

# Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee



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July 19, 2023

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# **Call to Order and Introductions**

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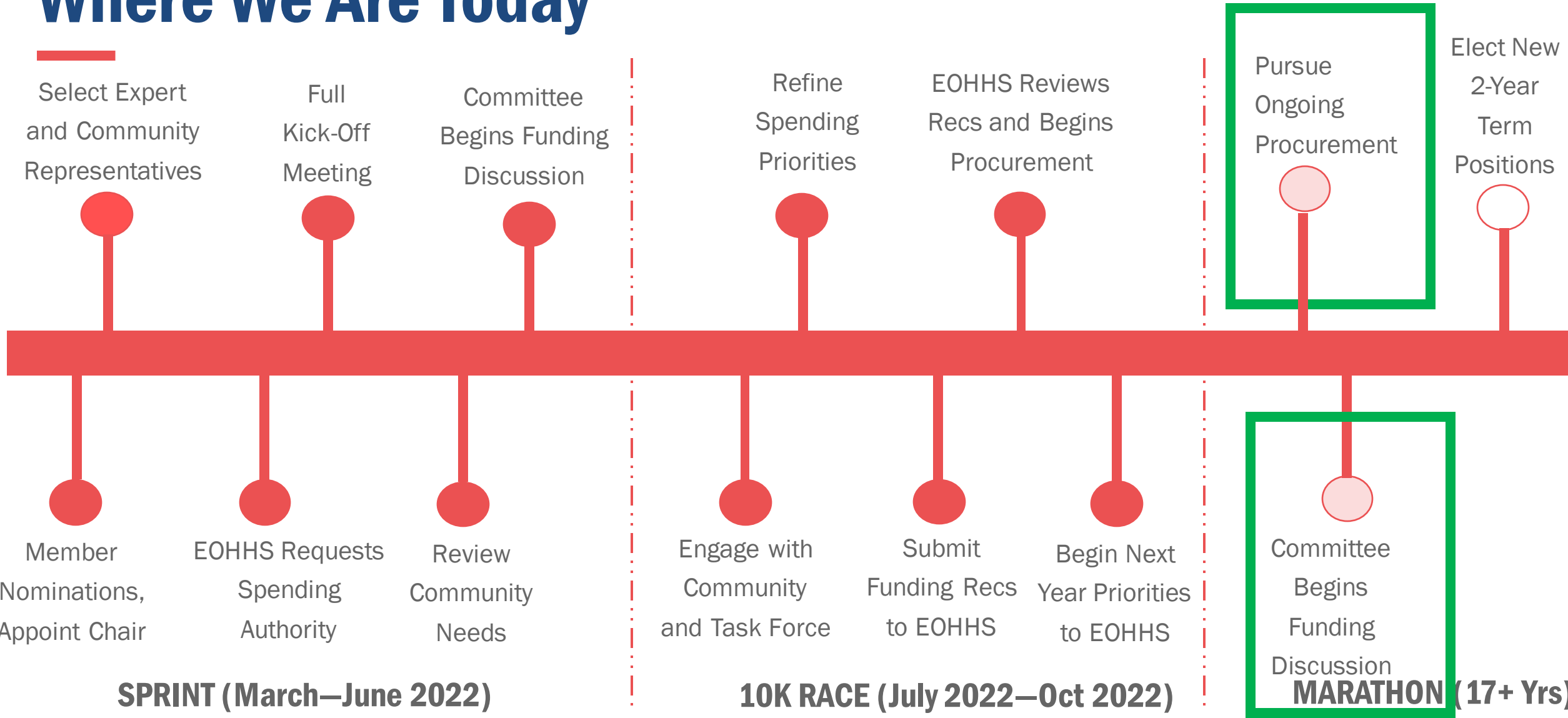
# Our Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order & Introductions
2. OSAC FY2025 Recommendation Process
  - a. Review of Suggested Committee Process
  - b. Review of FY23 and FY24 Funding Allocation Percentages, by Pillar/Funding Area
  - c. Committee Discussion of Percentage Goals for FY25
  - d. Public Comment
  - e. Seeking Committee Consensus on Percentage Goals for FY25
  - f. Presentation of Governor's Overdose Task Force FY25 Funding Recommendations
  - g. Committee Discussion
  - h. Public Comment
5. Next Steps
  - a. Governor's Task Force & Other OSAC Updates
  - b. Next Meeting - Thursday, August 24, 2023 from 1 to 3 pm
6. Public Comment
7. Adjourn



