

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
06/04/25 Minutes**



**Important
Announcements**



**Spotlight: Review of
States' Advisory
Councils**

Welcome New Members



Taylor McAndrew
City of Northampton
Health & Human Services



Stephanie Tonelli
City of Springfield
Police Department



Sen. Patrick O'Connor
1st Plymouth & Norfolk
House of Representatives



Tess Curran
City of Fall River
Health & Human Services

Thank you, Jeffrey Olmstead, Maureen Cavanaugh, Lindsay Hackett, and John Rosenthal for your service!

Vote on 06/04/25 Minutes

Important Announcements



Regional Listening
Sessions

Relaunch of TTA
Program



Mosaic One-Year
Anniversary Event

Family Resiliency
Grant



Modified Municipal
Reporting
Requirements

Regional Listening Sessions

Upcoming: Western MA

Has your life been impacted by opioid use? Please join us:

**FRANKLIN COUNTY/NORTH QUABBIN
2025 OPIOID
SETTLEMENT
LISTENING SESSION**

How can we improve opioid use prevention, treatment and recovery services?

What services does our community need?

Monday, October 6
3-4:30 PM

The RECOVER Project
68 Federal St., Greenfield
Light refreshments provided.

You can also join us via Zoom.
To attend in person or online, please RSVP.



Who will be listening?

Let your voice be heard

- MA Executive Office of Health and Human Services
- City of Greenfield, Towns of Ashfield, Bernardston, Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Conway, Erving, Gill, Hawley, Heath, Leyden, Monroe, Northfield, Rowe, Shelburne and MORE COMING
- MA Bureau of Substance Addiction Services
- Franklin Regional Council of Governments
- RIZE Foundation
- Opioid Task Force of Franklin County and the North Quabbin region

Takeaways: Southeast



“An overdose prevention site would give us a safe place to monitor and care for our participants—so many of the overdoses we’ve responded to could have been prevented if we had a space like that. People deserve safety and dignity, not death in an alley.”

Municipal Training & Technical Assistance Program

Online Form

Request Training & Technical Assistance

We believe partnership is at the heart of training and technical assistance, and we are committed to working alongside cities and towns to use abatement funds to build solutions and strategies rooted in your community. Please complete the form below to request training and technical assistance. A Mosaic team member will respond shortly. If your request is more tailored or complex, a follow-up discussion may be necessary, and we will reach out within 48 hours to schedule a time. For answers to frequently asked questions, please refer to the [Guidance Document for Municipal Opioid Abatement \(PDF\)](#).

1. Contact information for the person we should follow up with:

Name (Required)		
First name	<input type="text"/>	Last name <input type="text"/>
Job Title	<input type="text"/>	Email Address (Required) <input type="text"/>
Telephone Number (Required)	<input type="text"/>	Role of Requester (Required) <input type="text" value="Please Select"/>

2. Which municipality are you inquiring about?

Choose municipality or select intermunicipal group (Required)

3. What do you need help with? (Required)

- Accessible Use of Abatement Funds
- Community Engagement
- Community Needs Assessment & Planning
- Legal & Financial Assistance
- Opioid Abatement Strategies
- Opportunities for Intermunicipal Collaboration
- Program Monitoring, Evaluation, and Impact
- Other

Other, please specify:

*Please note, as of July 1, 2025, expenditure reporting is handled by the MA DPH, Bureau of Substance Addiction Services. Please direct questions to dph-municipalopioid-settlementnetwork@mass.gov.

