



Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee

Tuesday, June 25, 2024

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Call to Order



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Our Meeting Agenda



- Call to Order & Introductions – Chair Carrie Bridges
 - Welcoming New Members – Meko Lincoln, Dr. Alex Macmadu, Patricia Resende, and Matthew Clarkin
 - Vote to accept meeting minutes from January and March 2024
- Review of Equity Statement – Chair Bridges
- Review FY23 & FY24 Budgets, FY25 Approved Settlement Allocations – Marti Rosenberg
- Project Updates for State Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024 – Cathy Schultz and Christina Schulz
- Planning Updates for State Fiscal Year 2025 and Community Input for State Fiscal Year 2026 – Cathy Schultz
- Public Comment
- Next Steps/Adjourn

Welcoming to New Committee Members

- Meko Lincoln, BA, CPRS, LCDP (Community Expert)
- Alexandria (Alex) Macmadu, PhD (Subject Matter Expert)
- Matthew Clarkin (Kent County)
- Patricia Resende (Bristol County)



Review and Approve Minutes

January and March 2024

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Review of Equity Statement

[See Handout](#)

Path Forward to Operationalize Equity

- The Overdose Settlement Advisory Committee (OSAC) recognizes there are significant disparities within communities related to: (1) overdose outcomes, (2) access to treatment, harm reduction, prevention, and other services, and (3) the drivers of both substance use and substance use disorders. These disparities are driven by structural racism and other historical and structural systems of oppression. The OSAC is committed to centering and addressing these disparities in all its work.
- The *Equity Expectations*, aligned with EOHHS' core values of choice, voice, and equity, were developed based on feedback from EOHHS and other state agency staff with subject-matter expertise and training in equity initiatives. They were also informed by a cursory literature review and key informant interviews with other grant makers.

Transparent Approach

- Public Shared Disparity Data
- Share Evidence Base
- Multiple Pathways for Community Feedback

Equity-Focused Recommendation Process

- OSAC Member Equity Training
- Recommendations in Multiple Language
- Equity Impact Statements

Equitable Procurement

- Accessible Process
- Equity Statement in Procurements
- CLAS and ADA Compliance and Training
- Lived Experience on Review Committees
- Equity Scoring Criteria

Capacity Building

- Indirect Rate Support
- Equity Workplans in Contracts
- Equity Reporting
- Required Equity-Focused Training

Shared Communication

- Equity Standards for Meetings
- Value Alignment (Voice, Choice, Equity)
- Plain Language Use
- State/Partner Communications Staff Training

Overdose Strategic Alignment and Spending Overview

Overdose Strategic Plan (Roadmap)

Color Code Key:	
Cross-Cutting Components	Blue
Core Pillars	Black

I. Ensuring Racial Equity and Eliminating Disparities

II. Building Strong Governance and Community Engagement

III. Expanding Data Capacity and Surveillance

IV. Addressing the Social Determinants of Health

1. Reinforcing Comprehensive Prevention

2. Strengthening Harm Reduction and Rescue

3. Increasing Investment in Treatment

4. Supporting Recovery

Cross-Cutting Components

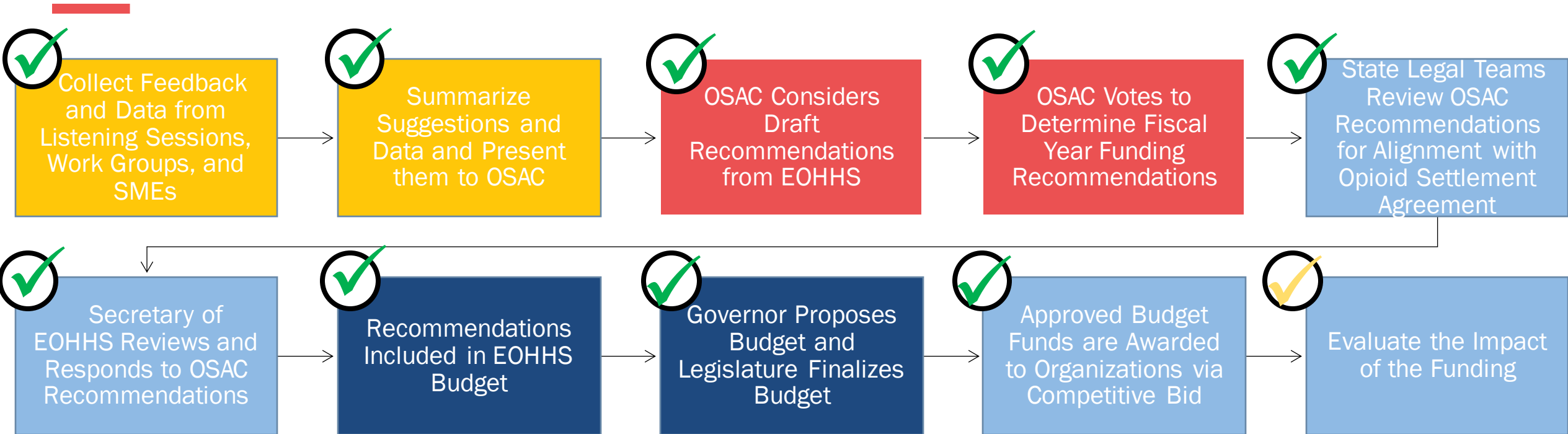
Core Pillars

The Governor's Overdose Task Force Overarching Outcomes:

- To end the overdose crisis
- Ensure racial equity is embedded across all pillars: Prevention, Rescue/Harm Reduction, Treatment, and Recovery
- Improve lives and uplift community voices
- Use data to drive change
- Build connections to care

The Task Force remains committed to addressing the root causes of overdose, including the socioeconomic factors that influence health.

