

Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee



Wednesday, March 15, 2023

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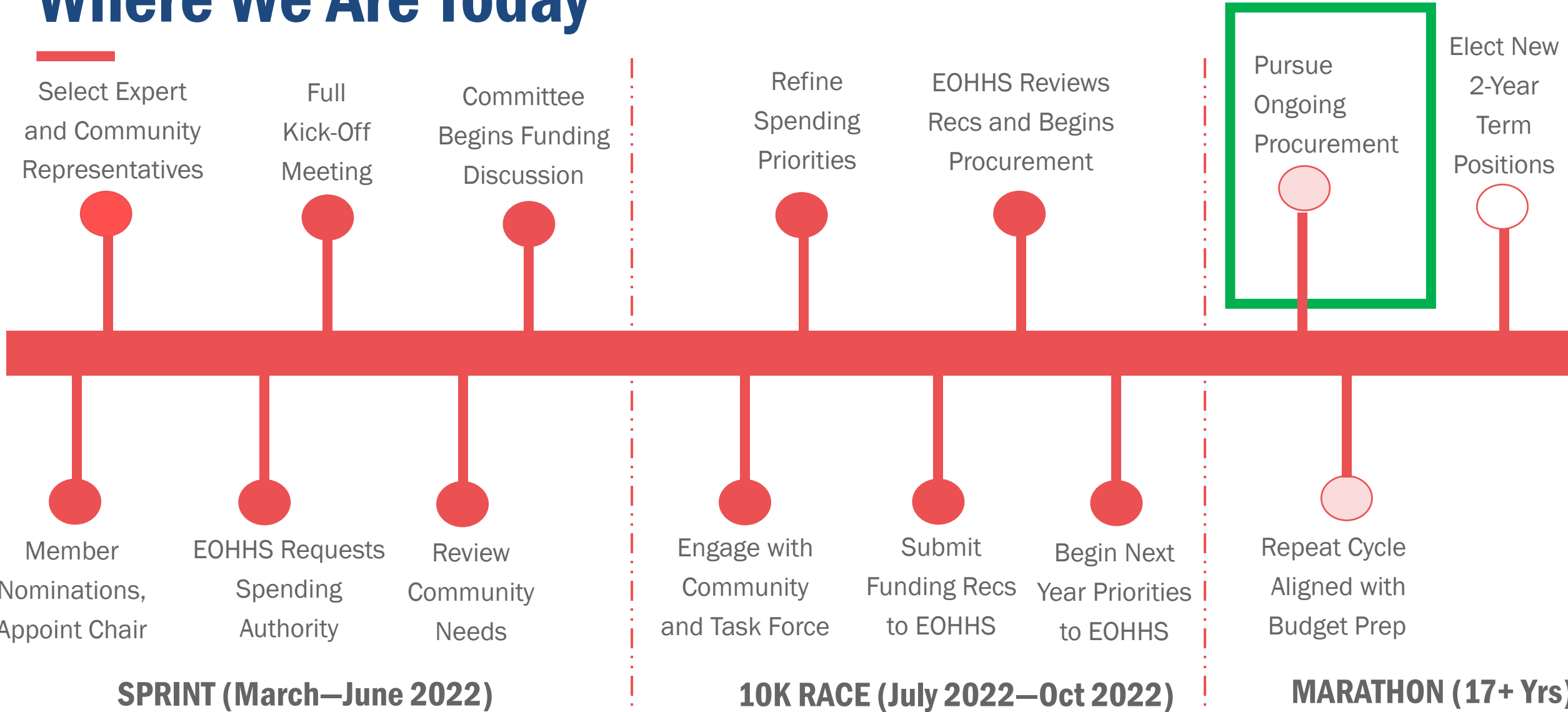
Our Meeting Agenda



- I. Call to Order & Introductions: Carrie Bridges Feliz
- II. Update on State Fiscal Year 2023 & 2024 Recommendations and Procurement Process: Marti Rosenberg
- III. Presentations from Subject-Matter Experts
 - a. RI Ethics Commission: Lynne Radiches
 - b. Town of East Greenwich: Robert Houghtaling , Xia Tuttle, Kevin Kidd, Gracie Kauffman, Dennis Smith, Emily Kendal, and others
- IV. Next Steps & Other Updates
 - a. Next Meeting: Carrie Bridges Feliz
 - b. Governor's Task Force Update: Cathy Schultz
- V. Public Comment
- VI. Adjourn

Call to Order and Introductions

Where We Are Today



Update on State Fiscal Year 2023 & 2024 Recommendations and Procurement Process

OSAC Funding Procured & Begun as of 03.13.23

Blue Italics Font = New Developments

- Basic Needs Provision for High-Risk Clients and Community Members at Harm Reduction Agencies, Recovery Centers, organizations serving families with Substance-Exposed Newborns, and other community organizations BHDDH and RIDOH
- Increased Harm Reduction Outreach Investments at Harm Reduction Agencies RIDOH
- Substance Exposed Newborn Staffing and Data Enhancements at RI Department of Health RIDOH
- Youth Behavioral Health Prevention in Schools BHDDH
- Staff selected for the Automated Rapid Detection Surveillance System RIDOH
- Data Heat Map Dashboard RIDOH
- *Contract for behavioral health services at three warming stations in addition to the Cranston Street Warming Station EOHHS and HOUSING*
- *BIPOC Industry Workers & Chronic Pain Treatment and Prevention: Building Futures EOHHS*

OSAC Contracting Imminent - as of 3.13.23

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- Overdose Prevention Centers (RFP) – *Negotiations complete, contracting in process EOHHS*
- Harm Reduction Technology Implementation – *Negotiations complete, contracting in process EOHHS*
- Contingency Management Services for People w/ Stimulant Use Disorder – *Negotiations complete, contracting in process BHDDH*

OSAC Procurements in Process - as of 3.13.23 *Blue Italics Font* = New Developments

- Recovery Housing Expansion (Level 2 and Level 3) – *RFP Responses are in Review BHDDH*
- Expanded SUD Residential Capacity RFP – *RFP Responses are in Review BHDDH*
- Alternative Overdose Prevention Programming – *RFP Responses are in Review BHDDH and EOHHS*
- Expanding Street Outreach, with a focus on service BIPOC/Undocumented Residents – *RFP Responses are in Review RIDOH*
- Community Prevention Services and Non-Profit Capacity Building – *Grant closed March 10 – Grants are in review and expected to be announced by end of April EOHHS*
- Recovery Supports – *Contracts being developed BHDDH*
- Opioid Settlement Evaluator – *Hiring process is underway EOHHS*
- Biosurveillance Lab Supplies at RIDOH – Order is in and RIDOH has requested payment RIDOH

OSAC Projects Under Development - as of 3.13.23

- Addressing Xylazine through CPR Training with Opioid Settlement Emergency Funds BHDDH and EOHHS (may add other state agencies).
- Strategic Investments in Additional Harm Reduction Activities – with Opioid Settlement Alternative Post-Overdose Funds and some Communications Funds RIDOH and maybe EOHHS
- Discussions with Opioid Treatment Providers for workforce supports TBD BHDDH and/or EOHHS
- Multi-Lingual Media – Communications team will use these dollars for translations as needed EOHHS
- Housing Capital, Operating, and Supportive Services – Investment strategy drafted per OSAC feedback and is in development for procurement HOUSING and BHDDH
- Non-profit capacity technical assistance development – Planning underway EOHHS

