

Opioid Recovery and Remediation Fund Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes
 October 4th, 2022
 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Date of meeting: October 4th, 2022
Start time: 2:00 pm
End time: 2:30 pm
Location: Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

Members participating remotely		Vote 1*	Vote 2
1	Marylou Sudders (<i>non-voting chair</i>) – Executive Office of Health and Human Services	N/A	N/A
2	Jennifer Almonte – Lynn Department of Public Health	X	X
3	Charles Anderson MD, MPH, MBA – The Dimock Center	X	X
4	Gina Armstrong – Pittsfield Health Department	-	-
5	Jason Ball – Framingham Police	-	-
6	Matilde Castiel, MD – Worcester Department of Health and Human Services	X	X
7	Maureen Cavanagh – Magnolia New Beginnings	X	X
8	Damon Chaplin – New Bedford Health Department	X	X
9	Gabrielle Dean – Brookline Public Health Department	X	X
10	Denise Garlick – Massachusetts House of Representatives	-	-
11	Lindsay Hackett – City of Springfield	X	X
12	Suzie Hauptmann – Falmouth Department of Human Services	X	X
13	Brendan Little – Granada House	X	X
14	John McGahan – Gavin Foundation	X	-
15	Jeffery Olmstead – Amherst Fire Department	X	X
16	Joanne Peterson – Learn 2 Cope	X	X
17	David Rosenbloom, PhD – Boston University School of Public Health	X	X
18	John Rosenthal – Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative (PAARI)	X	X
19	Elsie Taveras, MD, MPH – Mass General Brigham	X	-
20	Jennifer Tracey – Boston Mayor's Office of Recovery Services	X	X
21	LaToya Whiteside – Prisoners' Legal Services	X	X

* (X) Voted in favor; (O) Opposed; (A) Abstained from vote; (-) Absent from meeting or during vote

Proceedings

Secretary Sudders called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm. She welcomed members and noted that all votes taken during the meeting would be conducted via roll call.

Vote to approve minutes from the 1/5/2022 meeting: Secretary Sudders requested a motion to approve the minutes from the Council's previous meeting on January 5, 2022. Director Chaplin introduced the motion, which was seconded by Dr. Castiel and approved by roll-call vote (see detailed record of votes above).

Gillian Feiner, Senior Enforcement Counsel within the Health Care and Fair Competition Bureau at the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office (AGO), provided updates on the ongoing opioid settlements:

- Ms. Feiner provided an overview of the projected annual disbursement of funds from the respective settlements with Johnson & Johnson and the three major opioid distributors Cardinal, McKesson, and Amerisource Bergen through 2038. She also noted the earlier settlement funds dispersed into the account from the McKinsey settlement.
- Ms. Feiner reminded the Council that the settlements will provide up to \$525 million dollars total with approximately \$322,686,523 going directly towards the ORRF. The remaining 40% will be split across the Cities and Towns in the Commonwealth that have signed on to the State's subdivision agreement.
- She provided an update on recent and anticipated settlement disbursements deposited into the Fund. Most notably, Ms. Feiner confirmed that the Johnson & Johnson settlement funds would be frontload and the fund is anticipated to receive a deposit of \$44.1 million dollars later this month.
- Gillian provided an update on the anticipated Mallinckrodt settlement payments and noted the Fund is anticipated to receive an initial disbursement of \$3.5 million before the end of 2022.

Josh Cuddy, Senior Strategy Manager at the Executive Office of Health and Human Services, provided an overview of current revenues and previous expenditures for the Fund. Josh noted the Fund's total revenues to-date are \$35.4 million and that there is approximately \$10.7 million in non-expended funding in the Fund.

Deirdre Calvert, Director of the Bureau of Substance Addiction Services (BSAS) at the Department of Public Health (DPH), provided an update on four of the approved initiatives for Trust Fund expenditures and current programming implemented under each initiative. She then provided an update on the recently launched mobile methadone van that is slated to expand access to medication-assisted treatment (MAT) in Wellfleet, Yarmouth and upper Cape region.

Director Hauptmann asked about the proposed efforts from the van to cover upper regions of the Cape and noted access challenge to MAT in the area. Director Calvert acknowledged the need for expanded access and discuss potential opportunities for partnership with the Van to serve this area.

For additional details, refer to the meeting presentation on the Opioid Recovery and Remediation Advisory Council's [Meeting Materials Webpage](#)

Secretary Sudders introduced Dr. Jeffrey Samet, Principal Investigator, Carly Bridden, Project Director, Dr. Jessica Taylor, Addiction Specialist, and Erin Gibson, Associate Director of Research Operations, from Boston Medical Center's HEALing Communities Study team. Dr. Samet gave an overview of the HEALing

Communities Study in Massachusetts and the current implementation within the 16 communities in Massachusetts that are participating in the study.

Director Chaplin noted New Bedford's involvement in the HEALing Communities and the positive impact asset mapping and root cause analysis in guiding intervention strategic and coalition building.

For additional details on the HEALing Communities Study, refer to the HEALing Communities presentation on the Opioid Recovery and Remediation Advisory Council's [Meeting Materials Webpage](#)

Director Calvert noted the recent release of the Pew Charitable Trust's report on Opioid Treatment Program regulations by State and potential impacts they have on access to care. For additional details, refer to the meeting presentation on the Opioid Recovery and Remediation Advisory Council's [Meeting Materials Webpage](#)

Secretary Sudders introduced Eveline Van Beek, Principle, and Kyle MacDonald, Senior Associate, from KPMG to provide an initial overview of preliminary findings from the ORRF's Strategic Spending Plan. Eveline and Kyle gave an overview on timeline for developing the plan, findings from the gap-analysis, and initial trends from the initial Stakeholder engagement sessions. Josh Cuddy, Senior Strategy Manager, discussed the current timeline for the Council's review of the Strategic Plan and that the next Council meeting will include a presentation of the final draft of the Strategic Plan for the Council's feedback. For additional details, refer to the meeting presentation on the Opioid Recovery and Remediation Advisory Council's [Meeting Materials Webpage](#)

Vote to adjourn: Secretary Sudders requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Hauptmann introduced the motion, which was seconded by Ms.Cavanagh and approved by roll-call vote (see detailed record of votes above).

The meeting was adjourned at 3:34