Process for Aligning Investments to Overdose Strategies



State Budgeting Process
Fully Explained on Next Slide

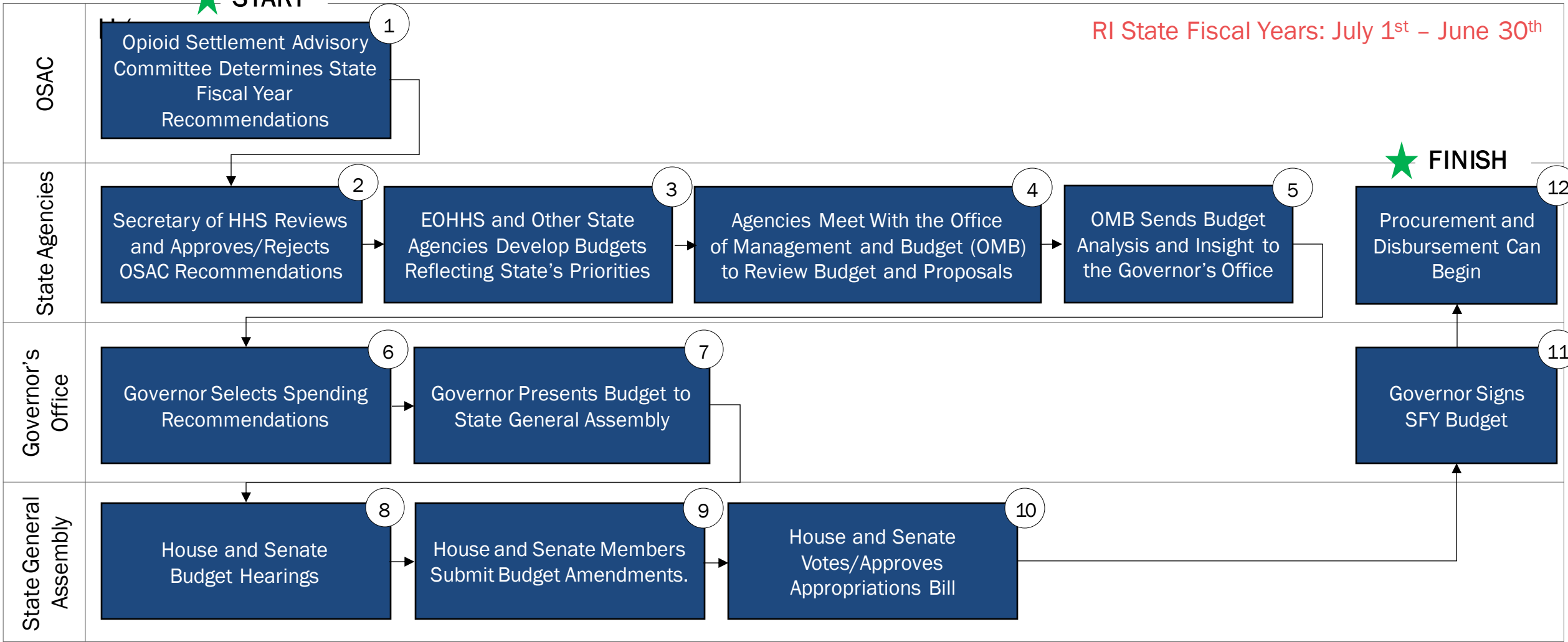
Responsibility by Color Code	
	EOHHS
	Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee
	Governor's Overdose Task Force
	State Budgeting Process

State Budgeting Process for Task Force Recommendations

RI State Fiscal Years: July 1st – June 30th

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★ FINISH



(NOTE: General Assembly may increase, decrease, alter, or strike out any item in the budget.)

Status Update: State Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024

Pillar/Priority	Abatement Allocations SFY23	Abatement SFY23 Spent	Abatement Rev Gov Budget SFY24 (with carry forward)	Abatement SFY24 Spent through 5/31/24 in RIFANS
Racial Equity	\$0	\$0	\$300,000.00	\$0
Governance	\$1,250,000.00	\$329,598.07	\$2,427,030.00	\$444,563.33
Data	\$620,000.00	\$207,905.79	\$412,094.00	\$218,856.22
Social Determinants of Health	\$4,830,000.00	\$933,042.64	\$6,266,958.00	\$1,845,975.02
Prevention	\$4,000,000.00	\$1,824,096.62	\$4,125,903.00	\$1,987,090.94
Harm Reduction and Rescue	\$4,500,000.00	\$713,995.62	\$6,529,612.00	\$1,266,219.19
Treatment	\$2,800,000.00	\$1,132.87	\$3,948,867.00	\$1,319,281.77
Recovery	\$2,000,000.00	\$152,421.82	\$2,097,416.00	\$794,422.93
Grand Total	\$20,000,000.00	\$4,162,193.43	\$26,107,880.00	\$7,876,409.40

According to RIFANS as of 5/31/2024 - \$12,038,602.83 has been spent to date (this is the total for FY23 & FY24) Note: the FY24 amount does not reflect additional invoices that have been submitted to the state because of the 30 days between submission and payment.

State Fiscal Year 2025 Recommended Budget

Abatement Revised Recommended Budget for SFY25 (without SFY 24 carryforward)	
Pillars/Priorities	
Racial Equity	\$500,000.00
Governance	\$2,253,187.00
Data	\$600,000.00
Social Determinants of Health	\$2,250,000.00
Prevention	\$2,400,000.00
Harm Reduction & Rescue	\$3,300,000.00
Treatment	\$4,150,000.00
Recovery	\$3,000,359.00
Grand Total	\$18,453,546.00