Projects Still to be Planned/Procured – as of 3.13.23

- Family Recovery Supports – Strategic development under way at BHDDH.
- Trauma Supports for First Responders and Peers – Strategic development conversations slated for April/May

Emergency Fund – Funded as of 3/13/23 *Blue Italics Font* = New Developments



- Warming Station Behavioral Health Services - \$200,000
- CPR Trainings for Providers and Community Members – Estimated to be \$80,000
- Additional dollars needed for Harm Reduction Technology Project & BIPOC Industry Workers Project - \$65,000
- Approximate dollars left to spend for FY23: \$155,000

Updates on OSAC Recommendations from 10.27.22

- **Approved:**

- Require quarterly vendor convening, and invite municipalities to participate in these meetings.
- Require funded vendors to participate in evaluation activities.
- Require standardized quarterly reporting.
- Require vendor participation in continuous quality improvement and technical assistance either from state or identified technical assistance vendors.
- Require other training and technical assistance participation.

- **Pending:**

- Apply discretion for 2 year contract length
- Indirect default of 15%, up to 20% if organization's budget is less than 1M if organization requests it.

Subject-Matter Expert Presentations





RI Ethics Commission

Lynne Radiches, Staff Attorney
and Education Coordinator.

A scenic photograph of a lighthouse on a rocky coastline at dusk. The lighthouse is built from stone, with a white upper section and a darker lower section. It has a black lantern room with a red light visible. The lighthouse sits on a rocky outcrop. In the background, a suspension bridge with green lights spans the water. The sky is a mix of blue and purple.

Welcome!

INTRODUCTION TO THE
RHODE ISLAND
ETHICS COMMISSION
AND THE
RHODE ISLAND CODE OF ETHICS

A photograph of the Rhode Island State Capitol building, a large, ornate, light-colored stone structure with a prominent central dome and classical columns. The building is set against a clear blue sky, with some green foliage visible on the left. A semi-transparent white circular graphic is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing text.

Article III, Section 7- Ethical conduct.

“The people of the State of Rhode Island believe that public officials and employees must adhere to the highest standards of ethical conduct, respect the public trust and the rights of all persons, be open, accountable and responsive, avoid the appearance of impropriety and not use their position for private gain or advantage.”

Ethics: a standard or philosophy of right and wrong human behavior based on logical reasoning

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Ethics based on CULTURE

Many people think that whether something is “ethical” depends on the setting in which it occurs, taking into account the local culture, habits, and customs.



Ethics based on CONSEQUENCES



Ethical or unethical conduct is determined by examining the results. Ethical conduct is behavior that results in more positive results than negative results, in quantity and quality.

Ethics based on CHARACTER

Ethical conduct is determined by asking: “What would a virtuous person do under the circumstances?” The focus is on one’s character and motives.





The Code of Ethics tells us what actions to avoid, without regard to culture, consequence, or character.

Ethical or unethical conduct is determined NOT by looking at the results, but by looking at the conduct itself and judging its inherent rightness or wrongness.

Focus on your ACTION, not the result !!!

(9) Members – appointed by the Governor

- ▶ Advisory Powers
- ▶ Investigative Powers
- ▶ Adjudicative Powers
- ▶ Removal Powers

While serving on the Ethics Commission, members are prohibited from holding or campaigning for public office, holding office in any political party or on any political committee, and participating in or contributing to any political campaign.



State of Rhode Island
Ethics Commission

STAFF

- Executive Director/Chief Prosecutor
- Senior Staff Attorney
- Education Coordinator/Staff Attorney
- Staff Attorneys
- Investigators
- Office Manager
- Financial Disclosure Officer
- Support Staff



Who is subject to the Code of Ethics?

- (1) State and municipal elected officials;
- (2) State and municipal appointed officials; and
- (3) Employees of state and local government, and members of boards, commissions and agencies.



CONFLICT OF INTEREST



A person subject to the Code of Ethics . . .

. . . may **not** participate in any matter if it is **reasonably foreseeable** (*more than conceivable – less than certain*) that:
he/she,
or any **family member**,
or any **business associate**, or
any **business by which he/she is employed or represents**, will derive a **direct monetary gain** or suffer a **direct monetary loss** by reason of his/her official activity.

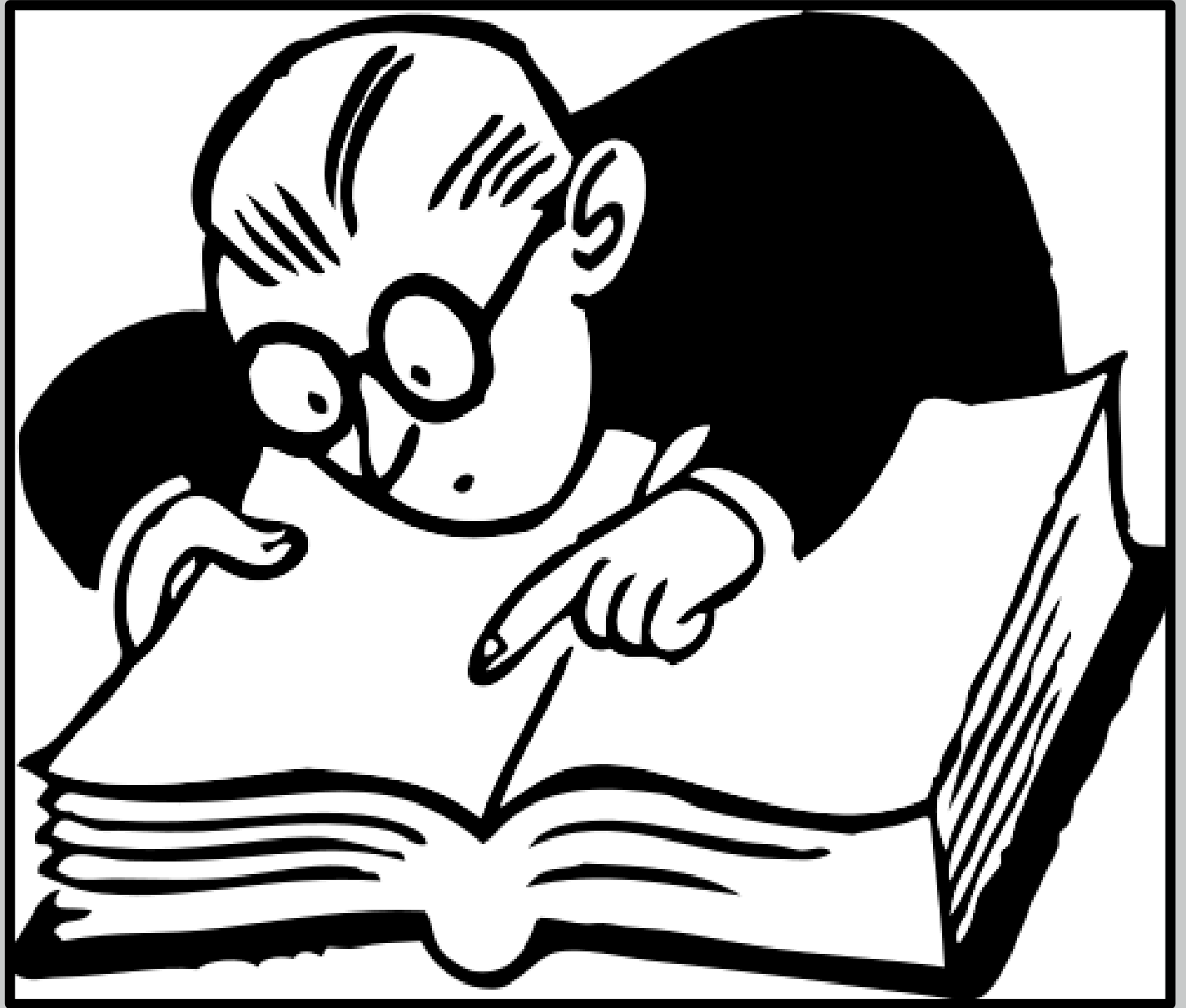


Business Associates

persons or entities with whom
you are joined to achieve a
common financial objective