EOHHS has developed this meeting agenda and its components to align with our core values of Choice, Voice, and Equity.

# Where We Are Today



# **Reivew: FY23 & FY24 Funding Percentages**

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# Discussion: FY25 Funding

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# Review of FY23 OSAC Presentations

**To guide your thinking about what the Committee has addressed this year, we are including this summary of our meeting presentations.**

- **October 2022:** Rhode Island Vision of a Behavioral Health Continuum of Care: Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics - Marti Rosenberg
- **November 2022:** Teva Settlement Naloxone and Suboxone Planning & Distribution - James Rajotte
- **November 2022:** Housing - James Rajotte
- **November 2022:** RI Peer Recovery Council - Tommy Joyce and Lisa Conlan-Lewis
  - An overview of the ongoing efforts of the recovery community to coordinate and advocacy for the workforce and those they serve
- **December 2022:** Center of Biomedical Research Excellence on Opioids & Overdose - Community Based Research - Dr. Jody Rich

# Review of FY23 OSAC Presentations (con't.)

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## Research and Subject Matter Presentations:

- **January 2023:** Racial Equity and Overdose Prevention - Kate D'Adamo, Sasanka Jinadasa, and Justice Rivera: Reframe Health and Justice Consulting
- **March 2023:** Introduction to the RI Ethics Commission and RI Code of Ethics - Lynne Radiches, Esq. Staff Attorney and Education Coordinator
- **May 2023:** Pharmacy MOUD Care – Description of the URI Project - Dr. Traci Green, Dr. Jeffery Bratberg
- **May 2023:** Oral Health and Access to Oral Health Care - Opioid Use, Treatment and Recovery – Samuel Zwetchkenbaum, DDS
- **June 2023:** People, Place & Health Collective & Project Weber/RENEW - Harm Reduction Strategies, Dennis Bailer and Brandon Marshall, PhD
- **June 2023:** Summaries of Governor's Task Force May 23 Community Conversation/Break out Discussions, Overview of Strategic Plan and Alignment

