



Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee

Wednesday, January 15, 2025



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Our Meeting Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Call to Order
 - Review & Approval of the November 2024 OSAC Minutes
3. Updates from Governor's Overdose Task Force
 - Review of Data and Target Refresh
 - Invite to Community Overdose Engagement (CODE) Summit
4. Review Processes Moving Forward
 - Review proposed topics and timeline for 2025
 - Determine cadence of meetings for 2025
 - Review processes for decision making for new membership
5. Public Comment
6. Adjourn



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

Call to Order, Introductions, and Approval of Minutes

Housekeeping and **Draft** Committee Guidelines

- There is no perfect; there is no end point. *Our work is a process.*
- We can't be articulate all the time, so give the benefit of the doubt.
- Our *Intent* isn't the same as our *Impact*.
- It's ok to be uncomfortable! Growth *is* uncomfortable.
- Make space, Take space.
- Take breaks as you need.
- We will boldly try - and every attempt will teach us more.
- We all have something to learn and we all have something to offer.
- Be curious and ask questions!
- Be respectful of each other (be critical of ideas, not individuals)



Governor's Overdose Task Force Updates

Cathy Schultz,
Governor's Overdose Task Force Director

Updates from the Governor's Overdose Task Force

- **December Task Force**

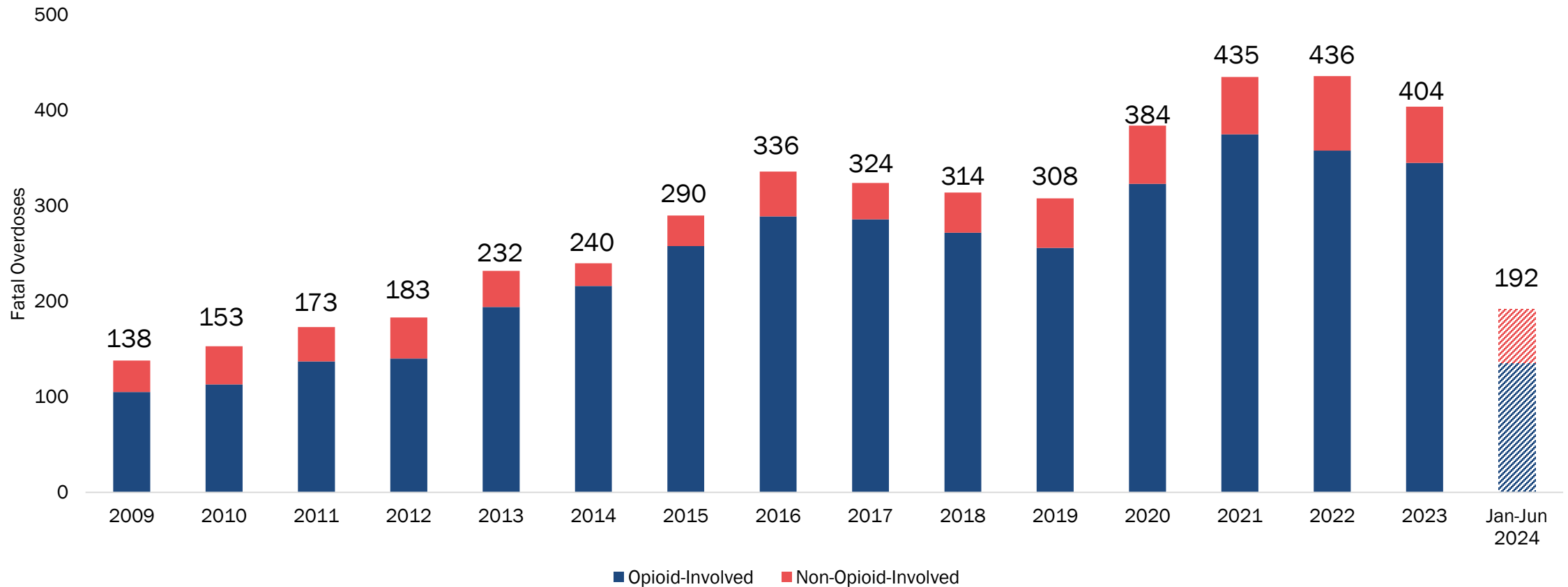
- Fatal Overdose Data from January to June 2024
- Governor's Overdose Task Force Treatment Workgroup Update
- Pregnancy - Inpatient Hospital Admission

- **Next Task Force**

- February 12th Community Overdose Engagement Summit

Fatal Overdoses in Rhode Island by Year

January 2009 – June 2024



Source: Office of State Medical Examiners (OSME), Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH). Data updated as of December 23, 2024. Prepared by Heidi Weidele.