EXAMPLES

- business partners
- people you have hired such as an attorney, accountant, realtor, contractor, *etc.*
- landlord/tenant
- any businesses or organizations, even if not-for-profit, for which you are an officer or serve on the Board of Directors, regardless of whether you are paid for your service



Ongoing Business Association



- parties conducting ongoing business transactions
- outstanding accounts
- anticipated future relationship

Family Members

Whether by blood, marriage, or adoption:

Spouse

Parents

Children

Siblings

Grandparents / Grandchildren

Aunts / Uncles

Nieces / Nephews

First Cousins





A conflict of interest is a situation where a person's public duties and private life intersect.

It is not unethical to have a conflict of interest.

It does not violate the Code of Ethics to have a conflict of interest.

It is not the conflict that is the problem; rather, the potential problem is the failure to identify and manage the conflict.

**Do I have a conflict of interest? Ask yourself –
Is it “reasonably foreseeable” that . . .**



a decision I am helping to make, as part of my public duties, will result in a financial benefit *or* detriment to:

Me;

My family/household member;

My business associate; *or*

A business by which I am employed?

Do I Have a Conflict of Interest?



Ask yourself:

Even if there is no financial impact, is a **family member, household member, business associate, or business by which I am employed** a party to, or participating in, the matter being discussed?

If the answer is **“Yes,”** then you have a conflict of interest and **you must recuse** from any participation in the matter.

HOW TO RECUSE

1. Complete a Statement of Conflict of Interest form.
2. Present the original to your presiding officer, appointing authority, director, or immediate supervisor.
3. Send a copy to the Ethics Commission



And if nepotism exists, my brothers will root it out!



NEPOTISM

You may not participate . . . in any matter as part of your public duties if there is reason to believe or expect that any person within your family or a household member . . .

- is a party to or participant; *or*
- will derive a direct monetary gain; *or*
- will suffer a direct monetary loss; *or*
- will obtain an employment advantage.



The Code's prohibitions against nepotism apply regardless of whether a family or household member is objectively the most qualified candidate for a job or is deserving of promotion.

The policy underlying the prohibitions against nepotism recognizes that it is difficult for any person to be truly objective when considering matters impacting family/household members and furthers the constitutionally founded goal of avoiding the appearance of impropriety.

Examples . . .

- hiring
- awarding of contract
- decision regarding property
- appointment to compensated position
- participation in disciplinary matter in which employment is at risk





Recusal does not mean that the public official must leave the room if it is an open meeting, although it is best practice to do so.

However, if the public body is in executive session, once the official has recused, he or she has no more right to be in the room than any other member of the general public.



No person subject to the
Code of Ethics may enter
into any contract with a
state or municipal agency
unless . . .



. . . the contract has been awarded through an open and public process, including prior public notice and subsequent public disclosure of all proposals considered and contracts awarded.



SECONDARY EMPLOYMENT

You may have a private or public sector job in addition to your state/municipal position; however, you may not accept outside employment that **impairs your independence of judgment** or that **induces you to disclose confidential government information.**

Factors Considered

- ◆ nexus between public duties & private employment
- ◆ work must be completed outside normal work hours & without use of public resources
- ◆ official/employee may not appear before own agency
- ◆ work must be conducted outside of areas over which official/employee has decision-making jurisdiction
- ◆ official/employee may not use public position to solicit business or customers



Confidential Information

You may not use or disclose, for financial gain, confidential information acquired in the course of your official duties.

GIFTS

If you participate in making decisions . . .

you may not accept cash or forgiveness of debt from interested persons.

An **"interested person"** has a direct financial interest in a decision that a public official/employee makes or participates in making.

Interested persons include employees or representatives of an individual, business, organization, or entity.



GIFTS



You may accept things of value up to and including **\$25 per instance** and **\$75 per year** from each interested person or single interested source.

Transactions with Subordinates



You may not engage in a financial transaction, including:

- **private employment/consulting**
- **giving or receiving loans**
- **monetary/political/charitable contributions**

with an employee, contractor, or consultant over whom you exercise supervisory responsibilities.

Exceptions include . . .

- ◆ financial transactions in the normal course of a regular commercial business or occupation; *or*
- ◆ if the subordinate initiates the financial transaction; *or*
- ◆ for charitable events that are sponsored by the highest official or governing body of the state or municipality.



REVOLVING DOOR

Purpose: To prevent government employees and public officials from unfairly profiting from, or otherwise trading upon, the contacts, associations, and special knowledge that they acquired during their tenure as public servants.





1 YEAR

No elected or appointed official may accept any appointment or election that requires approval by the body of which he or she is or was a member, to any position which carries with it financial benefit.

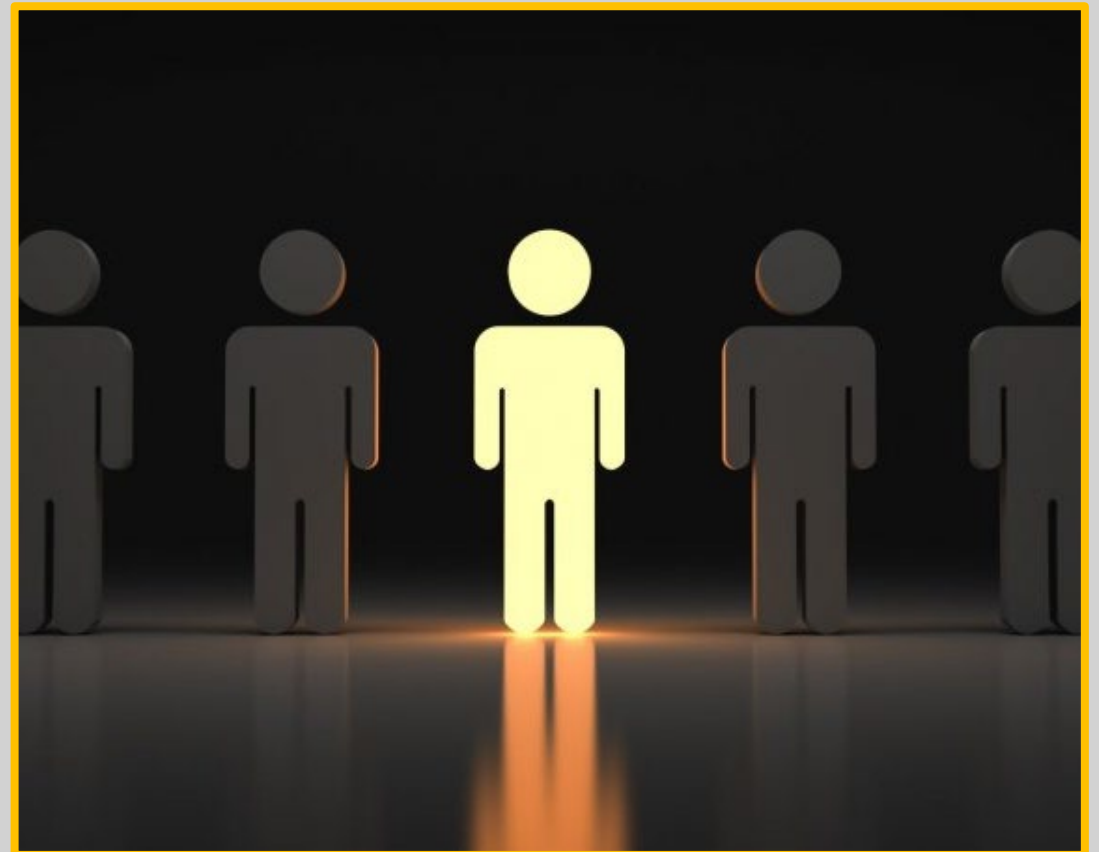
This prohibition continues for one (1) year after the termination of his or her membership in or on such body.

