

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



**Wednesday, September 27, 2023**

**12:30 – 2:00pm**

**In person at Worcester City Hall with Zoom option**



# Today's Agenda



- 1. Welcome**
2. Approval of 8/2/2023 Meeting Minutes
3. Recap of Strategic Themes/Ideas from Advisory Council
4. Overview of Existing Initiatives and Potential Opportunities by Theme
5. Recommend Systems Change Priorities
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# Key Themes & Ideas from Meetings to Date



- **Equity:** Need to focus on populations disproportionately impacted
- **Data Collection & Analysis:** Need for improved data collection, analysis, and reporting on SUD trends
- **Supporting Families:** Need to focus on supporting and strengthening families
- **Service Expansion/Enhancement:** Need to expand/enhance services across continuum gap
- **Workforce:** Need to strengthen and rebuild workforce
- **Social Determinants of Health:** Need to focus on upstream factors, including housing and poverty
- **Awareness:** Need to decrease stigma and increase understanding of treatment opportunities



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## Existing Activities:

- BIPOC grantmaking and capacity building
- Black and Latino Re-Entry
- Development of and collaboration with population- and topic-specific Community Advisory Boards

## Examples of Potential Opportunities for ORRF:

- Expand BIPOC grantmaking and capacity building
- Scale Black and Latino Re-Entry programs
- Funding to support gaps and needs identified by population and topic-specific community advisory boards
- Establish SMART goal related to equity



# Data Collection & Analysis



## Existing Activities:

- [BSAS Dashboard](#)
- [Municipal ORRF TTA](#)

## Potential ORRF Activities:

- Dashboard expansion and enhancement
- Scale and enhance municipal ORRF dashboard/ visualization at a statewide level
- Other ideas?





# Supporting Families



## Existing Activities:

- [Moms Do Care](#)
- [First Steps Together](#)
- National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare's 2023 Policy Academy and in-depth technical assistance
- Proposed dual reporting legislation
- Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

## Potential ORRF Activities:

- Increased support for Plan of Safe Care (POSC) Implementation
- Funding to support dual reporting implementation
- Funding to support implementation of evidence-based and evidence-informed practices for families
- Expand work of Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Commission



# Services Expansion/Enhancement



## Existing Activities:

- Hospital-based SUD services
- Mobile addiction services
- Stimulant Treatment and Recovery teams
- MAT Enhanced

## Potential ORRF Activities:

- Expand funding for hospital-based addiction consult teams and bridge clinics to expand reach and promote community follow-up
- Scale mobile addiction services statewide
- Strengthen investments in contingency management, especially in light of limitations of federal funding



## Existing Activities:

- Loan repayment
- Paid internship initiatives

## Potential ORRF Activities:

- Explore innovative tuition support, paid training, and other workforce opportunities, with a focus on underrepresented communities
- Other ideas?



# Social Determinants of Health



## Existing Activities:

- Housing and related supports, including low-threshold housing
- Access to recovery
- Transportation pilot

## Potential ORRF Activities:

- Strengthen investments in social determinants of health interventions, including scaling existing initiatives
- Other ideas?



# Awareness



## Existing Activities:

- [State Without StigMA](#)
- [HelpLine](#) Advertising
- Night Life campaign

## Potential ORRF Activities:

- Update and re-release State Without StigMA or similar campaign
- Continue to promote and enhance HelpLine services and/or Night Life campaign
- Other ideas?



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## Upcoming Topics and Proposed Meetings in 2024



### **Monday December 11, 2023**

**10:30am–12:00pm (Zoom)**

- Review ORRF municipal reporting structure/progress
- Insights from data for ORRF municipal matching grants
- Strategies to make OUD data more accessible

### Proposed Meeting Dates in 2024

Wednesday March 6  
@ 11 am

Thursday June 13  
@ 10:30 am

Tuesday September  
10 @ 12:30 pm

Tuesday December 3  
@ 11 am