

# **Opioid Recovery & Remediation Fund (ORRF) Advisory Council**

**Executive Office of Health and Human Services**

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# Today's Agenda



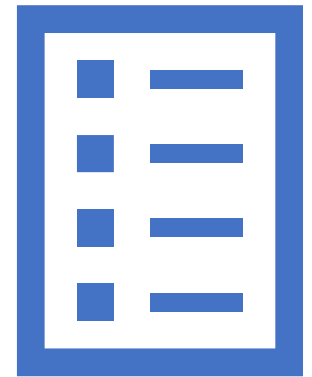
**Welcome New  
Members**



**Approval of  
09/10/25 Minutes**



**Important  
Announcements**



**Spotlight: Shaping  
Path Forward Pt. 2**

# Welcome New Member



**Alex Arriaga**

City of Worcester  
Health & Human Services

***Thank you, Maddie Castiel for your service!***

# Vote on 09/10/25 Minutes

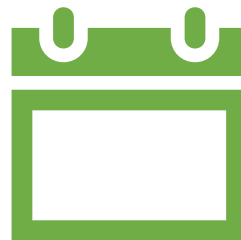


# Important Announcements



Western, MA Listening  
Sessions

Mosaic Information  
Session



ORRF Advisory Council  
March Meeting



# Western, MA Listening Sessions

## Franklin County

- Franklin Regional Council of Governments
- October 6<sup>th</sup> - Key Takeaways

## Berkshire County

- Berkshire Overdose Addiction Prevention Collaborative
- March 12<sup>th</sup> (Tentative)

## Hampden County

- Hampden County Addiction Task Force
- Date TBD

# Recap of September 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting





# Mentimeter Results

## *Key Takeaways that Reveal the Council...*

### **Role of Council**

- Broadly understood, but could be clearer on the specifics



- Positioned to take on a more formal role

### **Areas of Interest**

- Data Analysis & Evaluation
- Strategic Planning



- Interested in making data-driven investments

### **Needs**

- Data Sharing
- Formalize Decision-Making



- Seeking performance-related data and a formal decision-making process

### **Capacity**

- Dedicate 3-4 Hours Per Month
- 75% willing to serve on subcommittee



- Willing and able to increase level of involvement

### **Skills**

- Data Analysis & Evaluation
- Lived Experience



- Possesses diverse skillsets and relevant expertise

### **Success**

- Decrease fatal overdose, access to care, results-driven solutions, destigmatization



- Aims to achieve population, systems, and process level outcomes, and to shift cultural values and beliefs



*Financial Data*

# BSAS FY25 Budget

**Total Budget = \$392.8 million**

## State Appropriation: \$206.2 million with \$111.4 million Available

- Legislative earmarks of \$5.8 million
- \$24 million in other programmatic earmarks
- \$65 million sent to MassHealth for Residential Treatment cost-sharing

## Federal Funding: \$111.6 million

- \$44 million in Substance Use Prevention and Treatment Block Grant
- \$59.5 million State Opioid Response (SOR) Grant
- \$70.7 million in COVID/ARPA supplemental funds available 2021-2025 now exhausted

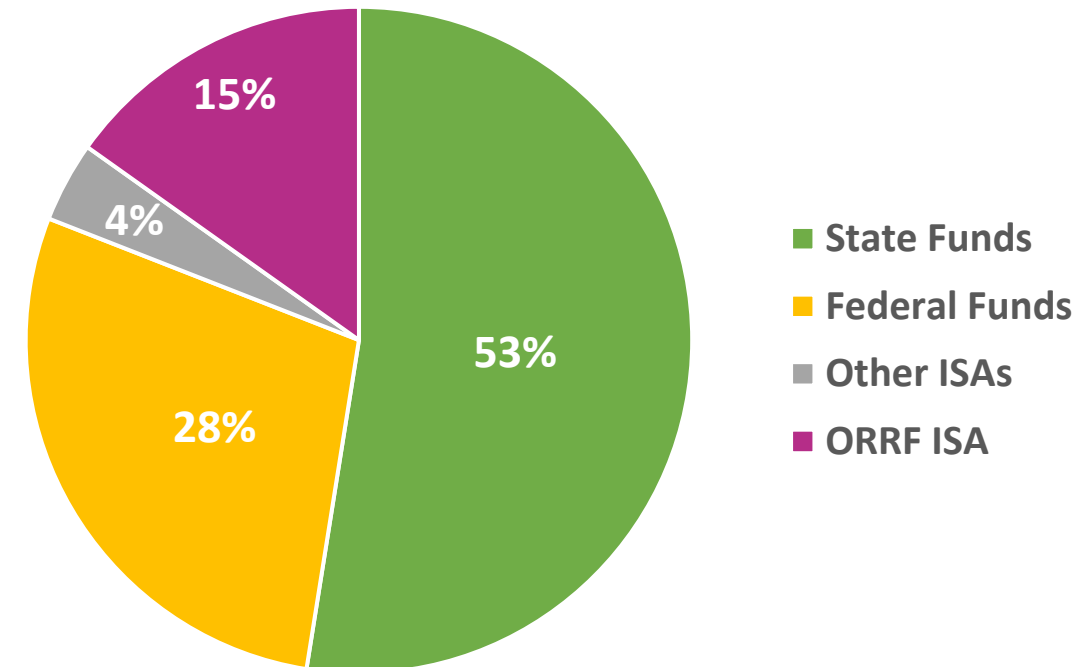
## ORRF Inter-Agency Service Agreement (ISA): \$59.5 million