The Ethics Commission may give its approval for a particular appointment or election, if satisfied that denial of such employment or position would create a substantial hardship for the body, board, or municipality.

You **may not represent yourself or anyone else** before the agency of which you are a member or by which you are employed or before any other agency for which your agency is the appointing authority.

You **may not serve as an expert witness** before your agency.

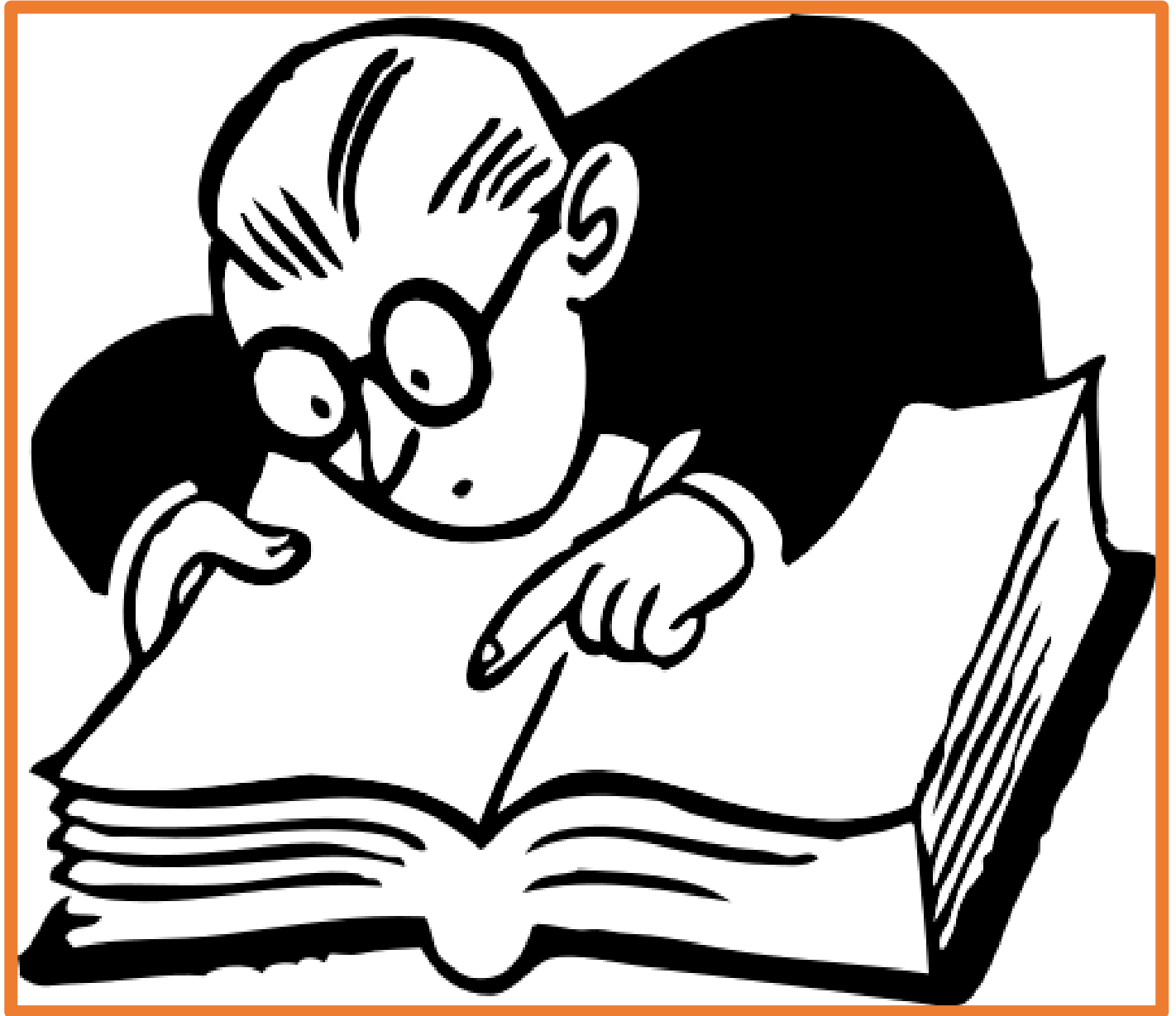
These prohibitions continue for **(1) year** after you leave your public office or employment.



Representation

Defined

participation in
presentation of evidence
or arguments before
agency for purpose of
influencing judgment of
agency in own favor or in
favor of another



Exception

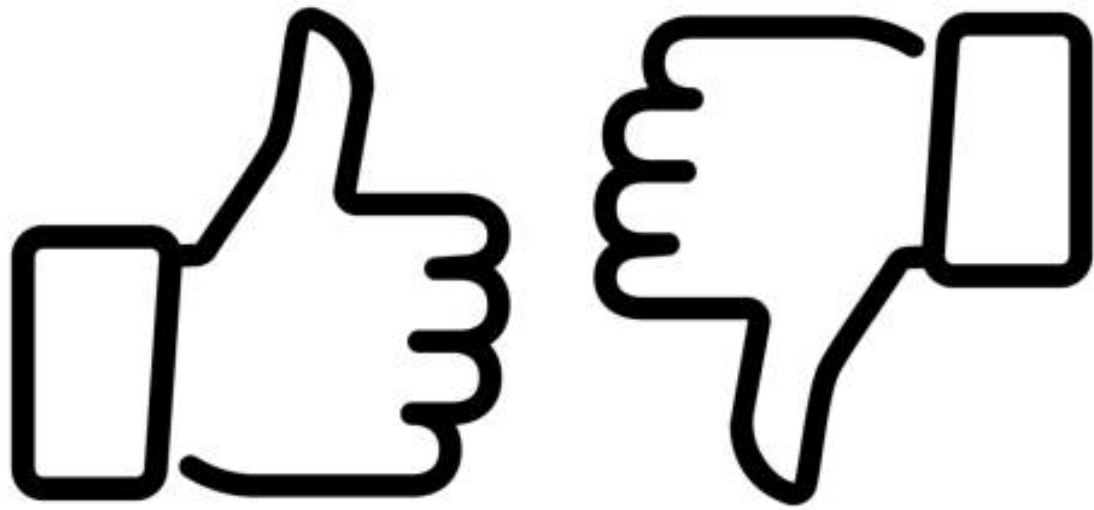
The Ethics Commission may grant a **hardship exception** allowing you to represent yourself before your own agency. To obtain an exception you **must request an advisory opinion.**





Filing a Complaint

- ◆ Form provided by the Ethics Commission
- ◆ Signed under oath
- ◆ Must name the individual alleged to have violated the Code (“Respondent”)
- ◆ Identify Respondent’s public office
- ◆ Detail specific acts which allegedly violated the Code
- ◆ Not public unless and until accepted by Executive Director
- ◆ Complainant not a party



ADVISORY OPINIONS



What Is An Advisory Opinion?

