

# **Opioid Recovery and Remediation Fund Advisory Council**



**Marylou Sudders, Secretary  
Executive Office of Health & Human Services**

**May 14, 2021  
10:00 - 11:30 am**

**WebEx**



# Agenda



- 1. Oath, Welcome, and Introductions**
- 2. Open Meeting Law and Conflict of Interest Overview**
- 3. Council's Charge**
- 4. Opioid Settlements**
- 5. DPH Bi-annual Opiate Report**
- 6. Discussion of Council Members' Goals**
- 7. Council Webpage and Mailbox**
- 8. Proposed Meeting Schedule**



# Council Members



**Marylou Sudders (*non-voting chair*)**

Secretary, Executive Office of Health and Human Services

**Jennifer Almonte**

Public Health Nurse  
City of Lynn

**Charles Anderson, MD, MPH, MBA**

President/CEO  
The Dimock Center

**Gina Armstrong**

Director of Public Health  
City of Pittsfield

**Jason Ball**

Officer  
Framingham Police

**Koren Cappiello**

Director of Social Services  
City of Brockton

**Matilde Castiel, MD**

Commissioner of Health and Human Services  
City of Worcester

**Maureen Cavanagh**

President  
Magnolia New Beginnings

**Damon Chaplin**

Director of Public Health  
City of New Bedford

**Denise Garlick**

House Representative  
13th Norfolk

**Lindsay Hackett**

Deputy Chief Admin. & Financial  
Officer, City of Springfield

**Suzie Hauptmann**

Director of Human Services  
Town of Falmouth

**Brendan Little**

Former Policy Director, Mayor's Office of  
Recovery Services, City of Boston  
Person in Recovery

**John McGahan**

President/CEO  
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**Mary Beth Ogulewicz**

Director of Senior Services & Social Services,  
Town of Amherst

**Joanne Peterson**

Executive Director  
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**David Rosenbloom, PhD**

Professor  
Boston Univ. School of Public Health

**John Rosenthal**

Founder  
Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery  
Initiative (PAARI)

**Elsie Taveras, MD, MPH**

Chief Community Health Equity Officer,  
Executive Director of the Kraft Center for  
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**Jennifer Tracey**

Director, Office of Recovery Services  
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**LaToya Whiteside**

Staff Attorney  
Prisoners' Legal Services



# Review of Open Meeting Law



## Open Meeting Law

- Our meetings are subject to the Open Meeting Law (OML).
- All of our meetings must be held in public and notice of the meeting, including the agenda, must be provided to the public at least 48 hours in advance.
- Under the OML, members cannot communicate with a quorum (simple majority) of the members regarding topics before this Council (in person or via email) outside of a public meeting.
- Each member must complete the Certificate of Receipt of OML Materials certifying receipt and understanding of the materials.
- For any questions about the Open Meeting Law, contact the Attorney General's Division of Open Government at (617) 963-2540 or [openmeeting@state.ma.us](mailto:openmeeting@state.ma.us)
- Additional information can be found at: [www.mass.gov/the-open-meeting-law](http://www.mass.gov/the-open-meeting-law)



# Council's Charge



**Legal Authority:** Chapter 309 of the Acts of 2020, *An Act Establishing the Opioid Recovery and Remediation Trust Fund*

## Key Provisions:

- There shall be an **Opioid Recovery and Remediation Fund**. Expenditures from the fund shall be made by the Executive Office of Health and Human Services, without further appropriation and consistent with the terms of settlements made in connection with claims arising from the manufacture, marketing, distribution or dispensing of opioids, as applicable.
- The Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Opioid Recovery and Remediation Fund Advisory Council, shall administer the fund.
- The fund shall be expended to mitigate the impacts of the opioid epidemic in the Commonwealth, including, but not limited to, expanding access to opioid use disorder prevention, intervention, treatment and recovery options.
- There shall be credited to the fund: (i) amounts recovered by the Commonwealth and credited thereto in connection with claims arising from the manufacture, marketing, distribution or dispensing of opioids; (ii) transfers from other funds authorized by the general court and so designated; (iii) funds from public or private sources, including, but not limited to, gifts, grants, donations, rebates and settlements received by the Commonwealth designated to the fund; and (iv) any interest earned on such amounts.
- There shall be an **Opioid Recovery and Remediation Fund Advisory Council** regarding the expenditures from the fund.
- The council shall hold no fewer than 4 meetings annually and the council shall make its recommendations upon a majority vote.
- Annually, not later than October 1, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall file a report on the activity, revenue and expenditures to and from the fund in the prior fiscal year with the clerks of the senate and the house of representatives, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on mental health, substance use and recovery and made available on the Executive Office of Health and Human Services' public website.
- The report shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the revenue credited to the fund; (ii) the amount of expenditures attributable to the administrative costs of the executive office; (iii) an itemized list of the funds expended from the fund; and (iv) data and an assessment of how well resources have been directed to vulnerable and under-served communities.



# Opioid Settlements



**Gillian Feiner**

Senior Enforcement Counsel

Health Care & Fair Competition Bureau

Massachusetts Attorney General's Office



# DPH Bi-annual Opiate Report



**Deirdre Calvert**

Director

Bureau of Substance Addiction Services

Massachusetts Department of Public Health



# Council Webpage and Mailbox



## Webpage

Approved minutes and presentations from Council meetings will be posted on the Council's Mass.gov webpage:

[www.mass.gov/orgs/opioid-recovery-and-remediation-fund-advisory-council](http://www.mass.gov/orgs/opioid-recovery-and-remediation-fund-advisory-council)

## Mailbox

General comments and questions may be submitted to the Council's mailbox (below) or by clicking on the *Contact Us* link on the Mass.gov webpage:

[OpioidRecoveryAndRemediationFund@mass.gov](mailto:OpioidRecoveryAndRemediationFund@mass.gov)





## Proposed Meeting Schedule



Date	Time	Location
July 19, 2021	2:00 - 3:30 pm	WebEx
September 17, 2021	2:00 - 3:30 pm	WebEx
October 1, 2021 – <i>Submission of Annual Report to the Legislature</i>		

***Additional meetings will be scheduled in the coming weeks***