- Opioid Recovery & Remediation Trust Fund

## Other Inter-Agency Service Agreements (ISA): \$15.2 million

- Other ISAs that BSAS receives

## Funding Sources



# BSAS FY25 Budget Cont.

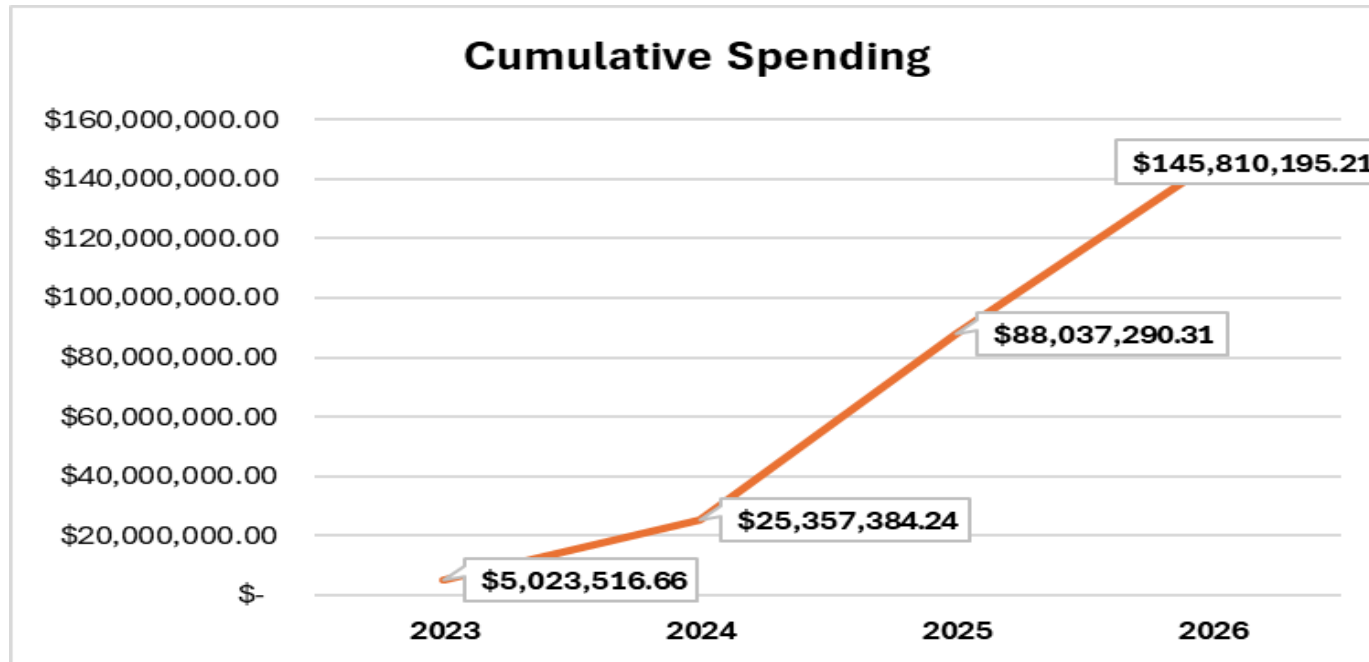
BSAS functions as the state's SUD treatment **Payor of Last Resort**

- Coverage for uninsured and underinsured individuals
- Required but not fully funded in BSAS appropriations
- Recent increases in billing to BSAS amid funding reductions

Potential Medicaid cuts will likely cause some individuals to lose their insurance coverage that will result in an increased burden on BSAS.