Legal interpretation of the Code of Ethics

Issued by the Ethics Commission

Provides specific guidance about a particular and impending circumstance

Based on representations of the petitioner



before

Who May Request An Advisory Opinion?

- A person subject to the Code
- About a provision which may affect him or her
- Before taking any official action

How Do I Request An Advisory Opinion?

Mail, hand-deliver, or email to the Ethics Commission a letter containing your signature and the following information:

- ◆ name, telephone number, email address
- ◆ name, jurisdiction and powers of your agency, commission, or office
- ◆ official position & description of duties
- ◆ nature of the potential conflict
- ◆ summary of relevant facts
- ◆ any time constraints



What Happens After I Submit My Request?

- letter confirming receipt
- draft recommendation prepared by staff attorney
- affirmative vote of 5 Commissioners required
- strongly encouraged to attend
- you will receive written copy
- also available on Ethics Commission website
- Advisory Opinion and request are public records

Who is required to file a Yearly Financial Statement?



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All state elected officials

All state appointed officials

All state employees who
hold a major decision-
making position in a state
agency

All municipal elected
officials

Certain municipal appointed
officials

The Purpose of Financial Disclosure

- ▶ Help ensure that people who are acting in the public interest do not use their public positions to further their private financial interests
- ▶ Help identify any conflicts between an official's financial interests and his or her public office
- ▶ Increase overall transparency in government appointments and decision-making
- ▶ Help further the public's confidence in government

Information that is required includes the following . . .

The Yearly Financial Statement requires the listing of certain assets and sources of income but does not require divulging net worth.

- ◆ Name of public official's employer
- ◆ Real estate other than principal place of residence
- ◆ Businesses in which public official, his/her spouse, or dependent children have at least a 10% or \$5,000 ownership or investment interest

You will be asked to list all positions of management, as well as positions of director, officer, partner, trustee, or positions of a similar nature in any entity, held by you, your spouse, or your dependent child, regardless of whether you are paid for such service.

This includes businesses as well as nonprofit organizations or groups, even if no compensation is received.



You must disclose
debts of more than
\$1,000 to anyone
other than . . .

- Most family members
- Financial institutions where debt secured by a mortgage on filer's principal residence
- Arising from credit card transactions



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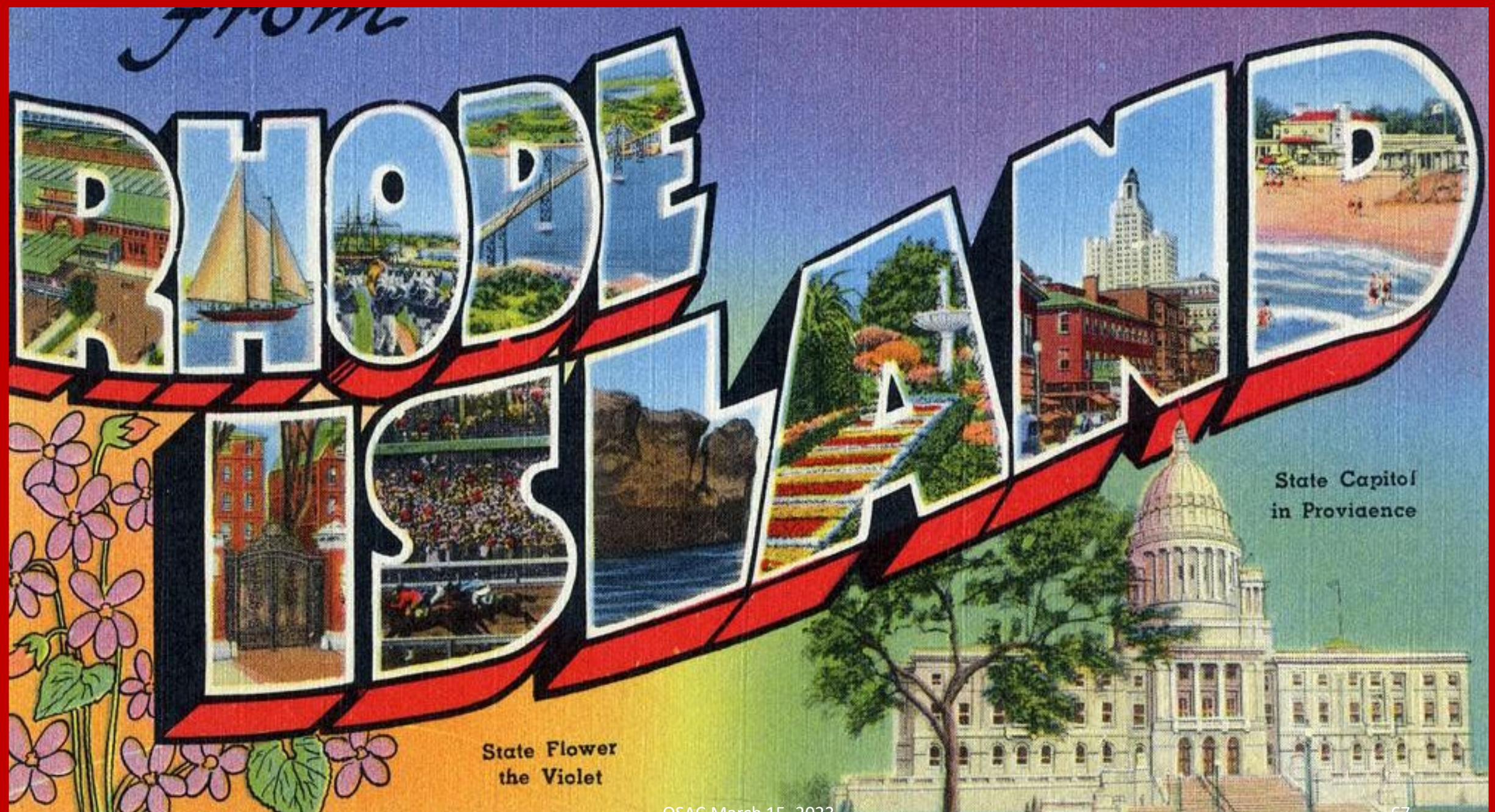
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Monday through Friday
8:30 am – 4:30 pm