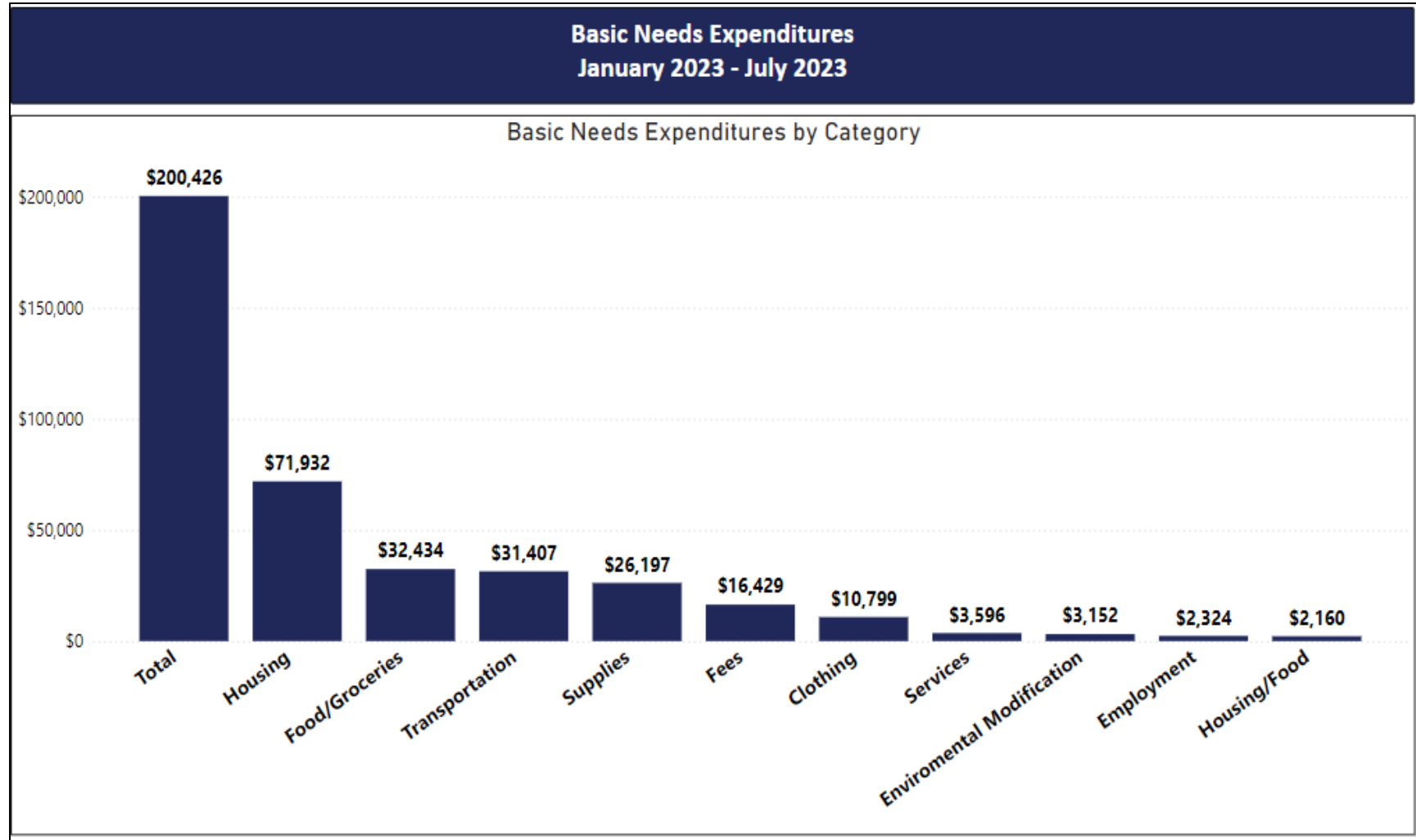
Project Updates for State Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024

Cross Cutting Pillars/Priorities

Pillar and Project	Funding Source(s)	Partners	Status/Updates
Racial Equity			
Investment in racial equity strategies and implement infrastructure	Settlement and Blue Meridan	Ground Water Institute - (Blue Meridan funding)	27 state and community members participated in Introductory Ground Water Institute equity training.
Governance			
Administration: capacity for alignment, program development and contract oversight	Settlement	EOHHS Staff	OSAC staffed (project manager, coordinator, and finance manager).
Evaluation: Capacity for evaluation	Settlement	EOHHS Staff University of Rhode Island	Memorandum of Agreement with URI to increase evaluation capacity and OSAC staff.
Emergency Funds	Settlement	Substance Use Mental Health Leadership Council (SUMHLC); Department of Housing; RI Foundation	CPR classes, to address the effects of xylazine during an overdose. Approximately 500 clients had access to harm reduction and supportive services at the warming station. Additional basic needs funding to community.
Data			
Enhanced surveillance/Data analysis Overdose Fatality Review	Settlement and CDC	RIDOH Staff	Supports fatal and non-fatal overdose data collection and dissemination and enhancement of Overdose Fatality Review Team (OFR) to meet National OFR Standards.

Addressing the Social Determinants of Health

RIDOH and BHDDH partnered with 14 organizations to distribute basic need items, such as clothing, food vouchers, transportation vouchers, and other supports.



Please note that the graph on the right may not represent all basic needs expenditures for the specified time period.

Social Determinants of Health (1 of 2)

Projects	Funding Source(s)	Partners	Status/Updates
Basic needs provision for high-risk clients and community members	Settlement	Anchor Recovery community Center, Parent Support Network, East Bay Recovery Center, Community Care Alliance, Project Weber/RENEW Project AIDS Care Ocean State, BH Link , Newport County Mental Health	7 outreach and recovery organizations providing statewide basic needs in the metro area, Kent County, Newport County, South County and Northern RI have had over 16,000 unique encounters for basic needs.
Basic Needs/Reentry (RIF)	Settlement	Access to Recovery, ACOS, Bridgemark, CCA, Children’s Friend, Mathewson Street Church, PWR, RI Hospital, Thundermist CIT	9 organizations awarded through RIF to help individuals and families who are impacted who are at risk of an overdose by providing funding for “care packages,” such as bedding, food, clothing and transportation among other expenses.
Communications – translations, paid campaigns, and capacity	Settlement	Brown University	Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee landing page phase 1 launched on Prevent Overdose RI to increase transparency, communication, and other related updates to the general public.
Homelessness prevention, medical respite, and mobile medical respite (wound care)	Settlement, HCBS, CHF	Westbay Community Action	74 patients served by mobile wound program to date. 4 beds set aside for wound care patients in medical respite - 100% are occupied in the existing medical respite project.