# ORRF Financial Overview

Fiscal Year	Funds Available	Cumulative Spending	End of Fiscal Year Balance
2023	\$90.30 million	\$5.02 million	\$85.27 million
2024	\$184.29 million	\$25.35 million	\$163.96 million
2025	\$209.60 million	\$88.03 million	\$146.92 million
2026	\$182.80 million	\$145.81 million	\$125.03 million



**FY28 - FY32 Estimates**  
**\$30 - \$40 million**  
**(+ Purdue Dollars)**

# FY25 ORRF-Funded Projects

Projects	Total
Access to Recovery	\$1.31 million
Black and Latino Men Re-Entry Program	\$2.68 million
Community Innovation - Responding to Youth Substance Use	\$1.92 million
Hospital-Based SUD Care Integration	\$14.18 million
Low-Barrier Housing & Homeless Supports	\$7.69 million
Mobile Addiction Services	\$5.05 million
Mosaic Opioid Recovery Partnership	\$6.58 million
Peer Family & Grief Supports	\$1.46 million
Redefining Community Wellness	\$2.99 million
Research & Data Analysis	\$2.77 million
Staffing & Administrative Costs	\$1.03 million
Strategies to Enhance SUD Services	\$2.08 million
Strengthening SUD Workforce	\$8.25 million
Supporting Syringe Service Programs	\$3.68 million
Youth Engagement & Intervention	\$496.5K
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$62.67 million</b>

# Proposed Process

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- *Meeting Format*
- *Purpose of Meeting*
- *Planning Process*
- *Post-Meeting Activities*
- *How to Prepare*

BSAS is Investing in Prevention, Treatment,  
Recovery, & Harm Reduction that Works!

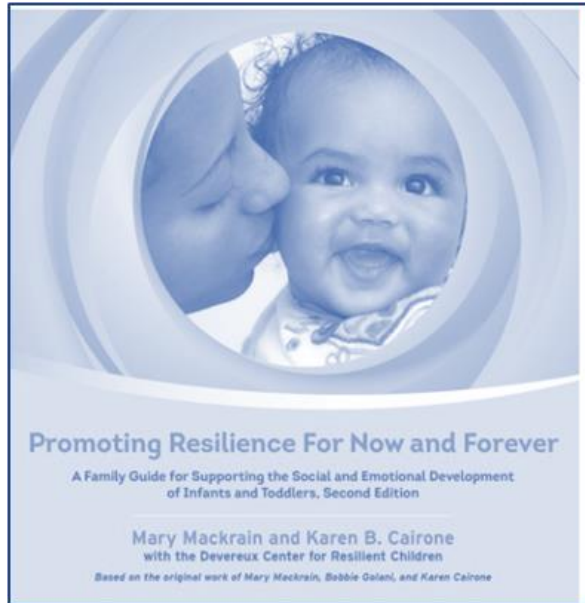
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*ORRF-Funded Projects Across the Care Continuum*

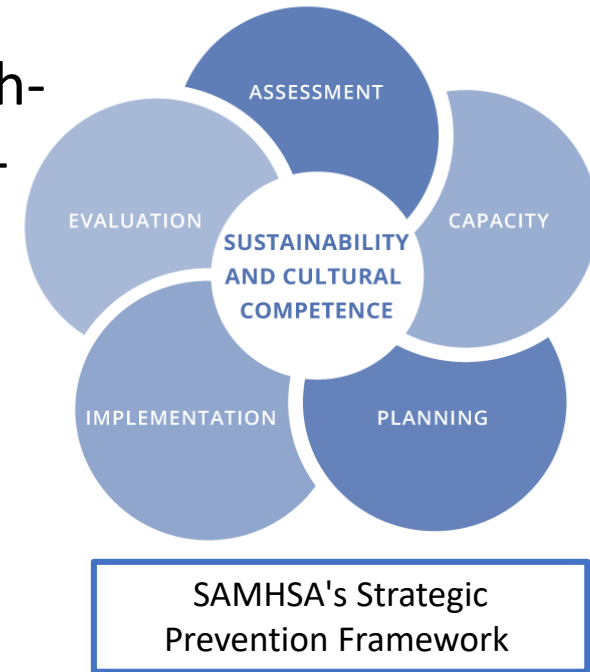


# Primary Prevention

***BSAS's Prevention Framework*** is shifting toward a strength-based focus on positive childhood experiences to counter-balance adverse childhood experiences and build resilience.



BSAS also funds community-based efforts that implement upstream prevention in early childhood strategies.