State Capitol
in Providence

State Flower
the Violet



Town of East Greenwich

Robert Houghtaling and youth leaders

The Windowsill *by Bob Houghtaling*

Everyone they are sleeping
The evening's so very still
It's three o'clock in the morning
As I stand before the sill
You didn't come home today
Or the two before
While the doors have all been locked
I'll wait up at least till four

My thoughts in sunlight's absence
They journey to the past
Memories of your childhood
But such times would not last
You are out there somewhere
Paying a burdensome cost
Those marks on your arms
Detail life's moments lost

Crickets play an eerie tune
A chorus for those alone
Yet we are not so far apart
Only you are getting stoned
I'm told to play the tough guy
I'm told to let you go
Like I did one winter's chill
In a car draped in snow

Surely there must be reasons
But they are of little use
Especially when engaging
With clichés from the obtuse
So you stare out the window
Bargaining with distant hope
That my boy will come home again
Despite all of the dope

Interventions have been many
Solutions so very few
One thing I keep hearing
No one knows what to do
At a cost of many thousands
All of those diagnoses galore
I'm here in my pajamas
Waiting at the door

Reality wins another round
When I lay down to nod
Jesus must be sleeping too
And I'm still waiting for God
Soon morning sun will rise
Evening fades from my view
But all through life's waking hours
Dad's heart aches for you

Mercy is often granted
For those sick and needing care
However, many suffering from addiction
Receive judgments quite unfair
Scorn, death and prison
All harpies for a disease
That is deeply misunderstood
Awaiting a moment's ease

Everyone has their opinion
Coming from side to side
Despite those great intentions
The truth is not denied
Gazing at Heaven's portal
Where loneliness abounds
Only surrenders loving mercy
Is where we'll all be found

Many stare through their darkness
Searching for a guiding light
Some do so in the daytime
Others late at night
Yet solace, it comes slowly
Slipped on like a glove
Perhaps only Angels know
You've shared the deepest love

Town of East Greenwich Community Partners

- Kent County Prevention Coalition
- Thrive Behavioral Health
- Ongoing Town Drug/Mental Health Programs
- EG Opioid & Mental Health Task Force

Town of East Greenwich Youth Programs

- ASAPP
- BEE SMART
- Teen Center
- Sandy Hook Promise
- Forums/Trainings
- Supports for Marginalized Populations

Integrated Social Capacity



Integrated Social Capacity is a model for belonging. It is also an attempt to find where Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment meet to create connections, self-worth and possibility. While not completely linear, this five component model looks at developing communities which can augment quality mental health.

Assess x **Support** x **Action** x **Proceed** x **Prevent**.

An essential component of the ISC Model is ASAPP (and Youth to Youth), which basically describes a process that helps individuals reach out for support regarding Mental Health. It is important to note that ASAPP is applicable for everyone. While not confusing the importance of clinical support for those experiencing mental illness—we can all benefit from reaching out for help when called for.

Integrated Social Capacity

- Reflection:
 - Self awareness, Desire to change, Critical thinking, Intent for connection Leap of faith (action)
- Belonging
 - Acceptance (self/others), Developing friendships, Exploring purpose, Feeling safe, Sense of Place
- Contribution
 - Work, Community service, Civic organizations, Citizenship, Stewardship
- Integration
 - Mental Health, Life balance, Flexibility, Integrity
- Integrated Social Capacity
 - Empowerment, Respect/Empathy, Openness, Support for others, Sense of commitment, Spirituality/Sense of believing, Citizenship



Teen Center

on 15, 2023



Teen Center Christmas Gathering

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ASAPP Café

Swift Community Center, East Greenwich

October 20, 2022



Pride Event

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Night at the movies!

Listening to young people.





Kindness

Trust

Motivation

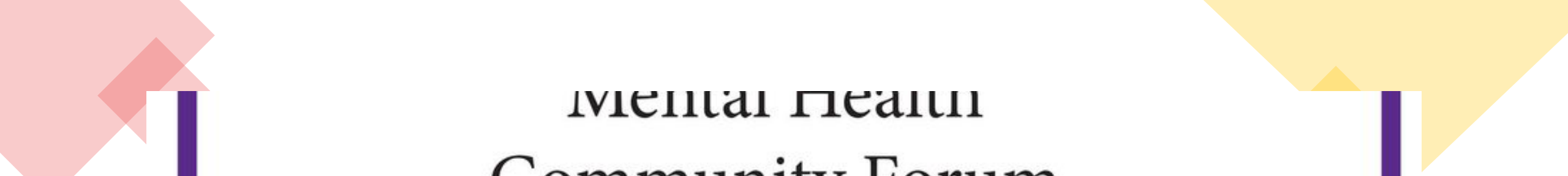
Understanding

MAKING HAY III

Working Together

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September 15, 2022 • Faith Hill Farm 6:30-8:30 PM



Mental Health Community Forum

February 16, 2023
Swift Community Center 7:00-8:30 PM

You are enthusiastically invited to an important program regarding mental health. BEE SMART-ASAPP will feature a myriad of young and older experts who will share their expertise about concerns such as stress, anxiety, substance use, recovery and more. I know that you are busy. I also know that it is cold. Here is an opportunity to learn more about major issues as well as enhance com-



Next Steps & Other Updates

Next Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee Meeting: April 2023

DATE:	Thursday, April 27
TIME:	1:00 – 3:00
LOCATION:	RI EOHHS Virks Building, 1 st Floor Training Room, 3 West Road, Cranston RI, 02920
TENTATIVE MEETING TOPICS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ FY 23 and FY 24 Updates and next steps❖ Planning for FY 25❖ Funding Spotlight: RISAS❖ TBD

Governor's Task Force Update

Cathy Schultz

Public Comment



THANK YOU



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Appendix

Anticipated Procurement Timeline for FY23 Funds

— = On Track / — = At Risk / — = Off Track / — = Under Development / Too Soon to Tell

Status:

October 2022

- Begin procurement processes for second 4 projects and send to Purchasing. At least 2 of the first procurements are posted.



November 2022

- Begin procurement process for the third group of 4 projects and send to Purchasing. Kick off additional 3 procurements.



December 2022

- Begin procurement process for the fourth group of 4 projects and sent to Purchasing. Kick off additional 5 procurements.



January 2023

- Continuing procurements and implementation. Working with Purchasing.



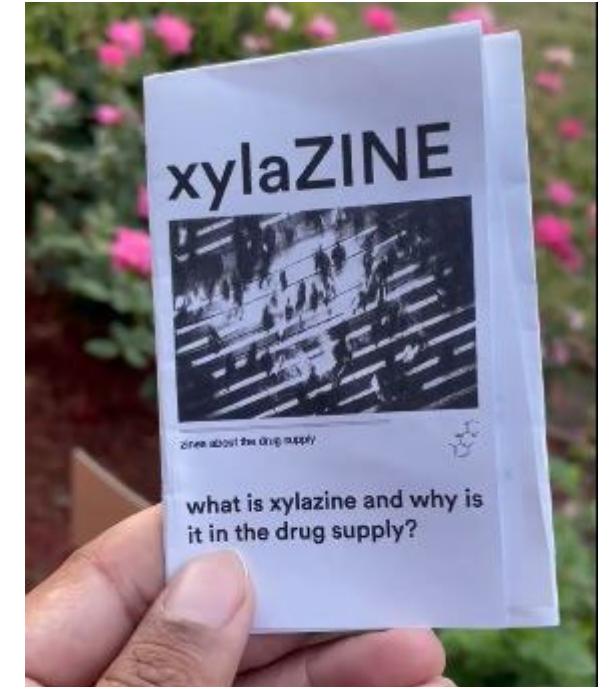
Xylazine: Information Now Available on PreventOverdoseRI.org

Information about xylazine, a veterinary tranquilizer that is showing up in the local drug supply, is now available on PreventOverdoseRI.org (PORI)'s [Learn About Xylazine](#) webpage.