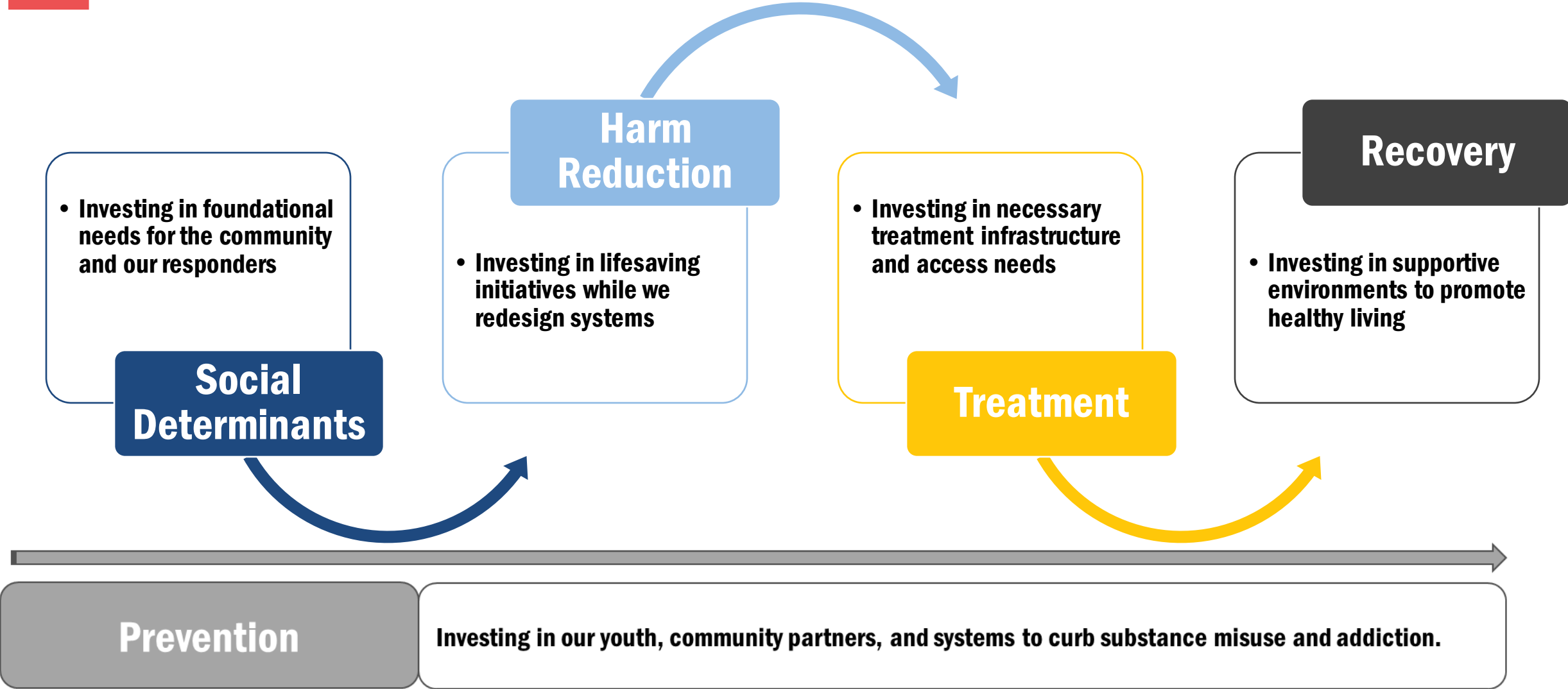


# Review of FY23 OSAC Presentations (cont)

## Opioi Settlement Funds Investment Overviews:

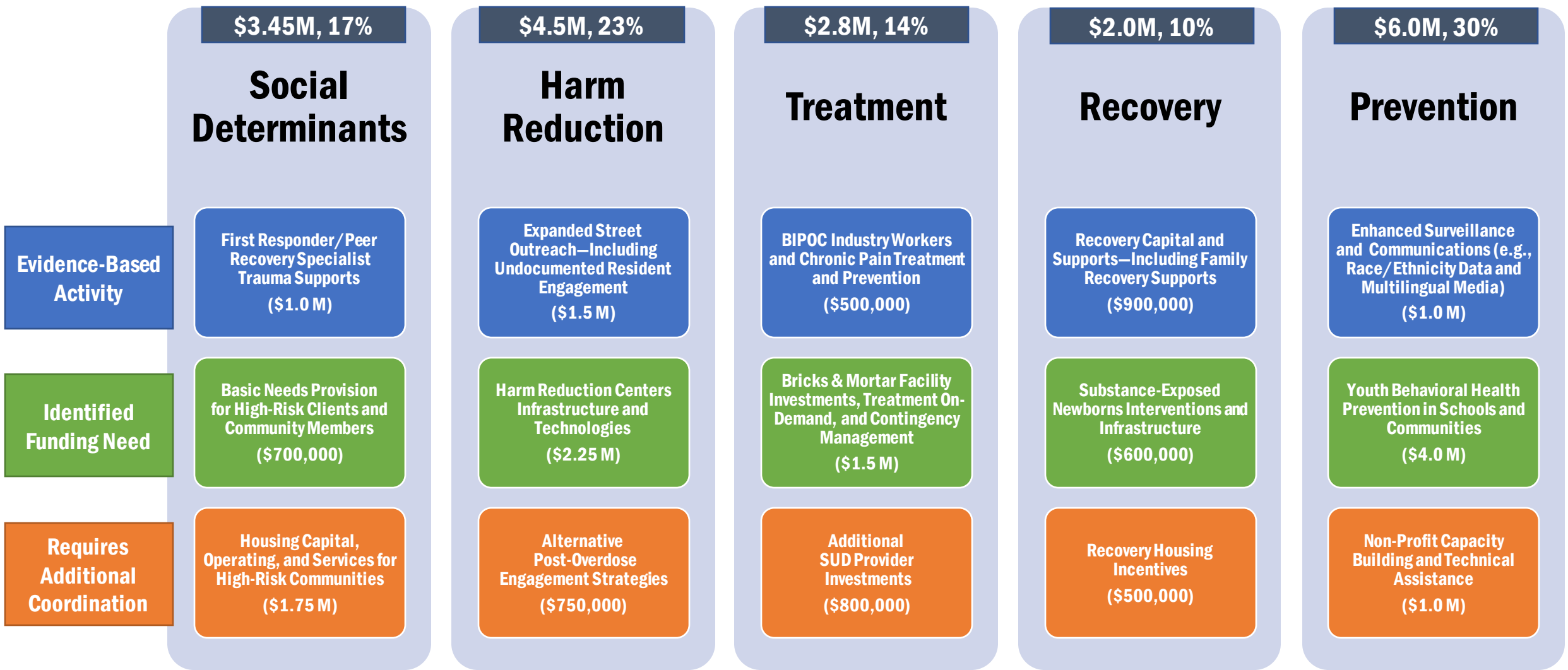
- **April 2023: State Opioid Settlement Funds in Use:** Student Assistance Programs: An Effective Strategy for Preventing Youth Substance Use and Promoting Mental Health (SFY23-Funded Project) - Sarah C. Dinklage, LICSW and Samantha Rosenthal, PhD, MPH
- **January 2023: Municipal Approach:** Opioid Settlement Funds - Jordan Day, Associate Director: RI League of Cities and Towns
- **Municipal Opioid Settlement Fund Projects:**
  - **December 2022: Opioid Settlement Funding Prioritization Process** - Laurie Moise Sears, Healthy Communities Office, City of Providence
  - **December 2022:** Update on the Town of Warren's Implementation of Allocated Opioid Settlement Funds - Kate Michaud, Warren Town Manager
  - **March 2023:** Town of East Greenwich Youth Presentation - Robert Houghtaling, Xia Tuttle, Kevin Kidd, Gracie Kauffman, Dennis Smith, and Emily Kendal

# Supporting Clients Through the Overdose Continuum of Care



# Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee: State Fiscal Year 2023 Funding Recommendations

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



# SFY 2024 Funding Recommendations

Gold = Treatment (\$1.775M/ 17%)

Light Grey = Prevention (\$1.95M/ 19%)

Light Blue = Harm Reduction (\$2.175M/ 21%)

Red = Program Administration (\$1.6M/ 16%)

Dark Grey = Recovery (\$1M/ 10%)

Dark Blue = Social Determinants of Health (\$1.77M/ 17%)

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				

# Background: FY23 Allocated Funding Percentages

Funding Area	FY23 - % of \$20M total	Race Equity Component Examples
Social Determinants of Health	17%	Basic Needs Funding Housing Services in High-Risk Communities
Harm Reduction/Rescue	23%	Expansion of Existing Street Outreach
Treatment	14%	BIPOC Construction Industry Treatment Supports Contingency Management
Recovery	10%	Recovery Capital
Prevention	30%	Youth Prevention Programs, including focus on BIPOC Youth
Staffing and Evaluation	3.75%	
Emergency Response	2.5%	Warming Stations Support