Social Determinants of Health (2 of 2)

Projects	Funding Source(s)	Partners	Status/Updates
Justice Involved Homelessness Prevention Initiative	Settlement	Department of Corrections	Memorandum of Understanding out for signature with Department of Correction (care packages, ID's, etc).
Non-Profit Capacity Building (RIF)	Settlement	2 nd Act Inc, Access to Recovery, Bridgemark, Justice Assistance, MAP Behavioral Health Services, Project Weber Renew, Strategic Prevention Partnerships Inc, VICTA	8 non-profit organizations were awarded funding in 2023 – will continue to share TA support opportunities.
Non-profit capacity building technical assistance	Settlement	RI Department of Health, Health Equity Zone, Training and Technical Assistance Program	Technical Assistance and Learning Community kickoff scheduled for 7/29 for all Settlement funded agencies.
Trauma Informed Supports	Settlement	2 nd Act Inc., Centro de Innovacion Mujer Latina, Local Initiatives Support Corporation, Medicine Horse, Melior, Thundermist Health Center	6 organizations awarded through RIF to target innovative, trauma-informed services targeting first responders and peer harm reduction and recovery specialists. The focus is on addressing post-traumatic stress due to the sharp rise in overdoses.

Reinforcing Comprehensive Prevention

Grant program through Rhode Island Foundation funded 8 organizations to create community-based youth prevention programs.

Communities Served



■ Kent and South County ■ Providence ■ Statewide ■ Woonsocket

733 individuals served*

*as of 6/20, reflects 5 programs year 1 reporting

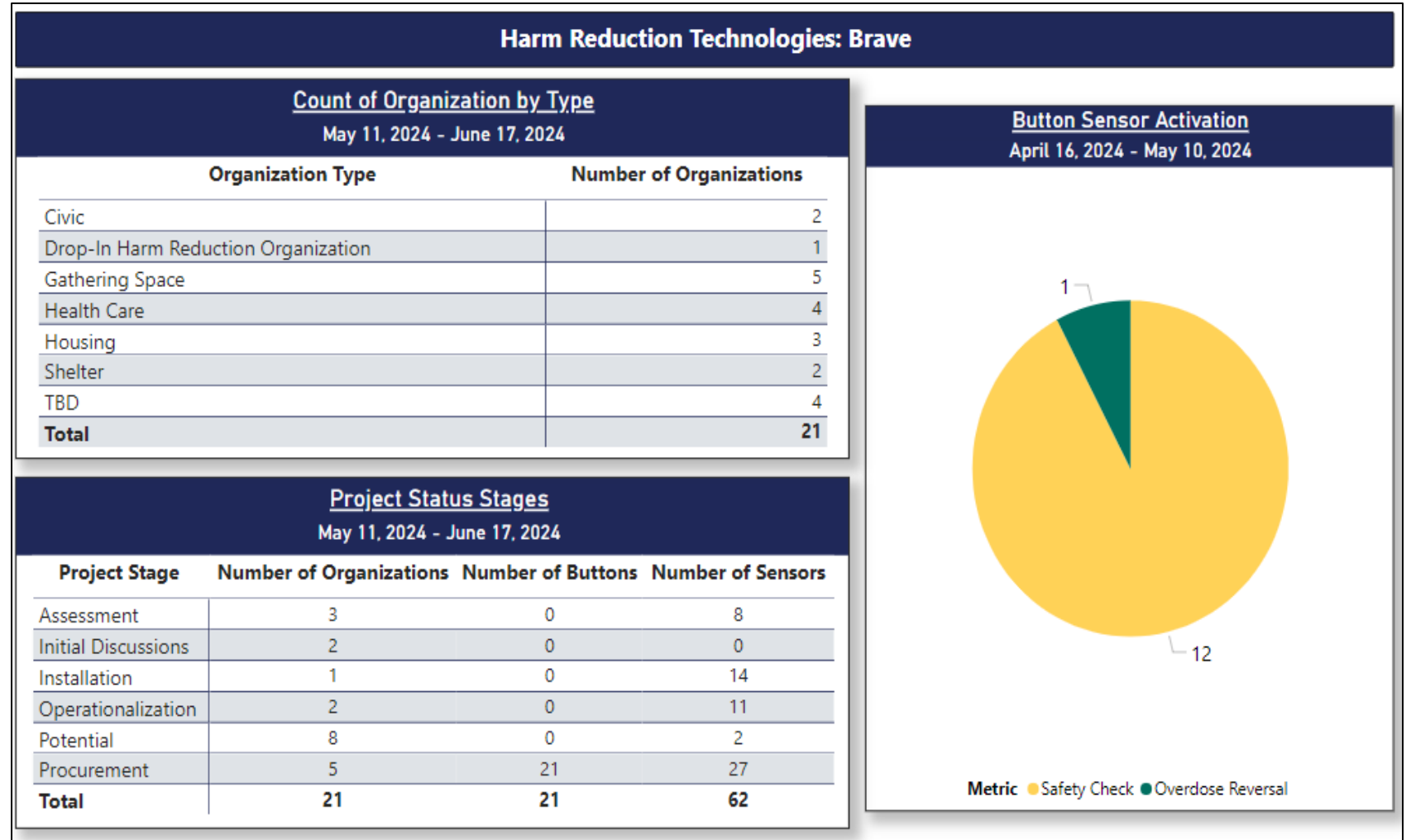
Project	Children 5-12 years	Teens 13-18 years	Specific Sub-population
The Incredible Years			x
Providence Children's Youth Cabinet		x	
PSN			x
RI Boys and Girls Club Alliance	x	x	
Rhode Island Sport's Union	x	x	
SUMHLC- Youth Pride		x	x
The Providence Center		x	
Woonsocket Prevention Coalition		x	

Prevention

Project	Funding Source(s)	Partners	Status
Community mental health - youth (RI Foundation)	Settlement	Friends Way, Interfaith Counseling Center, Progresso Latino, Shareiff's Family Foundation, SUMHLC	5 organizations funded through RI Foundation to organizations made up of or serving families of people who use drugs, people in recovery or people who have passed away because of an overdose.
Investment in school based mental health (Student Assistance)	Settlement, Stewardship, Other	Coastline EAP (RI Student Assistance Services)	77 middle and high schools across Rhode Island are participating in the RI Student Assistance program.

