
# Opioid Recovery and Remediation Fund Advisory Council

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

**May 14, 2021**

**10:00 - 11:30 am**

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## 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 Gavin Foundation

Mary Beth Ogulewicz

Director of Senior Services & Social Services, Town of Amherst

**Joanne Peterson** Executive Director Learn 2 Cope

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 Community Health, Mass General Brigham

Jennifer Tracey

Director, Office of Recovery Services

City of Boston

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
* 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-](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

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

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