# Background: FY24 Allocated Funding Percentages

Funding Area	FY24 - % of \$10,270,000 total	Race Equity Component Examples
Social Determinants of Health	17%	Housing Supports
Harm Reduction	21%	Overdose Prevention Center, to be opened within FY24
Treatment	17%	Undocumented and Uninsured MOUD Coverage Stimulant Disorder Treatment
Recovery	10%	Family Recovery Supports, with a focus on BIPOC Families
Prevention	19%	School-Based Prevention, with a focus on BIPOC Students
Staffing and Evaluation	11%	
Emergency Response	5%	TBD

# FY24 Funding Availability

Funding Areas	Total FY23 Funds to be Spent in FY24	Total FY24 Allocated Funds	Total Allocated Funds Available to be Spent in FY24 and into FY25	Percentage of these remaining FY23/24 funds by funding area (out of remaining FY23/24 combined)
SDOH	\$3,766,950	\$1,770,000	\$5,536,950	21%
Harm Reduction	\$3,789,206	\$2,175,000	\$5,964,206	23%
Treatment	\$2,798,867	\$1,775,000	\$4,573,867	18%
Recovery	\$1,351,450	\$1,000,000	\$2,351,450	9%
Prevention	\$3,066,041	\$1,950,000	\$5,016,041	20%
Staffing and Evaluation	\$584,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,684,000	7%
Emergency Response	\$350,298	\$500,000	\$850,298	2%
Total	\$15,706,810	\$10,270,000	\$25,976,810	100

# FY23, FY24, and Draft FY25 Percentages

Funding Areas	FY23 - % of \$20M total	FY24 - % of \$10,270,000 total	Percentage of remaining FY23/24 funds by funding area (out of \$25,976,810)	DRAFT FY25 Funding Example, for Committee Edits and Adaptations
Social Determinants of Health	17%	17%	21%	17%
Note: Racial Equity Components proposed in each Funding Area				
Harm Reduction	23%	21%	23%	17%
Treatment	14%	17%	18%	17%
Recovery	10%	10%	9%	20%
Prevention	30%	19%	20%	11%
Staffing and Evaluation	3.5%	11%	7%	10%
Emergency Response	2.5%	5%	2%	4% (\$500,000)
New Municipal and Innovation Fund?				4% (\$500,000)
Total	100	100	100	100



# Discussion: FY25 Draft Funding Percentages

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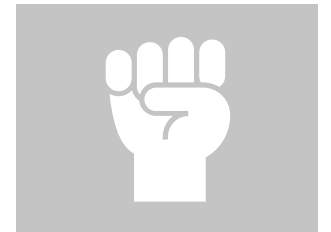
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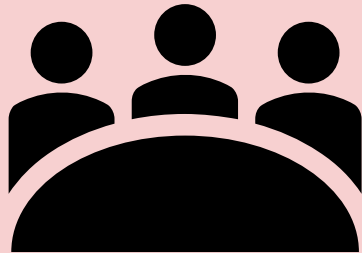
# **Governor's Overdose Task Force Fiscal Year 2025 Recommendations to OSAC**

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(7/1/2024 – 6/30/2025)

# Creation of Updated Strategic Framework

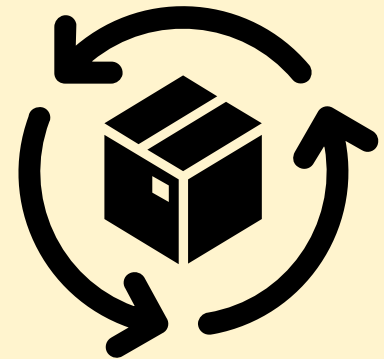
Governance,  
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and Reporting



Data Approach,  
Measurement Refresh,  
and Consolidation



Alignment and  
Stewardship  
of Investments



# Governor's Overdose Task Force (GOTF) Priorities

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**Ensuring Racial Equity and Eliminating Disparities**

**Building Strong Governance and Community Engagement**

**Expanding Data Capacity and Surveillance**

**Addressing the Social Determinants of Health**

**Reinforcing Comprehensive Prevention**

**Strengthening Harm Reduction and Rescue**

**Increasing Investment in Treatment**

**Supporting Recovery**

**Alignment with the Settlement Advisory Committee**

# Aligning Across Frameworks



# 2022 - Community Input on Funding Recommendations

Input was collected for Fiscal Year 2023 and 2024 using the process illustrated below beginning in May 2022

## GOTF Working Group Funding Priorities

- Each GOTF Working Group Chair completed slides indicating their top 5 funding priorities ([linked here](#))

## GOTF June Meeting Discussion

- At the 6/8/22 GOTF meeting, attendees were encouraged to add their funding recommendations in the meeting chat or discuss verbally during the public comment time.