Strengthening Harm Reduction and Rescue

Brave Technologies is the supplier of devices specialized for opioid overdose detection and response. Brave contracted with a Rhode Island-based organization which serves as the project coordinator.



Harm Reduction & Rescue (1 of 2)

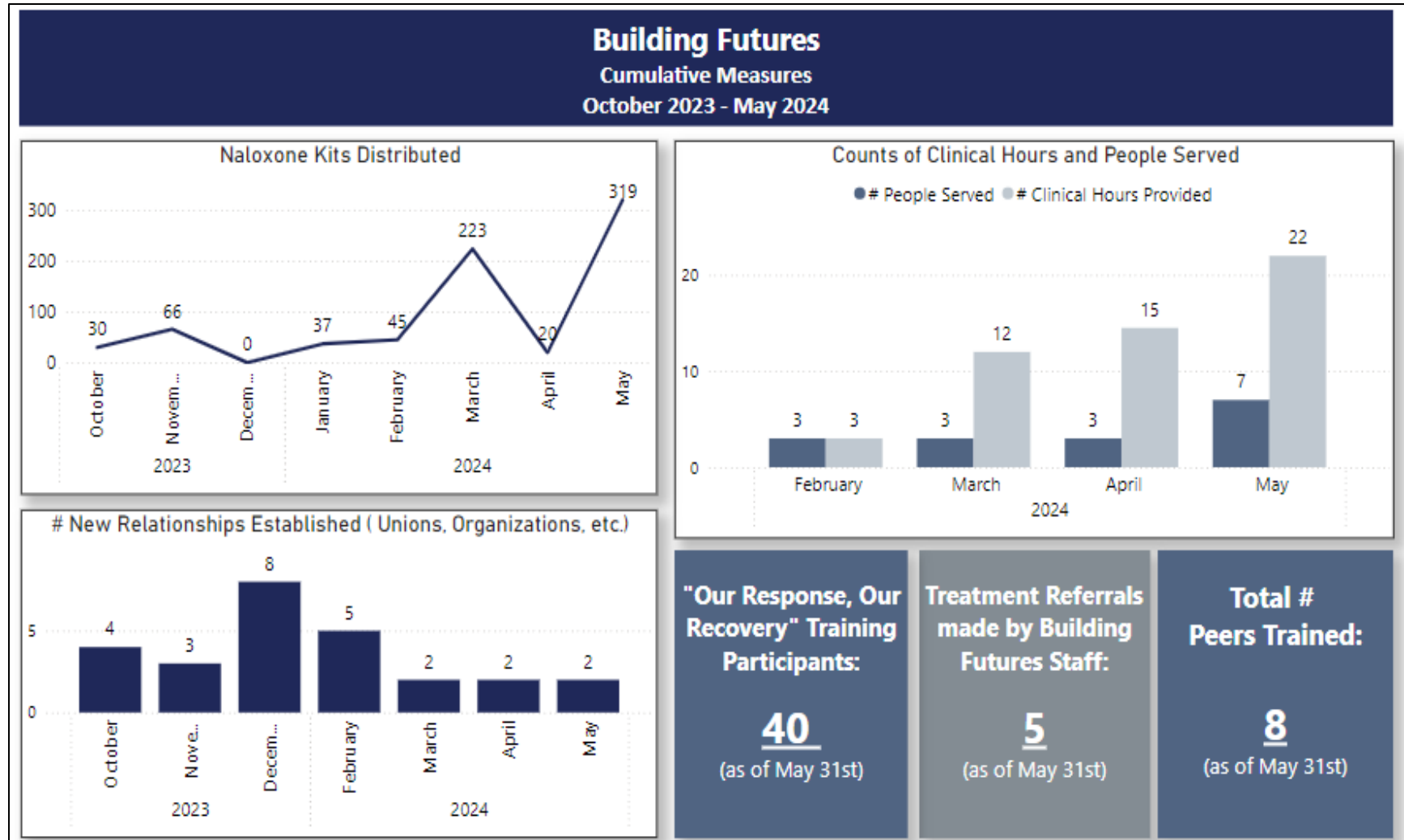
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Drop-in centers	Settlement, Stewardship	Project Weber/RENEW - Pawtucket Parent Support Network – West Warwick	50 – 75 individuals provided peer support at Pawtucket drop-in center daily. Opened in early 2024, approximately 20 individuals provided peer support in West Warwick location daily.
Expand existing outreach	Settlement, Stewardship, CDC	Project Weber/RENEW, Parent Support Network, Community Care Alliance, and Aids Care Ocean State	Between January 2022 and June 2023, approximately 35,000 individuals of which approximately 16,000 were unique were encountered by mobile outreach peers.
Harm reduction infrastructure	Settlement and Stewardship	Preventing Overdose and Naloxone Intervention (PONI)	Serves as harm reduction tool and education hub (fentanyl test strips, safer smoking kits, Naloxboxes and intermuscular naloxone) to over 80 community partner organizations.
Naloxone distribution/supply	Settlement and Stewardship	University of Rhode Island Pharmacy	Over 50,000 kits of naloxone distributed to community organizations in 2023 and 18,000 have been distributed from January through April 2024.
Harm reduction technologies	Settlement	Brave Technology Coop	11 overdose detection and response sensors are currently operational in various semi-private locations – Additional details to follow

