

# Opioid Recovery and Remediation Fund Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes  
December 6th, 2022  
3:00 - 4:30 pm

Date of meeting: December 6th, 2022  
Start time: 3:00 pm  
End time: 4:30 pm  
Location: Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

Members participating remotely		Vote 1	Vote 2	Vote 3
1	<b>Marylou Sudders</b> ( <i>non-voting chair</i> ) – Executive Office of Health and Human Services	N/A	N/A	N/A
2	<b>Jennifer Almonte</b> – Lynn Department of Public Health	X	X	X
3	<b>Charles Anderson MD, MPH, MBA</b> – The Dimock Center	X	X	X
4	<b>Andy Ottoson</b> – Berkshire Regional Planning Commission	X	A	X
5	<b>Jason Ball</b> – Framingham Police	-	-	-
6	<b>Matilde Castiel, MD</b> – Worcester Department of Health and Human Services	X	X	X
7	<b>Maureen Cavanagh</b> – Magnolia New Beginnings	X	X	X
8	<b>Damon Chaplin</b> – New Bedford Health Department	X	X	X
9	<b>Gabrielle Dean</b> – Brookline Public Health Department	X	X	X
10	<b>Denise Garlick</b> – Massachusetts House of Representatives	X	-	X
11	<b>Lindsay Hackett</b> – City of Springfield	X	X	X
12	<b>Suzie Hauptmann</b> – Falmouth Department of Human Services	X	X	X
13	<b>Brendan Little</b> – Granada House	X	X	X
14	<b>John McGahan</b> – Gavin Foundation	X	X	X
15	<b>Jeffery Olmstead</b> – Amherst Fire Department	X	X	X
16	<b>Joanne Peterson</b> – Learn 2 Cope	X	X	X
17	<b>David Rosenbloom, PhD</b> – Boston University School of Public Health	X	X	X
18	<b>John Rosenthal</b> – Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative (PAARI)	X	X	X
19	<b>Elsie Taveras, MD, MPH</b> – Mass General Brigham	X	X	X
20	<b>Jennifer Tracey</b> – Boston Mayor's Office of Recovery Services	X	X	X
21	<b>LaToya Whiteside</b> – Prisoners' Legal Services	X	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 3:05 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 10/4/2022 meeting:** Secretary Sudders requested a motion to approve the minutes from the Council's previous meeting on October 4th, 2022. Dr. Castiel introduced the motion, which was seconded by John McGahan 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 total and annual disbursement of funds from the respective settlements with Walmart, Teva, Allergan.
- Ms. Feiner noted to the Council that the first payments under these settlements are anticipated to be dispersed in 2023.

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 \$91.9 million and that there is approximately \$67.3m in non-appropriated funding.

**Strategic Framework Presentation:** Eveline Van Beek, Principal, and Kyle McDonald, Senior Associate, from KPMG joined Josh Cuddy to present the finalized version of the 3-5 year Strategic framework for the ORRF. The Council was provided an overview of the work to develop the plan, overarching structure of the Council, prioritized focus areas, the framework for fund disbursements, implementation of key-performance indicators (KPIs), and the heat-map analysis tool to monitor trends across investments as well as OUD-related outcomes.

Dr. Charles Anderson raised concern related to data flattening related KPIs and ensuring this does not occur as a result of implemented data monitoring. Dr. Elsie Tavares built upon Dr. Anderson's recommendations by noting the need to ensure that programming implemented by the ORRF include a racial-equity framework given black men are disproportionately impact by OUD-related overdoses.

Joanne Peterson asked about efforts related to children in foster care and families impacted by OUD-related overdoses. Joanne emphasized the need to think through the role the fund can play in providing funding opportunities for this group.

Dr. Rosenbloom recommended the implemented heat map tool should include a trending chart to assess which subpopulations were seeing positive or negative trends across implemented OUD-abatement strategies in order to help guide future investments.

Dr. Elsie Taveras discussed the need to implement funding strategies for birthing individuals and young parents.

John McGahan discussed the need to create clear processes for funding opportunities that are accessible to community-based organizations.

**Vote to Create \$2 million Emergency Fund**

John Rosenthal noted the current revenues in the Fund and the need to think through the ORRF providing emergency financial resources to abate the OUD-crises. The Council discussed the opportunity to create an annual emergency fund for the ORRF to be dispersed in consultation with the Council. Secretary Sudders requested a motion to dedicated \$2million dollars annually to an emergency trust within the fund. John Rosenbloom introduced the motion, which was seconded by Dr. Rosenbloom and approved by roll-call vote (see detailed record of votes above).

Secretary Sudders then introduced Deirdre Calvert, Director of the Bureau of Substance Addiction Services (BSAS) at the Department of Public Health (DPH), provided an update on five of the approved initiatives for Trust Fund expenditures and current programming implemented under each initiative.

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

Secretary Sudders noted the impending change in administration and expressed her gratitude to the Council for their partnership on the ORRF and continued work in supporting the Commonwealth's efforts to address the opioid epidemic.

Secretary Sudders left the meeting at 4:25

**Vote to adjourn:** In Secretary Sudder's absence, Josh Cuddy requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jennifer Tracey introduced the motion, which was seconded by John Rosenthal and approved by roll-call vote (see detailed record of votes above).

The meeting was adjourned at 4:31