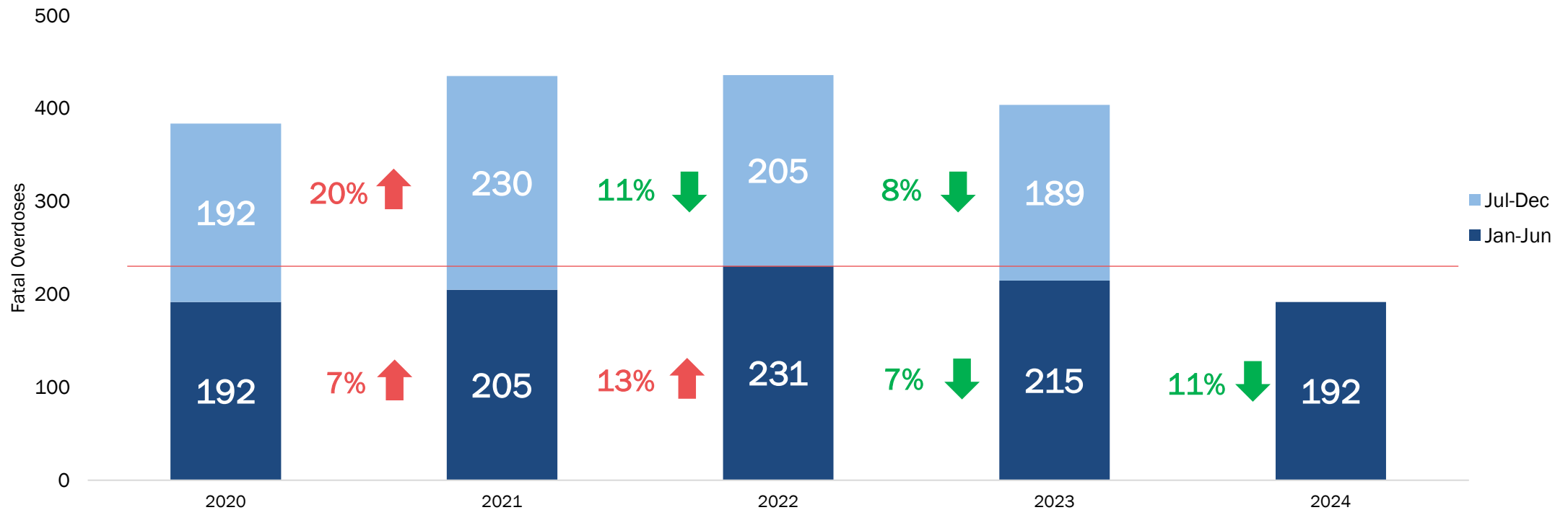
Note: Data reflect accidental drug overdose deaths and do not include suicides, homicides, or undetermined deaths.



Fatal Overdoses in Rhode Island by Year

January 2020 – June 2024

From January 2024 to June 2024, the number of fatal overdoses occurring in Rhode Island **decreased by 11%** compared to the first six months of 2023.



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January is Substance Use Disorder Treatment Month



JANUARY IS

**SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER
TREATMENT MONTH**

Find treatment options and resources
for substance use disorders.

**STAND UP TO STIGMA. TREATMENT WORKS.
SUPPORT OTHERS. RECOVERY IS POSSIBLE.**



SAMHSA

Save the Date

2025 Statewide Community Overdose Engagement (CODE) Summit

February 12, 2025 | 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Warwick

Learn and interact with fellow Rhode Islanders invested in ending the overdose crisis, share local resources, and engage with municipalities in the development of local overdose response plans.

Registration information will be available in the week ahead.

Please note the 2025 CODE Summit will occur in place of the February 2025 Overdose Task Force meeting.



What Is PORI?

The Action Plan

The Task Force

Presentation Archive

Work Groups

Presentation Archive

Below, you can find an archive of Governor's Task Force presentations and audio recordings for each meeting.