Harm Reduction & Rescue (2 of 2)

Projects	Funding Source(s)	Partners	Status
New outreach focusing on BIPOC communities	Settlement	Project Weber/RENEW, Amos House, and Horizon Health	3 organizations awarded funding for targeted overdose prevention, harm reduction, and peer to peer supports in BIPOC communities.
Overdose prevention center	Settlement	Project Weber/RENEW	Over 50% of 62 project planning milestones completed – in licensing and renovation phase.
Post-overdose	Settlement	Victa	Safe Landings - Lease agreement signed and awaiting DOH state property approval.
Post-overdose	Settlement and CDC	Woonsocket HEZ- Thundermist Health Center), Pawtucket/Central Falls HEZ – Local Initiatives Support Center (LISC), City of Providence	2 Health Equity Zones and 1 municipality were funded to provide post overdose local level response in high-burden communities.
TEVA - Non-Monetary and Admin	Settlement	URI – Naloxone	Over 50,000 kits of naloxone each year have been distributed.

Increasing Investment in Treatment

Building Futures is developing a recovery community within the trades. To achieve this, Building Futures is developing a certified peer recovery workforce, making referrals to treatment, offering education and tools for rescue and prevention, improving access to resources and addressing stigma.

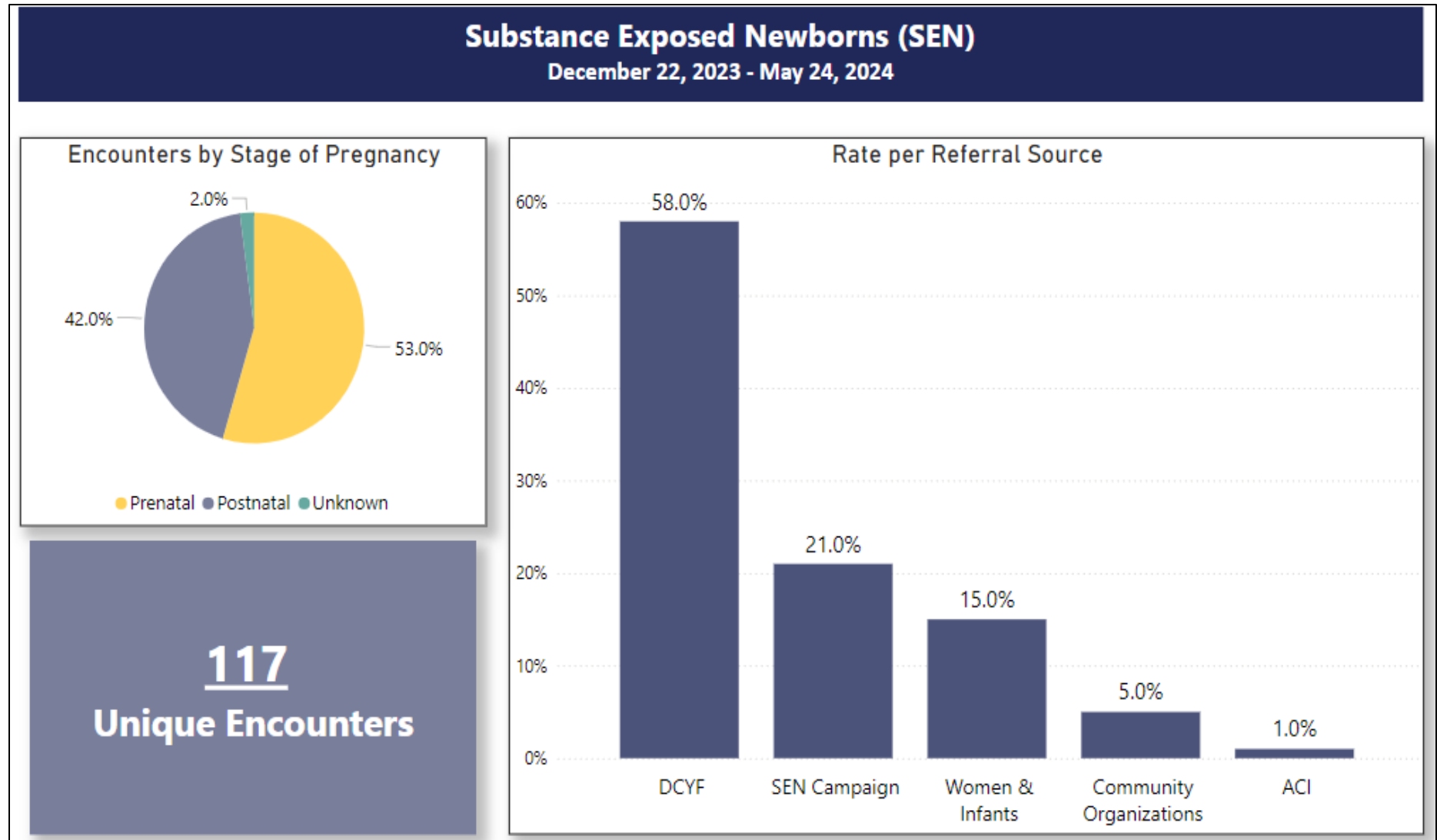


Treatment

Projects	Funding Source(s)	Partners	Status
Brick & mortar treatment facilities	Settlement	Bridgemark, Gallilee Mission, and Zinnia Health	44 residential treatment beds with additional plans to increase beds at Bridgemark are in progress due to delays with contractor and state permits.
Chronic pain treatment and prevention for BIPOC industry workers	Settlement	Building Futures	40 individuals trained in “Our Response, Our Recovery” – additional details to follow.
Contingency Management	Settlement and SAMHSA	Dynamicare	140 participants and has increased their retention rate to 44%.
Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) services	Settlement and SAMHSA	Lifespan (RI Hospital) and various OTPs	1371 individuals were prescribed buprenorphine and 795 received Naloxone.
Stimulant use disorder treatment	Settlement	BHDDH	Interagency planning following feedback form RI-Addressing Stimulant Use Disorder conference detailed below
SUD residential	Settlement and Stewardship	RI Licensed SUD residentials	Providers continue to bill for uninsured and underinsured clients monthly
SUD workforce supports	Settlement and Stewardship	BHDDH	Additional feedback being gathered at upcoming RI-Addressing Stimulant Use Disorder conference on June 28th - will develop statewide specific actions steps

