

Opioid Recovery & Remediation Fund Advisory Council



**August 2, 2023
12:30 - 2:00 pm**

Zoom



Today's Agenda



- 1. Welcome and Introduction to Our New Members**
2. Approval of 6/14 Meeting Minutes
3. Discussion of Proposed Funding Approach
 - a) Community Grant Initiative
 - b) System Change Priorities
4. Upcoming Meetings & Proposed Topics



Meet Our New Council Members



Lisa Golden

Director of Health and Human Services, City of Lowell

Lisa Golden has served as the Director of Health and Human Services for the City of Lowell since November of 2021. She was a Registered Nurse at Lowell General Hospital for the last 30 years. She has a bachelor's degree from Fitchburg University and a master's degree from Salem State University. She has also worked for the City of Lowell in various positions including Nurse Coordinator, School Nurse and Substitute Nurse. Lisa was a member of the Board of Health prior to becoming the Director of Health and Human Services. Lisa has lived in the City of Lowell for the past 40 years where she raised her two girls. Her interests include reading and walking her dog.

Kate Lena, MPH

Manager of Substance Use Prevention Program, Barnstable County Department of Human Services

Kate Lena currently serves as the Manager of the Barnstable County Substance Use Prevention Program in the Barnstable County Department of Human Services. She has served in a number of public health and harm reduction positions throughout her career, including the AIDS Support Group of Cape Cod and the Boston Public Health Commission. She has been with the Barnstable County Department of Human Services since 2021. She holds an undergraduate degree in social work from the University of Vermont and a Master's degree in Public Health from Northeastern University.



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Representative Adrian Madaro

State Representative, Massachusetts House of Representatives

Adrian C. Madaro is the Massachusetts State Representative for the 1st Suffolk District, comprising East Boston. As a lifelong East Boston resident and the son of an immigrant, he has focused on advancing environmental justice, protecting and increasing access to green and open space, making Massachusetts fairer and more inclusive, and improving our public transit and infrastructure. He currently serves as the House Chair of the Joint Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery. In this capacity, he helped usher the most comprehensive reforms to mental health care in Massachusetts in decades through *An Act Addressing Barriers to Care for Mental Health*. Among other things, these reforms contain measures to support children and adolescents facing mental health challenges and improve access to mental health care in carceral settings. In this role, he has also helped steer millions of dollars into robust substance use treatment programs and services through the annual state budget and other funding vehicles. This funding advances the life-saving work of those who treat and support people with substance use disorder.

Stephanie Sloan, MPH

Director, New Bedford Health Department

Stephanie Sloan serves as the director at the New Bedford Health Department. In her role, she provides department-wide leadership and guidance in the interpretation and application of federal, state, and local public health laws and regulations, including divisions for environmental and community health, public health nursing, substance use and tobacco prevention, municipal marine laboratory, and emergency preparedness. Previously to this role, she served as the assistant director coordinating COVID-19 contact tracing and vaccination clinics, managing grant and nursing staff for implementation of programs and coordinating public health accreditation preparation activities. In her nine years at the health department, she has also worked managing and supporting grant and nursing programming activities. Sloan received her Master's in Public Health at Boston University School of Medicine.



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 June 2023, The **Commonwealth is slated to receive an estimated total of \$1 billion** in settlement funds paid over 18 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.



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Proposed Funding Approach



Within the Established
Strategic Framework



**A Stratified Funding
Approach**

Population

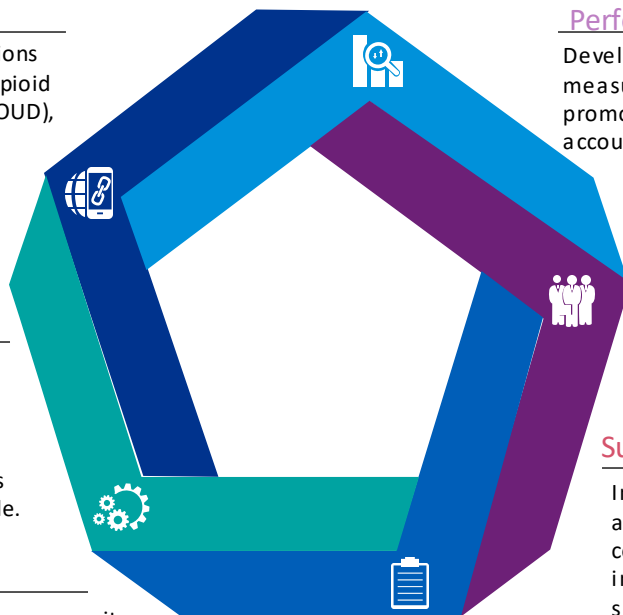
Serve populations impacted by opioid use disorder (OUD), specifically in historically underserved communities.

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.



**Direct-to-Community Grant
Initiative**



**Larger Scale
System Change Priorities**



Discussion of Community Grant Initiative



Why:

To continue **getting money into the community right away** because opioid-related **deaths continue to rise**.



Proposal:

Target an **initial \$5 million per year** to **community & municipal programs** with promising and innovative strategies in **high-need areas & populations**.



Categories:

1. Innovation grants for community-driven programs
2. Matching grants to municipalities to amplify impact



Process:

Streamlined application, staff-led review committee that makes recommendations to ORRF Council, with final approval by Secretary of EOHHS.



Discussion of System Change Priorities



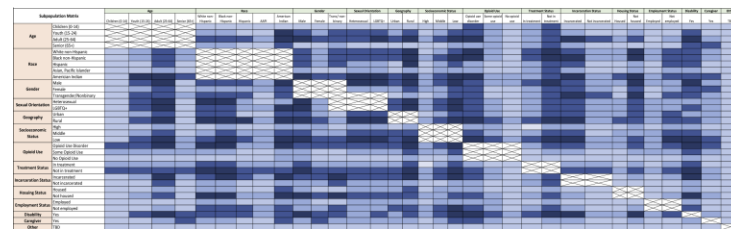
Why:

To ensure **lasting change** that reaches **across the OUD lifespan** from prevention & harm reduction to treatment & recovery.



Priority populations:

Target interventions to high priority & high need populations captured in ORRF Strategic Plan



Subpopulation Heat Map

Priority areas for discussion (please share your ideas):



- Strengthen workforce
- Improve timely access to ongoing treatment
- Increase investments in upstream prevention initiatives including social determinants of health
- Align investments with priority populations including BIPOC, LGBTQIA+ and grandparents raising grandchildren



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Upcoming Meetings & Proposed Topics



Wednesday, September 27, 2023

12:30pm–2:00pm (In person at Worcester City Hall with Zoom option)

- Establish system change priorities
- Review of annual ORRF legislative report due in October

Monday, December 11, 2023

10:30am–12:00pm (Zoom)

- Review ORRF municipal reporting structure/progress
- Implications of data for ORRF funding direction
- Strategies to make OUD data more accessible