January 2025 Task Force Meeting

[Click here to view the slides from this event.](#)

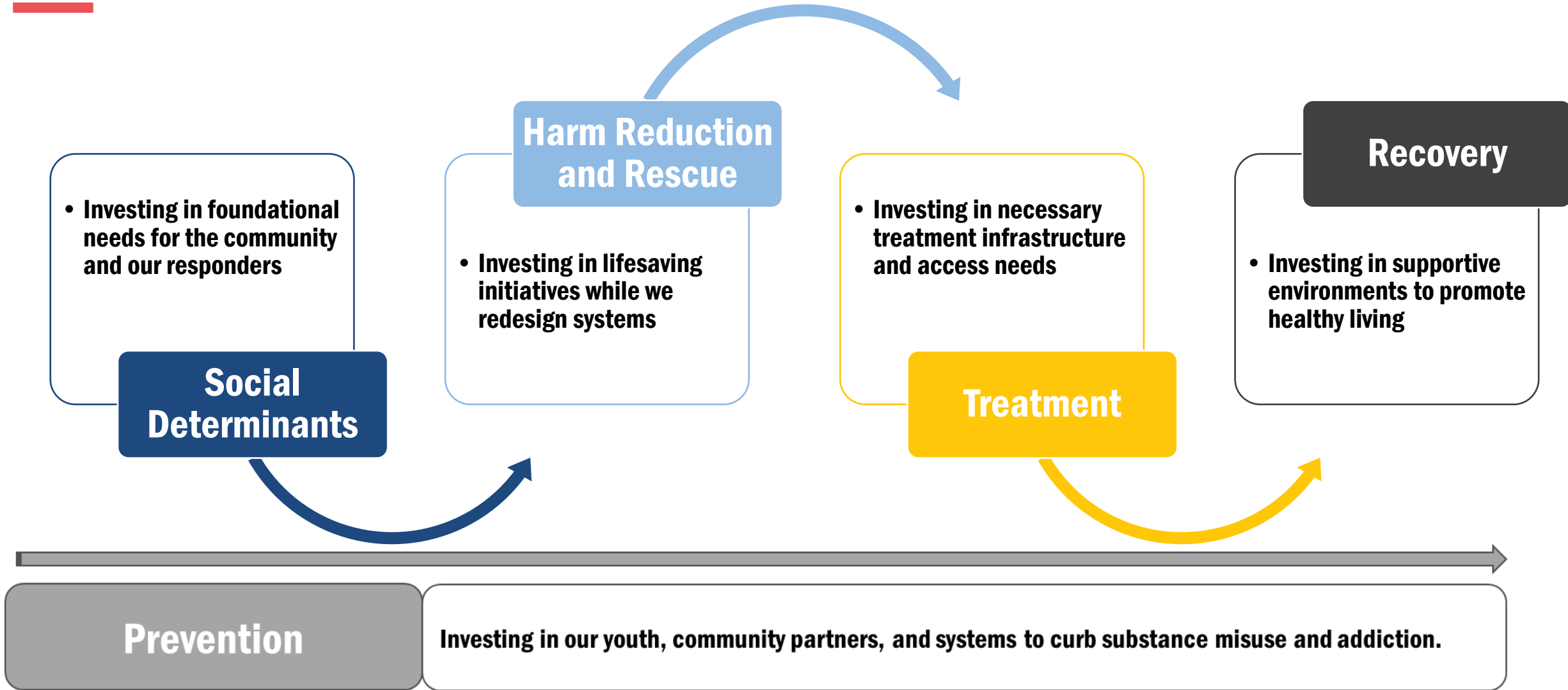
[Click here to listen to the recording of this event.](#)

Accidental Drug Overdose Deaths in Rhode Island, January 1, 2024 – June 30, 2024

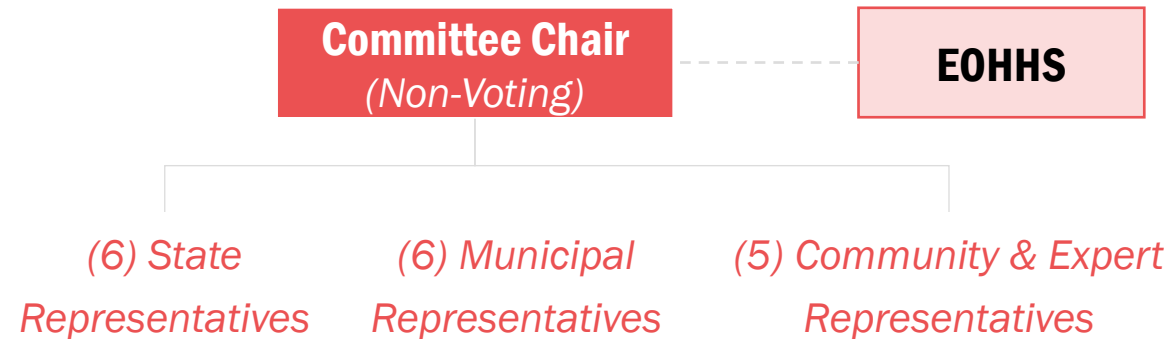
- **Heidi Weidele**, MPH; Lead Fatal Overdose Epidemiologist, Substance Use Epidemiology Program, Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH)