## Open Letter from the Community

- Several community harm reduction and treatment organizations composed an Open Letter to the Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee summarizing their requests for funding. Seven organizational partners and 54 individuals have signed on to this letter, and they shared the letter with the Advisory Committee on June 17, 2022.

## Community Engagement Survey

- Everyone at the 6/8 GOTF meeting and on the GOTF distribution list was encouraged to complete a survey to share their suggested funding priorities. The survey was live and accepting recommendations for about a week and received over 30 responses.



# 2023 - GOTF Funding Recommendations Process

In March 2023, the Task Force Director facilitated conversations with Work Group Co-Chairs to complete recommendations slides for FY2025

## GOTF Working Group Co-Chairs

- In March 2023, GOTF Work Group co-chairs were provided with template slides and a copy of the Strategic Plan to collect community input for FY2025 OSAC recommendations. They were asked to select 3-5 activities and focus on sustainability, evidence-based strategies, and strategic plan alignment.

## Work Group Recommendation Process

- Each workgroup used the month of April to collect recommendations either during their meetings and/or through surveys. The Rescue and Harm Reduction workgroups coordinated and combined their recommendations.

## GOTF Community Conversation Meeting

- The May 2023, GOTF meeting included a community conversation with breakout sessions reflect seven areas of focus: Racial Equity, SDOH (other than Housing); SDOH (Housing); Emerging Issues, Harm Reduction, Treatment and Recovery (Combined), and Prevention.

## Report Outs

- In May and June, the Task Force Director shared a report out of the key-takeaways from the May Community Conversation breakout sessions with the workgroup co-chairs and Task Force for final feedback.

# Final Prep for OSAC: Aggregating Activities

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- The EOHHS Staff Team compiled all funding recommendations from the GOTF Working Groups, May Task Force Community Conversation, Strategic Plan, and FY2023/FY2024 funded projects requested to be sustained into one comprehensive master list.
  - Each recommendation is categorized by each pillar and aligned within the strategies of the Task Force's action plan.
  - Each recommendation is listed as either a proposal to 1) sustain a current investment, 2) sustain and expand a current investment, or 3) funding a new investment

# Task Force Recommendations – Racial Equity

Strategies	GOTF Recommendations for OSAC	Sustainability
Ensure that the Race Equity conversation is being embedded across all pillars	Continue to invest in implementation of Racial Equity Strategy and Implementation Plan (RESIP), including race equity training to Include Professional Development to members of the GOTF WCs and community members.	Sustain and expand current investment (funded through 7/30/2023)

# Task Force Recommendations – Social Determinants of Health



Strategies	GOTF Recommendations for OSAC	Sustainability
Focus on disparities across all pillars, i.e. housing, stable employment, etc.	Invest in low barrier housing for all people to reduce overuse of the emergency departments, reduce recidivism into the criminal justice system, and provide self-directed integration into community resources.	Sustain (funded through 6/30/2024)
	Invest in housing options for pregnant people, children and families	New
	Sustain and expand medical respite to include mobile medical respite - community-based wound care supportive services	Sustain and expand current investment (funded through 6/30/2024)
	Provide Basic Needs provision for high-risk clients and community members	Sustain (funded through 11/30/2023)
	Continue to support non-profit capacity building and technical assistance with a racial equity focus	Sustain and expand current investment (funded through 4/30/2024)