Supporting Recovery

Substance Exposed Newborns –Specialized peer recovery program works with pregnant people who are struggling with opioids and other substances to provide emotional peer support and assist with recovery from substances, connection to care, including medication assisted treatment, and reduce perinatal substance exposure



Recovery

Projects	Funding Source(s)	Partners	Status
Family supports/family connection and utilize families as a resource	Settlement	Friends Way, Interfaith Counseling Center, Progresso Latino, Shareiff's Family Foundation, SUMHLC	5 new organizations awarded funding through RIF to provide family supports and improve overdose prevention education to families.
Recovery Community Centers and capital supports	Settlement	Hope Recovery Center/Parent Support Network, East Bay Recovery Center, Serenity Center/Community Care Alliance	5 Recovery Centers provided individuals and staff with supported workshops, social events, and additional staff time to operate centers.
Recovery Housing - Brick & Mortar, operation and incentives	Settlement and SAMHSA	No new partnerships	There are currently 14 organizations that have certified Recovery Houses in RI. New RFP to procure additional partnerships will be released in July/August 2024.
Substance Exposed Newborns (SEN) - peer navigator and surveillance	Settlement	Parent Support Network	117 unique clients served – additional details to follow.

Planning for State Fiscal Years 2025 and 2026

2025 Progress Updates

Rhode Island Foundation Awards

Rhode Island Foundation in partnership with Executive Office of Health and Human Services, announced \$1.3 million in grants to 20 nonprofits on the front lines of addressing the state's opioid crisis. The grants are fully funded with proceeds from the state's Opioid Settlement Agreement

- **Basic Needs** grants fund help for individuals and families who are impacted by substance use or opioid use or who are at risk of an overdose by providing funding for “care packages,” such as bedding, food, clothing and transportation among other expenses.
- **Family Support** grants underwrite programming by organizations made up of or serving families of people who use drugs, people in recovery or people who have passed away because of an overdose.
- **Trauma Support** grants target innovative, trauma-informed services targeting first responders and peer harm reduction and recovery specialists. The focus is on addressing post-traumatic stress due to the sharp rise in overdoses.

Planning and Updates for State Fiscal Year 2025

Municipal Funds

- Develop procurement to incentivize municipalities to increase transparency, coordination, and alignment with state's strategic plan

Recovery Infrastructure

- Broadening recovery with holistic/alternative recovery supports
- Develop oral health programming to increase confidence in people in recovery and increase opportunity for employment and overall wellbeing throughout the recovery process
- Develop tools needed for the peer workforce to assist folks through the recovery process and career ladders

Local Level Overdose Response Initiatives

- Develop local overdose response plans known as Community Overdose Engagement (CODE) response opportunities:
 - Community Needs Assessments
 - Youth Focused
 - Racial Equity Focused
 - Stimulant Use
 - Family Supports

Upcoming Planning Events:

- Stimulant Use Conference – June 28th
- Grantee Networking and Technical Assistance – July 29th

Community Conversations and Workgroup Recommendations

2024 Governor's Overdose Task Force Funding Recommendations Process

In February 2024, the Task Force Director facilitated conversations with Work Group Co-Chairs to complete recommendations slides for FY2026

GOTF Working Group Co-Chairs

- In February 2024, GOTF Work Group co-chairs were provided with template slides and a copy of the Strategic Plan to collect community input for FY2026 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 work group used the months of March and April to collect recommendations, either during their meetings and/or through surveys. The Rescue and Harm Reduction work groups coordinated and combined their recommendations.

GOTF Community Conversation Meeting

- The May 2024 GOTF meeting included a community conversation with breakout sessions to reflect eight areas of focus: Racial Equity, SDOH (Housing and basic needs); SDOH (family); Emerging Issues, Prevention, Harm Reduction, Treatment and Recovery.

Report Outs

- In May and June 2024, the Task Force Director reported out the key takeaways from the May Community Conversation breakout sessions with the work group co-chairs and Task Force for final feedback.

Ensuring Racial Equity and Eliminating Disparities

Strategies	Recommendations from the GOTF
<p>Ensure that the Race Equity conversation is being embedded across all pillars</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Diversify workforce across all pillars (Prevention, Harm Reduction, Treatment, and Recovery) ensuring livable wages and professional development opportunities.• Incentivize agencies to hire people of color and offer living wages, staff trainings, community workshops and a diversity of professionals with lived experiences in the substance use field.• Create more funding and resource opportunities for qualitative data collection to inform Task Force decision-making and support work groups• Increase community-led marketing and educational resources targeting marginalized communities and people of color, including youth. Ensuring cultural competence and multilingual communication.