4. Is assistance needed before a specific deadline? If yes, please indicate the date below:

5. Please provide any additional details below:

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Submit

Mosaic Celebration Event



*A convening to mark \$15M in
planned settlement investments*

Wednesday

October 8, 2025 | 9:00am – 3:00pm

Warren Conference Center and Inn
529 Chestnut Street, Ashland, MA

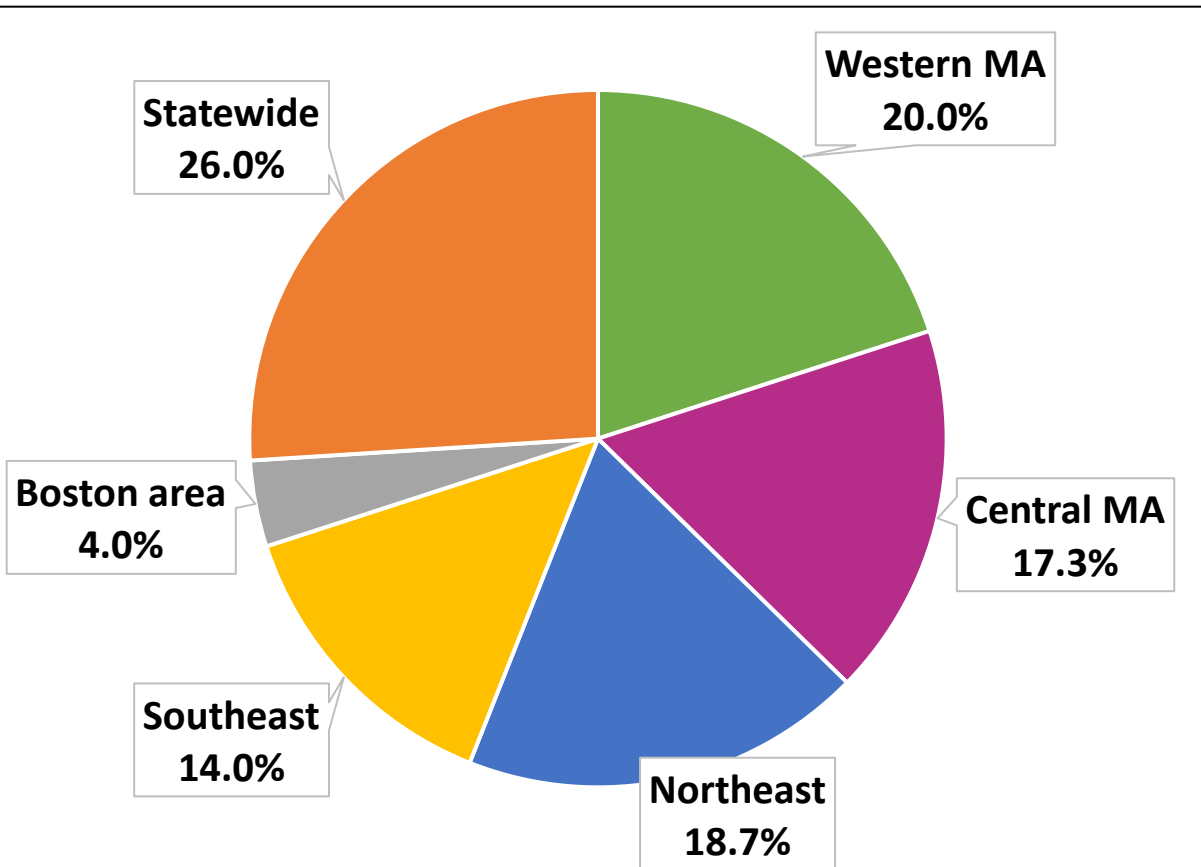


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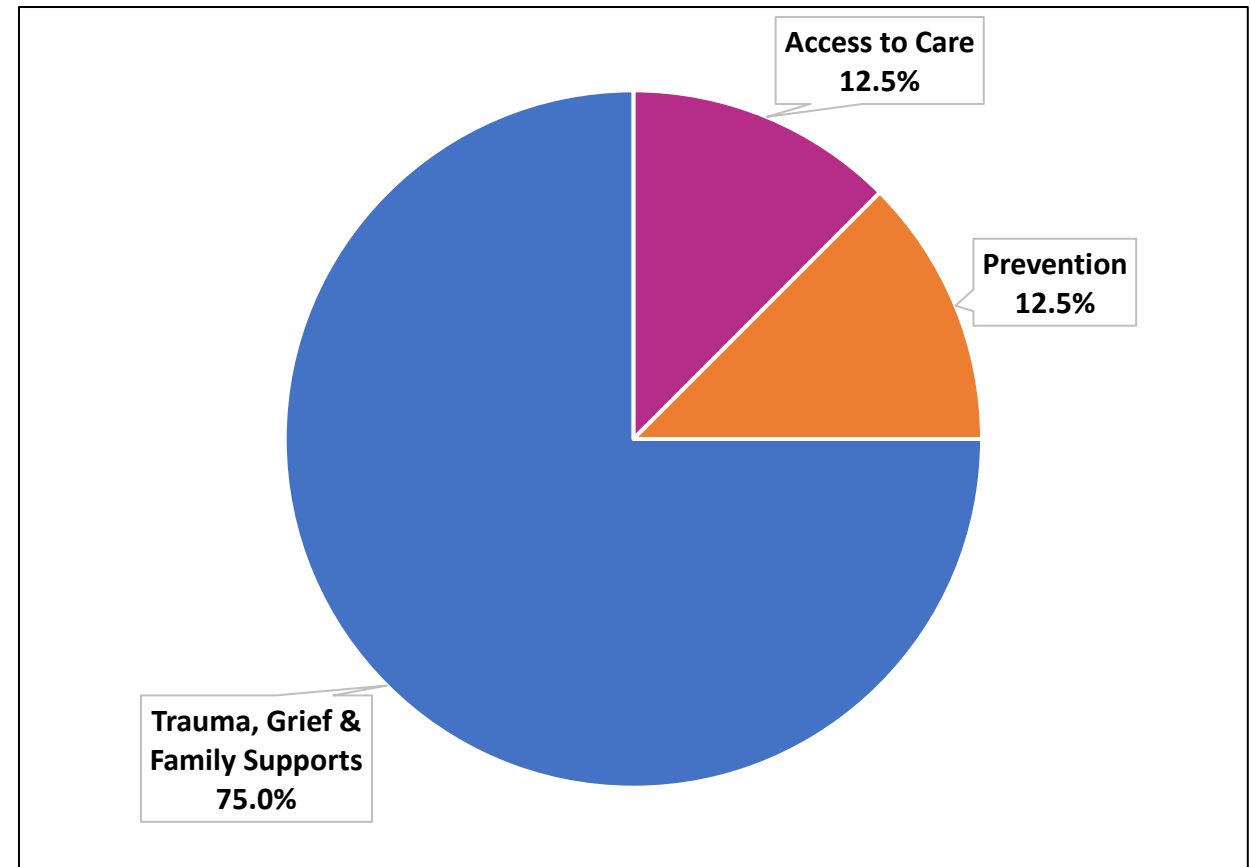
Family Resilience Grant Program

The **Family Resilience Grant Program** will award \$7.5 million over three years to community-based organizations that are building comprehensive support systems for families across Massachusetts

Regional Funding Allocation



Focus Areas



Municipal Reporting Changes

Process

- Reporting requirement threshold removed
- Tailored experience based on collaboration status
- User-friendly software
- Embedded quality assurance

Report

- Simpler structure
- Removed strategy implementation
- Line-item expenditure table

Resources

- Detailed guidance document
- Demonstrative videos
- One-on-one support meetings



Spotlight: Shaping a Path Forward

Today's Presentation



What do we mean by *Shaping a Path Forward?*



Review of States' Advisory Councils



Interactive Survey

How We Selected States - Prerequisites

Decision-Making Structure

- ***Advisory-Only***
- Shared Decision-Making
- Binding Authority

Lead Agency

- ***Executive Office (Health & Human Services)***
- Other Executive Offices and Legislative Branches of Government
- Independent Governing Bodies