# Task Force Recommendations – Prevention

Strategies	GOTF Recommendations for OSAC	Sustainability
Implement Evidence-based Primary Prevention in Schools, Professional Settings, and High-Risk Communities	All priority schools (middle and high school) will be equipped to intervene on youth behavioral health needs of students and prevent further complexity (e.g., SUD).	Sustain (funded through 10/31/2024)
	Sustain and expand existing afterschool, mentorship, and leadership development programs for youth and young adults	Sustain and expand continued investment (funded through 4/30/2025)

# Task Force Recommendations – Combined Harm Reduction/Rescue



Strategies	GOTF Recommendations for OSAC	Sustainability
Sustain naloxone accessibility via a statewide plan and evaluate impact	Sustain infrastructure for statewide, centralized IM and IN naloxone hub, including storage, distribution, training, data collection and evaluation	Sustain (funded through 8/31/2024)
Maximize Access to Harm Reduction Materials and Resources	Sustain infrastructure for harm reduction tool hub (i.e. fentanyl test strips, safe smoking kits, etc.) and PWUD Advisory Committee	Sustain (funded through 8/31/2024)
	Sustain 24 hour access to harm reduction supplies (i.e. vending machines)	Sustain and expand continued investment (funded through 8/31/2024)
	Expand the harm reduction technology work to include additional innovative technology to reduce fatal overdose in private setting for people who use alone. (i.e. the Never Use Alone call service and Brave app.)	Sustain and expand continued investment (funded through 8/31/2024)

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Strategies	GOTF Recommendations for OSAC	Sustainability
<b>Ensure harm reduction services are comprehensive and responsive to the evolving needs of people who use drugs</b>	Sustain overdose prevention center pilot	Sustain (funded through 3/19/2025)
	Sustain existing harm reduction mobile outreach teams to rapidly respond to overdose spikes, emerging trends, and public health emergencies	Sustain (funded through 8/31/2024)
<b>Prioritize racial equity focused harm reduction outreach strategies, including undocumented people</b>	Sustain expanded outreach focusing on BIPOC communities	Sustain and expand continued investment (funded through 8/31/2024)

# Task Force Recommendations – Treatment



Strategies	GOTF Recommendations for OSAC	Sustainability
Increase capacity and reduce barriers to ensure Treatment-on-Demand	Investment in Treatment for Stimulant Use Disorder with a focus on people in the BIPOC community, including uninsured and undocumented	New (FY23 and FY24 \$)
	Continue brick and mortar investments (new or upgraded facilities) to minimize/eliminate waitlist by increasing access, including treatment beds for women, pregnant people, and parents with children - with a focus on people in the BIPOC community including uninsured and undocumented	Make additional investments (funded through 6/30/2024)
	Sustain treatment and substance use prevention and access to treatment for BIPOC industry workers	Sustain (funded through 7/15/2024)
	Invest and expand mobile and home induction MOUD availability (low-threshold MOUD, i.e. pharmacy model, buprenorphine hotline, mobile inductions, etc.)	New Settlement Investments (some programming funded by other sources)
	Expand "Safe Landings" and evidence-based practices for new underserved populations using stimulants	Sustain and expand continued investment (funded through 6/30/2025)
Improve partnerships	Invest in integrated care system by improving partnerships among SUD	



# Task Force Recommendations – Recovery

Strategies	GOTF Recommendations for OSAC	Sustainability
Standardize Recovery-Focused Data Collection Methods and Success Metrics	Invest in a cloud-based information technology system to collect recovery metrics in order to improve measurement of Interval-Based Recovery Outcomes (including collection of race/ethnicity data)	New
Build recovery capital across personal, family/social, community, and cultural environments	Sustain and expand investment in recovery housing and expansion to other NARR levels	Sustain and expand continued investment (funded through 6/30/2024)
	Sustain and expand family support investment	Sustain and expand continued investment (in procurement planning)
	Invest and support community led events (International Overdose Awareness Day and Rally4Recovery)	New
	Maintain and align funding for basic needs/recovery capital of individuals in recovery with existing systems	Sustain and expand investment (funded through 11/30/2023)
	Fund holistic approaches to recovery programming for people in recovery including peer recovery specialists	New
	Invest in oral health to increase recovery capital, addressing impacts associated with MOUD treatment	New
	Develop a centralized Recovery Resource HUB	New