Xylazine is not approved for human use. It can cause a deep and long-lasting sedation that can lead to injuries related to poor circulation and breathing problems, especially if used with other sedating drugs. While naloxone should be administered and a call placed to 9-1-1 in the event of an apparent overdose, special attention should be given to ensure that the person is breathing even if they remain unconscious. Long-term use of xylazine can lead to physical dependence and withdrawal symptoms, including irritability, anxiety, or low mood.

Xylazine use has also been associated with severe skin and soft tissue wounds and ulcers that can lead to infection. PORI's new webpage also offers information about [wound care](#) and local [healthcare facilities specializing in wound care treatment](#).

In addition to the new webpage, [testRI](#) researchers, who work in a partnership with Brown University School of Public Health, Brown Emergency Medicine, community harm reduction organizations, and RIDOH, have developed a printed resource to provide information about xylazine. This eight-page booklet (known as a "Zine") spells out what xylazine is, where it is showing up in the drug supply, and more. You can download a printable xylaZINE [here](#) and [watch this video tutorial](#) to learn how to fold the zine.



Statewide Behavioral Health Public Awareness Campaigns

Small Amount/Fentanyl Risks (Phase 3)

Phase 3 has officially relaunched and includes paid ads for Connected TV (e.g., video streaming services via Hulu, Roku), bus shelters (within/near overdose hot spots), and new media tactics: SMS/MMS text messaging will work *in synchronization with* a targeted direct mail campaign is going to be requesting review and final approval by EOHHS and the Governor's Office; messages will be enabled within specific ZIP codes based on RIDOH's overdose hot spot data in alignment with Rhode Island Overdose Action Area Response (ROAAR) Public Health Alerts; YouTube video pre-roll advertisements; and Statewide movie theater trailers for R-rated movies.

Substance-Exposed Newborns (Phase 3)

Last week, RIDOH received a PO to start working with RDW Group to develop and launch Phase 3 of the "Pregnant? Using? We Can Help." campaign for pregnant people, mothers, and substance-exposed newborns. The campaign is funded by State Opioid Response (SOR) and SOR Block Grant funding, with the latter funding source specifically requiring content related to alcohol and marijuana use.

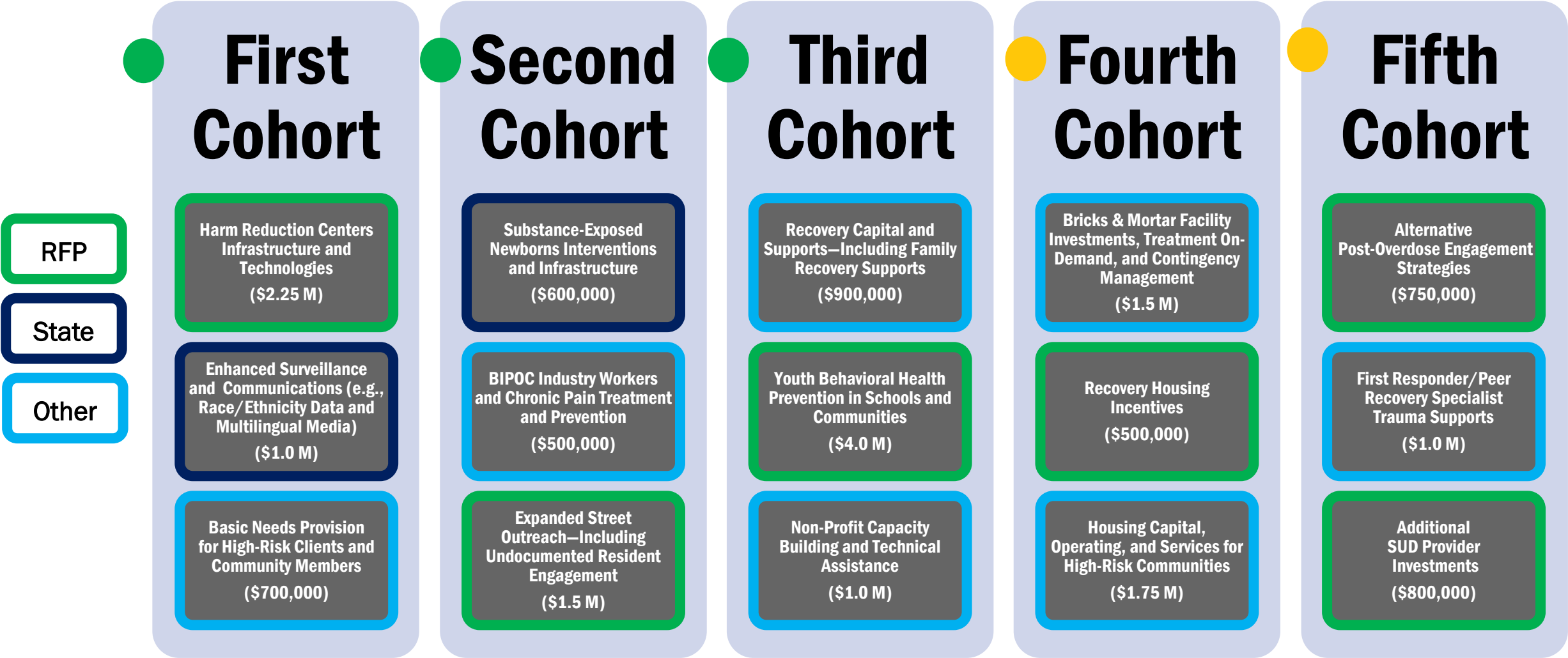
NEW: Polysubstance Use and Accidental Youth Poisonings

The statewide BH Conversation Team is currently developing public awareness campaigns on the topics of polysubstance use and accidental youth poisonings with local marketing vendor, RDW Group. These campaigns are being project managed by Ashley O'Shea of EOHHS; RIDOH is acting as a technical advisor. The polysubstance use campaign will start with paid digital media placements using [CDC's national campaign](#) and will direct people to PreventOverdoseRI.org. In addition, the polysubstance use and youth accidental poisoning campaigns will develop localized messaging based on substantial input from key informant interviews with community members/subject matter experts before proceeding with the development of messaging/creative and media planning.