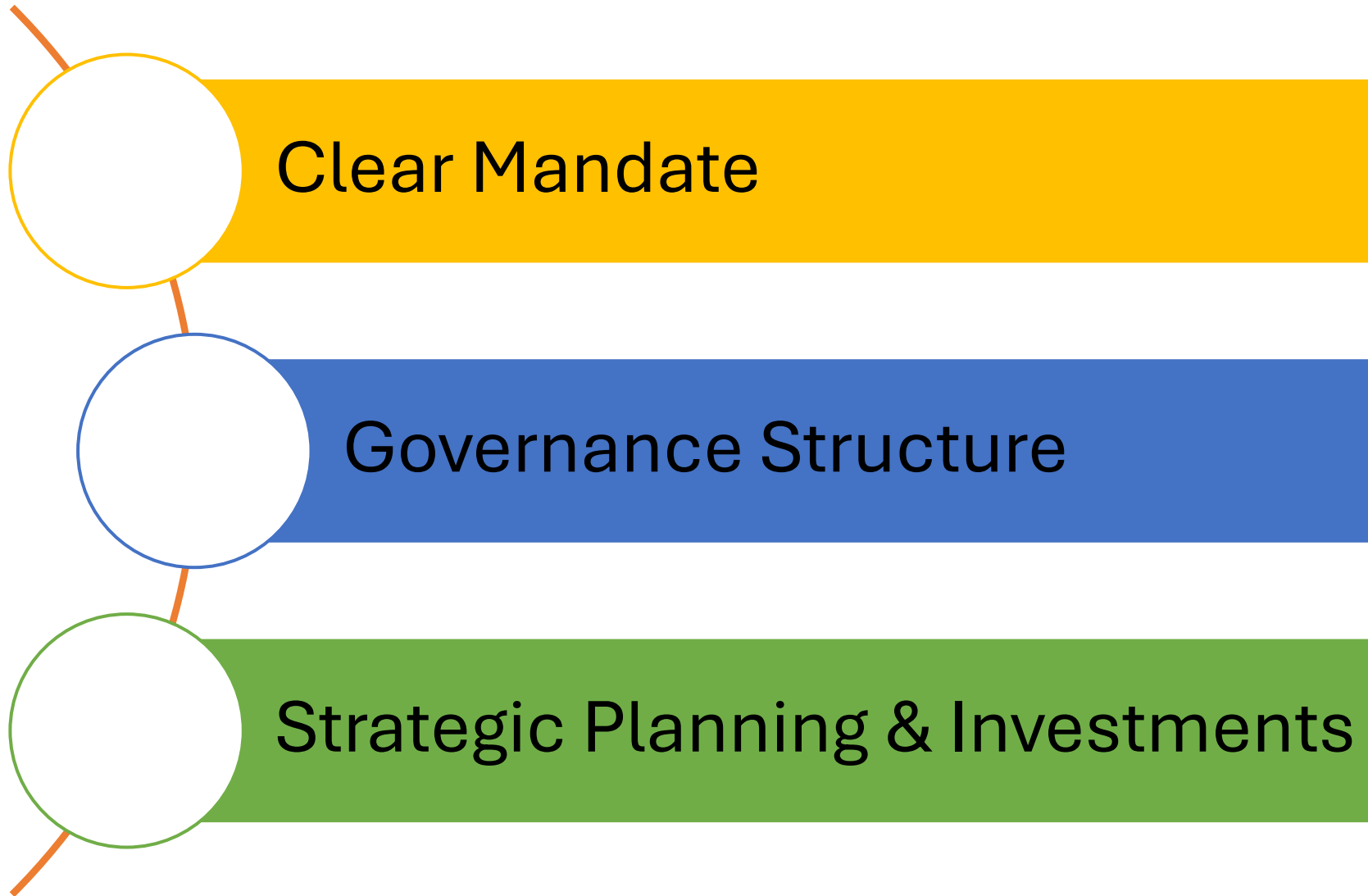
Council Composition

- ***Size***
- ***Appointing Authorities***
- ***Membership Representation***

State Advisory Councils

State	Allocation Formula	Responsibilities	Subcommittees
Connecticut	Local – 15% State – 85%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommends and approves policies, procedures for administration, and criteria for awarding and disbursing funds • Non-members able serve on subcommittees • Must align with statewide plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data & Research • Finance • Referral
Illinois	Local – 33% State – 67%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Makes advisory recommendations to the Governor's Opioid Prevention and Recovery Steering Committee • Must align with statewide plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access & Equity • Data & Research • Infrastructure & Workforce
Massachusetts	Local – 40% State – 60%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Makes recommendations upon a majority vote to the chair of the council • Requirement that no less than three members must be PWLLE 	N/A
New Jersey	Local – 50% State – 50%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engages the community to develop and provide recommendations on the allocation and distribution of the State's share • Develop strategic plan 	N/A
New York	Local – 46.1% Regional – 16.4% State Abatement – 20% State Enforcement – 17.5%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Makes evidence-based recommendations on how funding is spent • Member votes recorded and published • Must align with statewide plan 	N/A
Rhode Island	Local – 80% State – 20%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Makes formal recommendations to the EOHHS on the use of the statewide share • Members must serve on at least one subcommittee • Alignment with statewide plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications • Data & Research • Governance • Harm Reduction • Prevention • Recovery • Treatment