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Strategies	GOTF Recommendations for OSAC	Sustainability
<b>Recruit, Support, Expand, and Train Peer Recovery Specialists</b>	Increase peer recovery specialist internships to recruit and train new and diverse staff	Sustain and expand continued investment (some programming funded by other sources)
<b>Develop a family PRS workforce</b>	Invest in family peer specialist workforce (PRS) trainings	New
<b>Support Substance Exposed Newborn Interventions and Infrastructure</b>	Continue to support bi-generational care coordination for families affected by prenatal substance use and prenatal substance exposure through investment (CPRS)	Sustain (funded through 11/30/2024)

# Task Force Recommendations – Communications

Strategies	GOTF Recommendations for OSAC	Sustainability
Increase the building of community capital through education and messaging  (Communications)	Translations to ensure effective linguistic messaging to increase public awareness and promote behavior change	Sustain (funded through 6/30/2024)
	Sustain the paid communication work as previously funded by other sources (Harm Reduction, Prevention and Recovery) including emerging communications embedding racial equity and targeting stimulant users	Sustain (funded through 6/30/2024)
	Other (Graphic Design, Printing, Mailing, distribution, texts)	New

# Task Force Recommendations – Data

Strategies	GOTF Recommendations for OSAC	Sustainability
<b>Ensure that data is disaggregated by race/ethnicity</b>	Sustain data staff to manage overdose related data requests and support programmatic activities, including management and analysis of the Harm Reduction Metrics dataset, Naloxone dataset, and the Harm reduction survey to ensure equitable access of harm reduction materials.	Sustain and expand current investment (funded through 11/30/2024)
<b>Pursue additional data-sharing between RIDOH, across state agencies, and community organizations</b>	Sustain the Overdose Fatality Review coordinator position to examine fatal overdose cases and develop interagency recommendations, and pursuant to § 23-4-3.11(i) include implementation of the Family Outreach Project (enacted in 2023)	Sustain and expand current investment (funded through 6/30/2024)
	Laboratory Information Management System upgrade for RISHL to Harmonize laboratory data collection across fatal overdoses, nonfatal overdoses, and drug seizure.	New
	Two Research Assistants to Enhance and improve reporting processes for hospital lab notification from the ED to flag specimens and send out to the RISHL	New

# Task Force Recommendations – Staffing/ Evaluation, and Emergency Fund



Strategies	GOTF Recommendations for OSAC	Sustainability
Track what we do and create line of accountability while strengthening community's voice in the Task Force, including PWUD	Evaluation Support	Sustain (funded through 6/30/2024)
	Invest in a diverse state staff that will support the OSAC work and related Task Force community engagement activities (especially membership development).	Sustain and expand continued investment (funded through 6/30/2024)
Emergency Funds	Provide support to pivot toward emerging issues as they arise	Sustain and expand continued investment (funded through 6/30/2024)

# **Committee Discussion – and then Public Comment**

# Next Steps and Updates

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# Additional Public Comment

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# Upcoming Meeting Dates

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All meetings scheduled at EOHHS, 3 West Road, Cranston from 1 – 3 pm

- Thursday August 24, 2023
- Wednesday, September 20, 2023
- Thursday, October 26, 2023

# THANK YOU



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# Appendix

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# Guiding Principles for Decision-Making

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

<b>Spend money to save lives.</b>	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.
<b>Use evidence to guide spending.</b>	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.
<b>Invest in youth prevention.</b>	Support children, youth, and families by making long-term investments in effective programs and strategies for community change.
<b>Focus on racial equity.</b>	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
<b>Develop a fair and transparent process for funding recommendations.</b>	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.
<b>Consider future sustainability in all recommendations.</b>	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”.*

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