Building Strong Governance and Community Engagement

Strategies	Recommendations from the GOTF
Emergency Funds and Municipal Alignment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue to sustain emergency funding to address emerging issues and changing drug supply• Increase local level overdose prevention response through community engagement initiative opportunities (CODE)• Increase municipal representation at the Task Force
Track what we do and create line of accountability while strengthening community's voice in the Task Force, including people with living and lived experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sustain Community Co-Chairs stipends and diversify Task Force and Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee

Expanding Data Capacity and Surveillance

Strategies	Recommendations from the GOTF
Ensure that data is disaggregated by race/ethnicity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sustain staff support to manage the Harm Reduction metrics dataset, tracking needle distribution, safe smoking kits, fentanyl test strips, and ensure these are equitably distributed in Rhode Island.
Pursue additional data-sharing between RIDOH, across state agencies, and community organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sustain staff support for Substance Use Epidemiology Program to manage the Harm Reduction Surveillance System and other data requests.• Sustain leadership and oversight of the State’s mandated Overdose Fatality Review (OFR) Team.• Sustain laboratory and contractor at RIDOH to monitor drug supply

Addressing the Social Determinants of Health (Communications)

Strategies	Recommendations from the GOTF
<p>Increase the building of community capital through education and messaging (Communications)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase diversity in marketing and educational resources through a comprehensive marketing campaign to reach the urban core, people of color and BIPOC youth that are culturally relevant (See racial equity)• Educational materials, text messaging (printed, social media toolkits, etc.)• Public website (PreventOverdoseRI.org) ensuring equity and transparency• Community-based funding opportunities of translation services, campaigns, compensation for feedback, etc.• Communications campaigns (review existing campaigns to ensure they are equitable) and create new campaigns with a focus on family perspectives, Veterans, prenatal care, youth, use of stimulants, and other emerging issues

Addressing the Social Determinants of Health

Strategies	Recommendations from the GOTF
<p>Focus on disparities across all pillars, (i.e., housing, stable employment, etc.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mobile medical respite (wound care) and referrals to medical respite• Continue reentry and other housing supports• Continue basic needs supports• Expanded oral health access for SUD/ODD clients• Continue non-profit capacity building opportunities
<p>Provide safeguards to address and improve social connectedness and social determinants</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Offer grief and trauma support for those who have lost a loved one to overdose and for families who have witnessed an overdose, both fatal and nonfatal.• Sustain and increase access to trauma supports for peer recovery specialists• Advocate for livable wages for families and individuals so they do not have to work multiple jobs

Reinforcing Comprehensive Prevention

Strategies	Recommendations from the GOTF
<p>Implement evidence-based primary prevention in schools, professional settings, and high-risk communities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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., substance use disorder) • Sustain and expand existing after school, mentorship, and leadership development programs for youth and young adults
<p>Incorporate prevention for workplace injuries, disability leaves, and rehabilitation services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to sustain BIPOC construction initiative (across treatment and recovery pillar)
<p>Prioritize prevention strategies that recognize race equity, eliminate structural racism and disparities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prioritize prevention strategies that recognize race equity, eliminate structural racism and disparities based on race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, age, and ability.

Strengthening Harm Reduction and Rescue

Strategies	Recommendations from the GOTF
Sustain naloxone accessibility via a statewide plan and evaluate impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sustain infrastructure for statewide, centralized IM and IN naloxone hub, including storage, distribution, education, training, data collection and evaluation.
Maximize access to harm reduction materials and resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sustain infrastructure for harm reduction tool hub (i.e., fentanyl test strips, safe smoking kits, safe snorting kits, condoms, wound care, basic needs, etc.)• Sustain vending machines and expand access to harm reduction supplies including 24-hour access.• Sustain and expand innovative strategies and develop infrastructure to reduce fatal overdose in private settings for people who use alone.• Prioritizing using language from the HR/Rescue perspective in communications and include messaging on stimulant use risk.

Strengthening Harm Reduction and Rescue

Strategies	Recommendations from the GOTF
<p>Ensure harm reduction services are comprehensive and responsive to the evolving needs of people who use drugs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support overdose prevention center through education, infrastructure, and advocacy • Sustain and expand drug user health to address prevention and treatment of infectious diseases and access to treatment • Sustain existing harm reduction mobile outreach teams • Increase street outreach for women of childbearing age with substance use conditions including perinatal harm reduction toolkit. • Sustain and expand infrastructure to perform drug checking in high-risk communities
<p>Improve alternate post-overdose engagement strategies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand Safe Landings • Improve post-overdose warm-hand offs and referrals through innovative bridge programs
<p>Prioritize racial equity-focused harm reduction outreach strategies, including to undocumented people</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prioritize racial equity-focused harm reduction outreach strategies, including to undocumented people

Increasing Investment in Treatment

Strategies	Recommendations from the GOTF
Increase capacity and reduce barriers to ensure treatment-on-demand	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase access to various levels of treatment, including but not limited to MOUD; increase services to women and children, and reduce racial and cultural access barriers• Continue funding the Buprenorphine Hotline• Expand treatment services for people of color using stimulants and other substances leveraging funding through OSAC and other state and federal funds.• Expand contingency management in non-outpatient treatment programs (OTP) settings
Improve partnerships among SUD and primary care providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explore nurse liaison model training-Stimulant use disorder (StUD) and substance use disorder (SUD) retention/case management, anti-stigma education, referrals, and training

Supporting Recovery

Strategies	Recommendations from the GOTF
<p>Build recovery capital across personal, family/social, community, and cultural environments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustain recovery-friendly workplace initiatives • Increase quality and availability of recovery housing through continued support of existing houses and expansion of new houses • Expand family supports and caregiver connection across the state focusing on BIPOC and Latino communities by developing family peer workforce and evidence-based supports • Continue to provide sponsorships and support for IOAD and Rally4Recovery • Increase support of recovery community centers to become the focal point of recovery services in the community • Sustain existing faith-based resources in disproportionately impacted communities • Create a regularly updated community recovery resource guide that is available both via an app and as a download off a website
<p>Recruit, support, expand, and train peer recovery specialists</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand and continue career opportunities, trainings, and professional development for peer workforce and ensure a livable wage
<p>Support substance exposed newborn interventions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustain and expand evidence-based peer support interventions for prenatal and postnatal people

Public Comment

Next Steps



Next Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee Meeting

DATE:	To Be Determined
TIME:	1:00 – 3:00
LOCATION:	RI EOHHS Virks Building, 1 st Floor Training Room, 3 West Road, Cranston RI, 02920

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