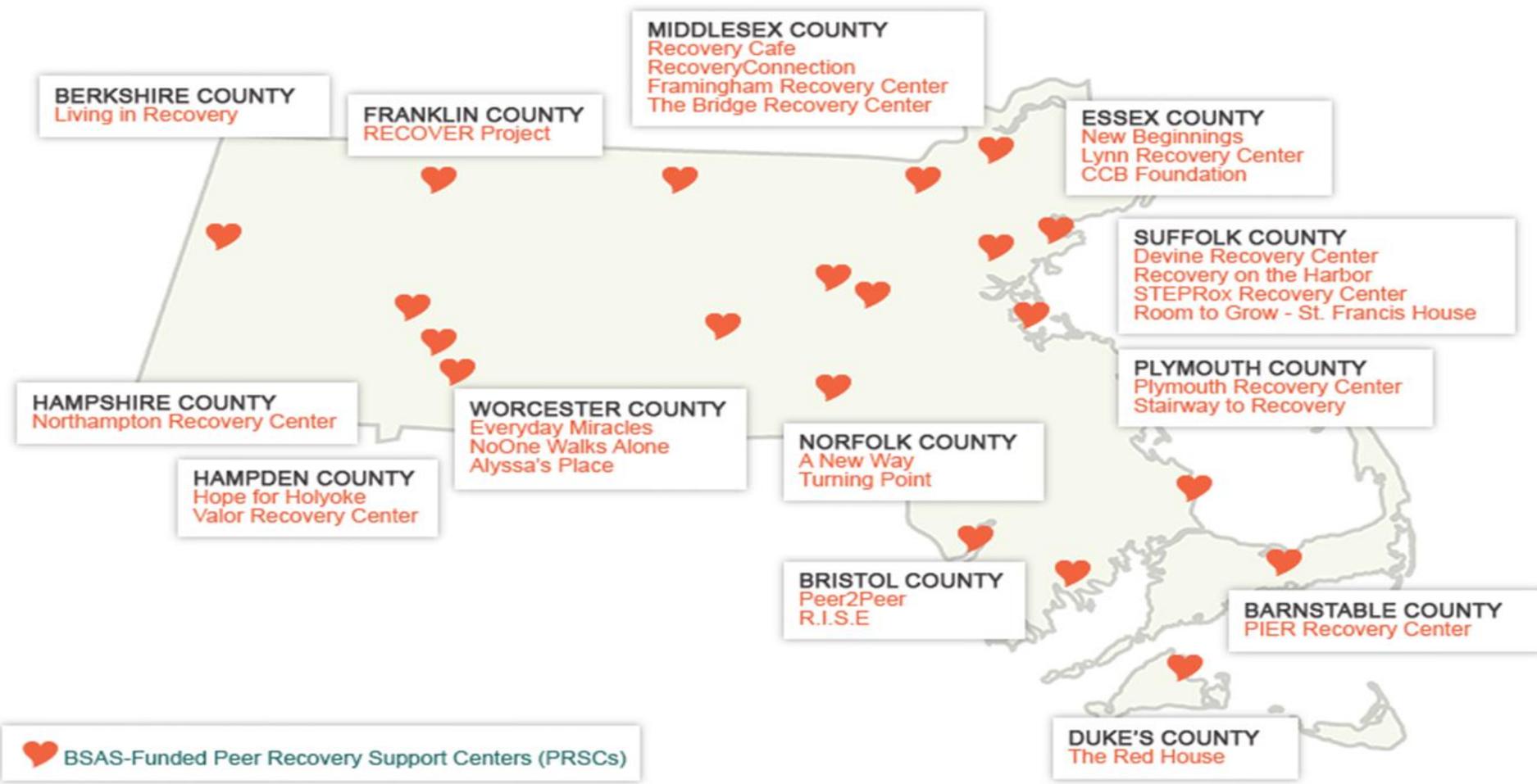
Peer Recovery Support Centers

Community. Connection. Support. Addiction Recovery Happens Here.





Community Engagement





Discussion: Advisory Council Agendas and Upcoming Work



Proposed Meeting Topics:

1. Ongoing strategic objectives and timeframes
2. Innovation in addressing the OUD lifespan continuum of care, including upstream initiatives
3. Review of ORRF data (including municipal data reporting) and other sources of OUD-related data; implications of data for ORRF funding direction
4. Strategies to make OUD data more publicly accessible
5. Review of annual ORRF legislative report

Upcoming Meetings:

1. Wednesday
August 2, 2023,
12:30 - 2pm
2. Wednesday
September 27,
2023, 12:30 - 2pm
3. Monday
December 11,
2023, 10:30am -
12pm



Appendix A: Update on Initial Allocation of Trust Fund Dollars



Expansion of Harm Reduction Services

Annual ORRF Commitment: \$3.4m

- Rolled out Community Naloxone Purchasing Program. Since launching, the program has distributed **over 40,000 doses** of Naloxone to date.
- Developed a competitive application opportunity for existing harm reduction partners to collaborate, expand through sub-contractual arrangements with organizations that reach historically underserved populations and communities including Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) individuals who are at high risk for experiencing overdose. To date, **7 programs** have been awarded a contract under this application process.
- Increased access to fentanyl test strips by making them available at no-cost through the -newly established Massachusetts Clearinghouse Since launching in August 2022, the initiative has distributed **over 274,000** test strips to date.

Increased Access to Medication for Opioid Use Disorder

Annual ORRF Commitment: \$3.1m

- Increased access to MOUD in underserved areas through opening three new opioid treatment programs in Orange, Holyoke, and Plymouth, respectively. The addition of these two sites will build upon existing OTP expansion efforts that have yielded an increase approximately 2,000 OTP patients over the 2-year period since Covid
- Expanded access to MOUDs by adding 1 new mobile methadone delivery program.



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Workforce

Total ORRF Commitment: \$15 million

- Student loan forgiveness application launched on 12/5/2022 and closed on 1/30/2023 at 5pm EST
- **Awards are expected to be announced this summer**
- Award amounts range from \$12.5K - \$50K depending on worker credentials, degree, and full-time/part-time hours in an eligible setting

Expansion of Supportive Housing Programs

Annual ORRF Commitment: \$5 million

- Expanded statewide capacity of 16 providers that has resulted in a total of over 600 units contracted for FY24. Over 400 of these units are currently filled.

Community Outreach and Engagement

Annual ORRF Commitment: \$750k

- MDPH, BSAS contracted with Commonwealth Medicine (CWM) to conduct a landscape analysis to identify models of multidisciplinary community outreach teams that would be effective at engaging people at high risk of opioid overdose into treatment and promote harm reduction.