Three Words Can Make a Difference (Phase 2)

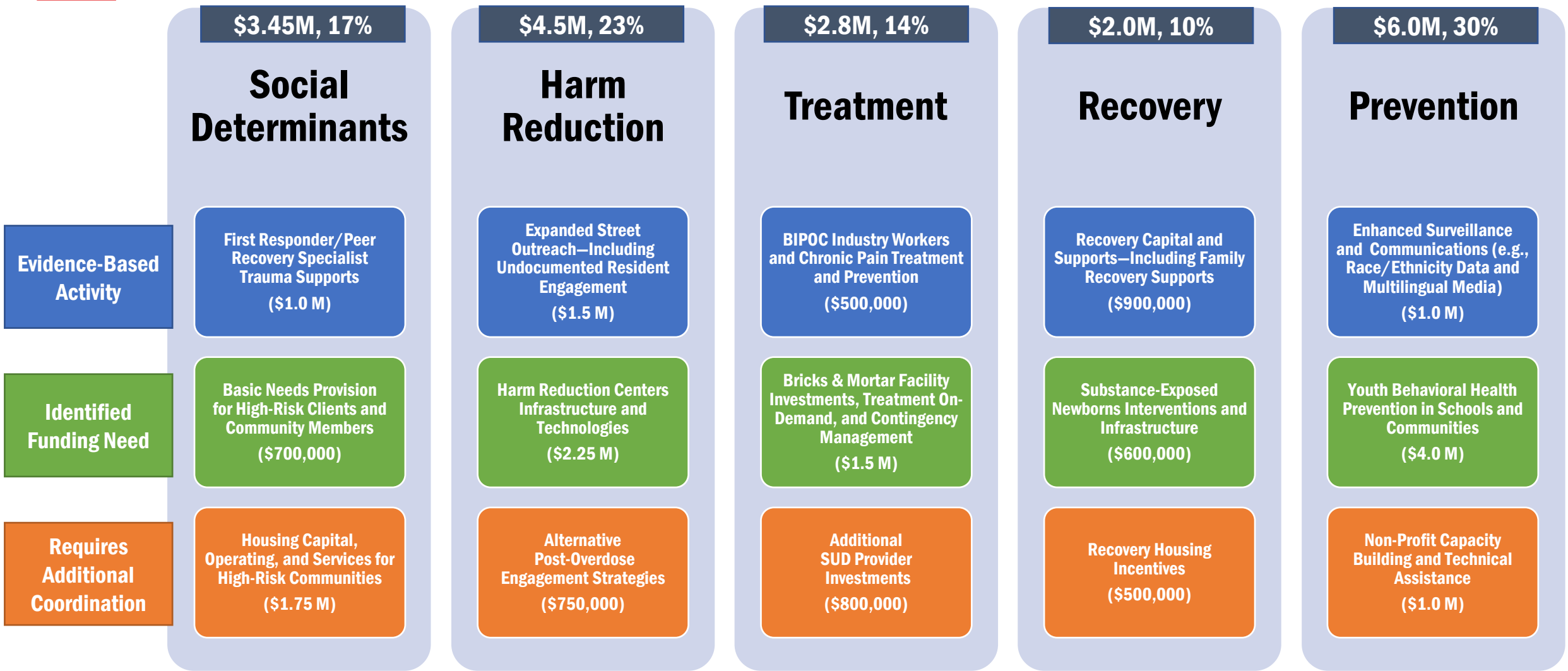
The interagency, statewide Behavioral Health (BH) Conversation Team has relaunched the 2021 *Three Words Can Make A Difference* public awareness campaign. This campaign was originally developed in response to data findings from the BHDDH Public Attitudes survey, which showed 91% of Rhode Islanders believe that a person should not feel ashamed to get help, and that the majority of Rhode Islanders know or have known someone who has struggled with a behavioral health condition- but do not know how to help. The campaign encourages audiences to visit [BHLink.org](#) to learn how you can support someone in need. Phase 2 includes poster distribution throughout local colleges and universities. You can access the campaign toolkit [here](#).

State Fiscal Year 2023 Recommendations Update



Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee: State Fiscal Year 2023 Funding Recommendations

\$18.75M Allocated below + \$1.25M for Governance = \$20M Total



SFY 2024 Funding Recommendations: Accepted by Secretary Novais

Gold = Treatment

Red = Program Administration

Light Grey = Prevention

Dark Grey = Recovery

Light Blue = Harm Reduction

Dark Blue = Social Determinants of Health

FY 24 NEW PROJECTS		FY 23/24 SUSTAINABILITY		FY 24 RESPONSE/ADMIN	
\$2,600,000 (25%)		\$6,070,000 (59%)		\$1,600,000 (16%)	
SUD Residential and Workforce Support*	\$600,000	Housing and Recovery Housing/ Supports	\$2,620,000	Emergency Response	\$500,000
BIPOC Youth Development	\$800,000	Youth Prevention Programming	\$1,150,000	Program Administration	\$600,000
Drop-In Center for Drug User Health*	\$150,000	Harm Reduction Center and Treatment Capacity	\$1,250,000	Project Evaluation	\$500,000
Naloxone Distribution Infrastructure*	\$500,000	Expanded Street Outreach	\$1,050,000		
Undocumented and Uninsured MAT Coverage*	\$550,000				

Guiding Principles for Decision-Making

To guide decisions for use of these funds, the Committee agreed to:

Spend money to save lives.	It may be tempting to use the dollars to fill holes in existing budgets rather than expand needed programs, but the Committee should use the funds to add to rather than replace existing spending.
Use evidence to guide spending.	At this point in the overdose epidemic, researchers, clinicians, and community partners have built a substantial body of evidence demonstrating what works and what does not. States and localities should use this information to make funding decisions.
Invest in youth prevention.	Support children, youth, and families by making long-term investments in effective programs and strategies for community change.
Focus on racial equity.	This process should be guided by public health leaders with the active engagement of people and families with lived experience, clinicians, as well as other
Develop a fair and transparent process for funding recommendations.	This process should be guided by public health leaders with the active engagement of people and families with lived experience, clinicians, as well as other key groups.
Consider future sustainability in all recommendations.	Although there may be some on-time funding recommendations, the Committee should consider the financial sustainability of all investments and try to plan for investments that can be sustained long-term.

**The first five items are paraphrased and summarized from the Johns Hopkins’ “The Principles To Guide Jurisdictions In The Use Of Funds From The Opioid Litigation, We Encourage The Adoption Of Five Guiding Principles”.*

Reminder: Consensus-Building Approach

The Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee will be using a Modified Consensus-Building Approach.

Recommendations will be reviewed, discussion will be held, and intermittent polls for consensus using the cards shown will be taken. Once modified consensus is achieved, a motion for a vote will be requested, as will a second.



THUMBS UP:

- Strongly agree with the proposal at hand as initially presented.
- No questions or concerns remaining and fully ready to vote.



THUMBS SIDEWAYS:

- Can live with the proposal at hand as initially presented and/or modified.
- Limited questions or concerns remaining and generally ready to vote.



THUMBS DOWN:

- Cannot live with the proposal at hand as initially presented and/or modified.
- Several questions or concerns remaining and not ready to vote.



NO THUMBS:

- Abstaining from vote (e.g., potential conflict, no preference)

Topics Planned for Future Meetings

NOVEMBER

- I. Housing (with the Office of Housing & Community Development)
- II. Peer Recovery Council

DECEMBER

- I. Municipal Partnerships
- II. The Center of Biomedical Research Excellence (COBRE) on Opioids and Overdose

2023

- I. Public Engagement Strategy
- II. Evaluation
- III. Strategic Pillars:
 - I. Prevention: Adult & Children
 - II. Rescue
 - III. Harm Reduction
 - IV. Treatment
 - V. Recovery
 - VI. Social Determinants of Health