# ORRF Funded Projects - Prevention

**FY25 - \$1.03 million**

## **Community Innovation Responding to Youth Substance Use**

Support to increase the capacity of 17 community-based, youth-serving organizations to identify and engage young people at increased risk for developing a substance use disorder through community partnerships that encourage positive youth development

**FY25 - \$283K**

## **Youth Engagement & Intervention**

Six organizations funded to implement Project Amp, a youth engagement and intervention model that identifies adolescents who may be at risk of SUD early on to help them build awareness and motivation to change, and develop the skills, strategies, and support needed to do so

# Harm Reduction & Overdose Prevention

405,278 doses of naloxone to 496 entities

362,000 fentanyl test strips

6 comprehensive mobile addiction service programs

22,038 use events supervised through SafeSpot

650 placements in permanent, low-threshold housing



# ORRF Funded Projects - Harm Reduction

**FY25 - \$5.5 million**

## **Mobile Addiction Services**

Six harm reduction organizations funded to implement an innovative partnership with The Kraft Center for Community Health to support mobile health units that engage individuals at high risk of fatal overdose and/or not receiving care to provide integrated services aimed at preventing death, supporting long-term recovery, and improve health and quality of life

**FY25 - \$3.68 million**

## **Supporting Syringe Service Programs**

Nineteen syringe service programs funded to reduce the harms associated with injection drug use by providing comprehensive, evidence-based services that prevent overdose deaths and the transmission of infectious diseases

**FY25 - \$7.69 million**

## **Low-Barrier Housing & Homeless Supports**

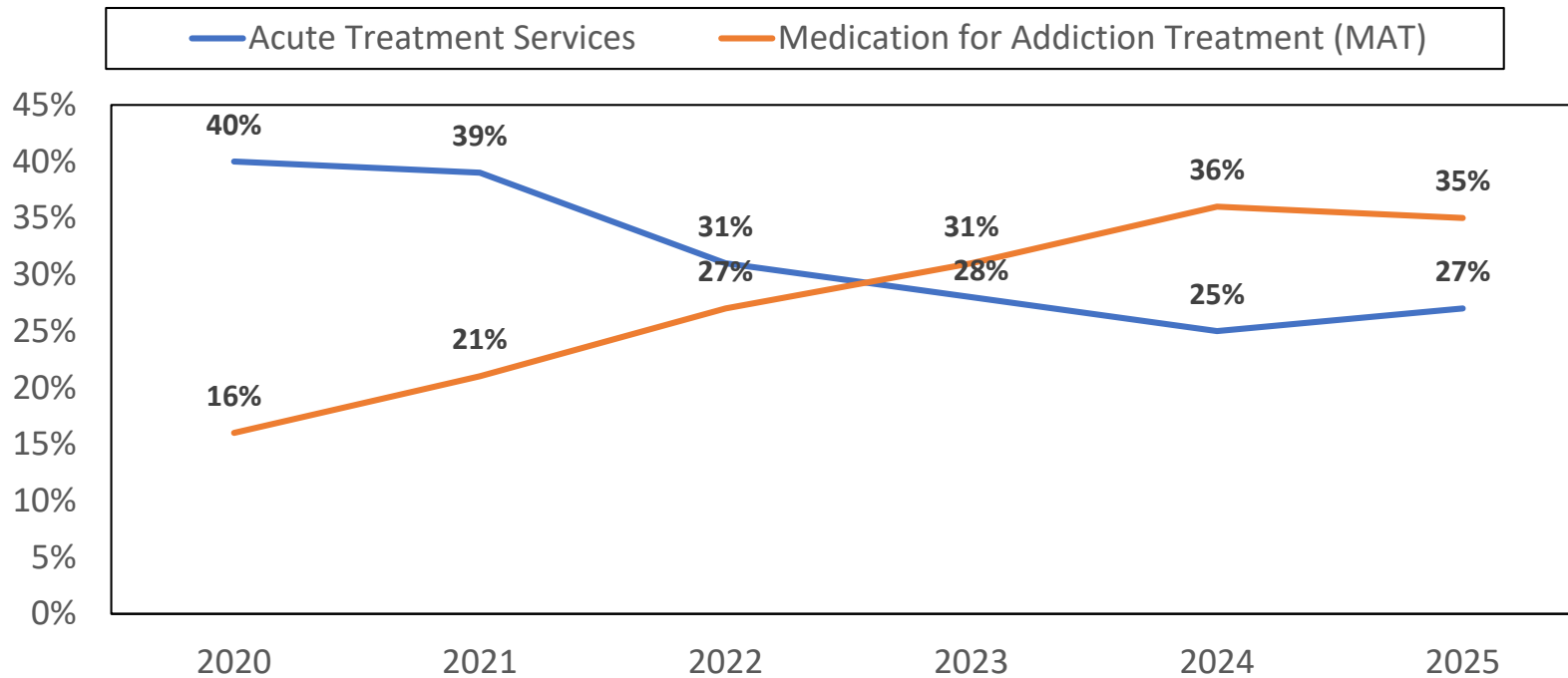
Twenty programs funded to increase access to permanent, stable housing for individuals experiencing homelessness—without preconditions such as sobriety or participation in treatment