Key Themes

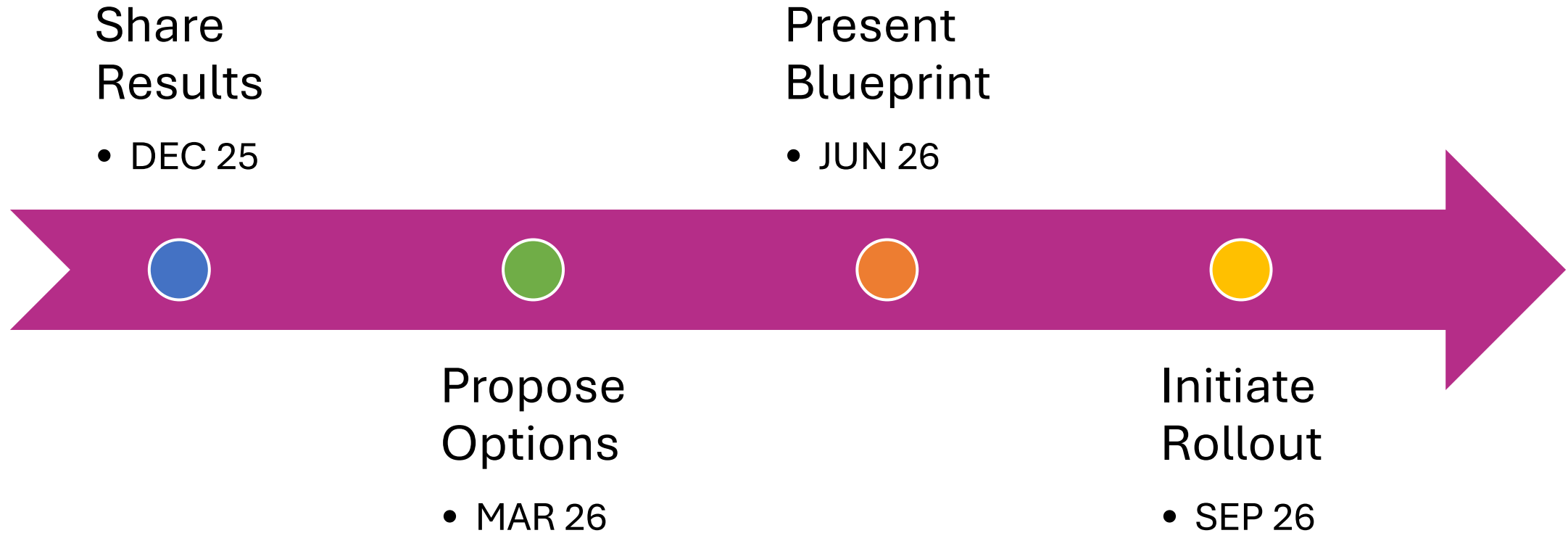


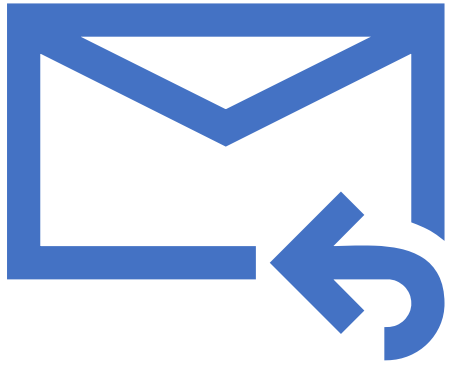


Member Survey

Please join using your phone or laptop!

One-Year Timeline





Questions & Answers

OpioidRecoveryandRemediationFund@mass.gov



2025 Meeting Schedule

Quarter	Date	Format	Initiative Spotlight
Q1	Wed. 03/12/25	Virtual (Zoom)	Black and Latino Men's Re-Entry
Q2	Wed. 06/04/25	Virtual (Zoom)	Mobile Addiction Services
Q3	Wed. 09/10/25	Hybrid (Central Region)	Shaping Path Forward
Q4	Wed. 12/10/25	Virtual (Zoom)	TBD