# Treatment

**BSAS** funds, licenses, and oversees a comprehensive the statewide treatment and recovery services across Massachusetts.



## BSAS Enrollments for People with OUD



# ORRF Funded Projects - Treatment

**FY25 - \$14.32 million**

## **Hospital-Based SUD Care Integration**

Funded 15 hospitals across 24 sites to provide access to compassionate, trauma-informed substance use disorder services within hospital settings and continuity of care in the community for patients with SUD-related concerns

**FY25 - \$679K**

## **Strategies to Enhance Services**

Enhance services to increase access to medications for opioid use disorder and stimulant use disorder to underserved and/or high need populations based on available data and promising practices

# Recovery & Peer Support

- 39 Peer Recovery Support Centers statewide
- Launch of the Recovery Education Collaborative
- Licensing and overseeing Recovery Coaches



**Peer Recovery Support Centers (PRSC)** are free, peer-led spaces for individuals in recovery from substance use, as well as families and loved ones affected by addiction, the opportunity to both offer and receive support in their community environment. They provide a welcoming space focused on recovery values and Multiple Pathways, promoting hope, belonging, and empowerment.

# ORRF Funded Projects – Recovery & Peer Supports

**FY25 - \$1.31 million**

## **Access to Recovery**

Support individuals in early recovery in achieving their individualized recovery goals through care coordination, job training, and the provision of supportive services with an emphasis on addressing barriers to employment

**FY25 - \$1.46 million**

## **Peer Family & Grief Supports**

Expand and strengthen peer-led family and grief support services to foster connection, healing and resilience, and strengthen capacity to effectively respond to the ongoing challenges facing communities



# Treatment & Recovery Workforce



BSAS licenses 1,688 Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors (LADCs)



Developing regulations for the new Licensed Recovery Coach credential

# ORRF Funded Projects - Workforce

FY25 - \$8.25 million

## **Strengthening SUD Workforce**

Administer the Substance Use Provider Loan Repayment Initiative Loan Repayment Program through the MA-Repay Program that offers loan repayment awards for SUD-related healthcare professionals in exchange for four years of service in Massachusetts

# Community Engagement & Equity

Increasing diversity and representation of DPH-funded community organizations:

- Supporting Collective UpLIFT to provide leadership and organizational development skill-building to BIPOC-identifying leaders of community-based organizations
- Holding Community Office Hours to bring together community members with municipal and state government staff to share information and resources

Launching the Living Expertise Advisory Pool (LEAP) in FY26 engage and compensate community members with lived and living experience who contribute to BSAS initiatives.



# ORRF Funded Projects – Engagement & Equity

**FY25 - \$2.99 million**

## **Redefining Community Wellness**

Community grant-making initiative that funds community-led interventions that prevent and address a variety of intersecting public health issues

**FY25 - \$6.58 million**

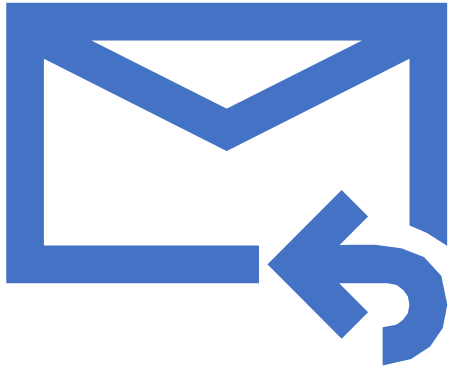
## **Mosaic Opioid Recovery Partnership**

A public-private collaboration designed to support CBOs and municipalities through grant-making and technical assistance to build their capacity to address and abate the harms of the overdose epidemic at the local and regional level

**FY25 - \$2.68 million**

## **Black & Latino Men's Re-Entry**

Culturally responsive re-entry services that provide Black and Latino Men in carceral and community settings with the resources and tools they need to support community integration and prevent fatal overdose



# Questions & Answers

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