2025 Opioid Settlement Committee Planning Discussion

Investing to Support People Through the Continuum of Care

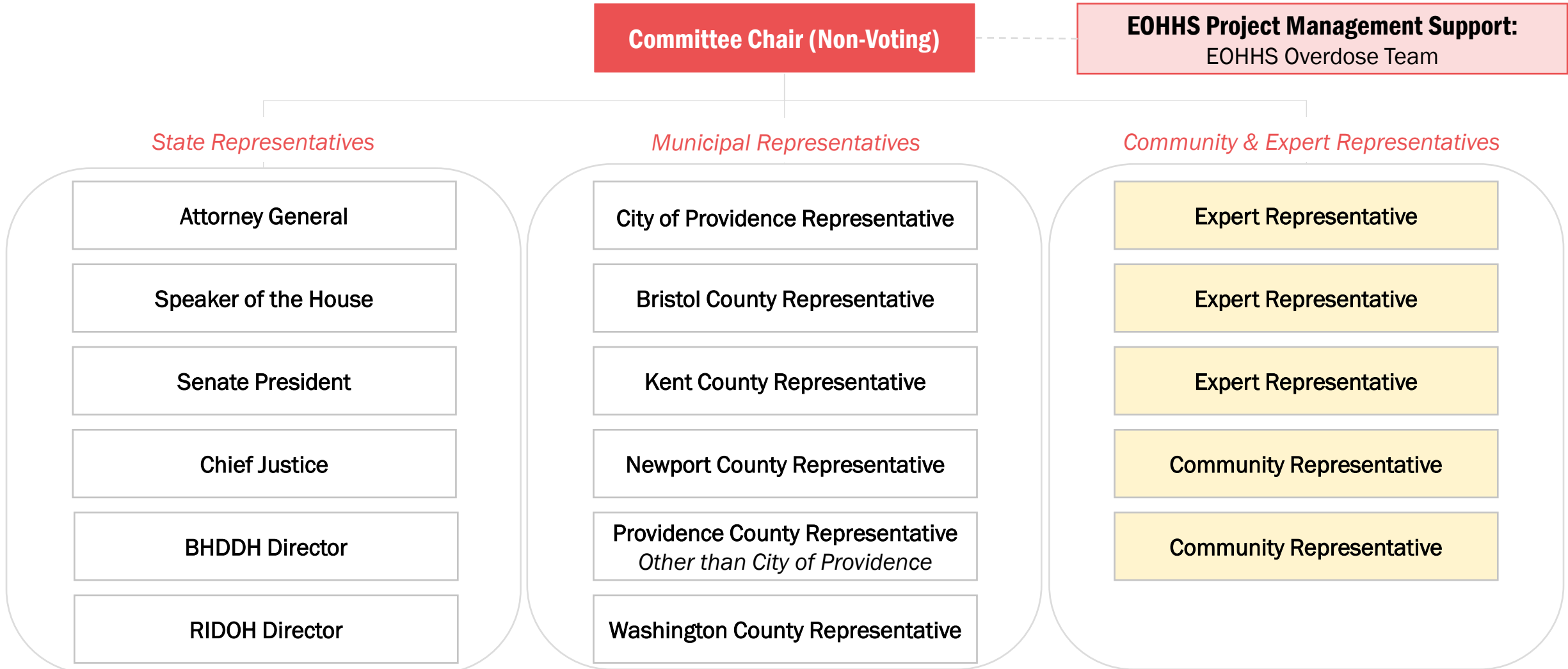


What is the Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee?



- The Opioid Settlement Agreement’s Memorandum of Understanding between the State of Rhode Island and the Participating Cities and Towns established the Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee that will advise on usage of the funds allocated as the State portion (80% of total) over 18 years.
- The Committee will review priorities established in each settlement (as well as State and community partner priorities) and generate a report for the Secretary of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS).
- This report will summarize the Committee’s recommendations for how EOHHS should allocate funds in upcoming fiscal year budgets. The Governor and the State Legislature will ultimately approve or amend the final budget.
- The makeup of the Committee will ensure that the State and the Participating Cities and Towns have equal input into the recommendations for use of the state allocation of funds. EOHHS will provide administrative support.

Who sits on the Advisory Committee?



Looking Ahead

Summary of what we have discussed:

- **Past Approach:** Save lives by getting funding out into the communities quickly
- **Sustainability:** Understanding how the money fits into the broader picture. Stay ahead of shifting federal priorities.
- **Evaluation/Research:** Focusing on collective impact, moving through the continuum of care, evidence-based approaches, and how investments align with the Roadmap.
- **Coordination:** Aligning with the Task Force and state's priorities and community engagement, other funding sources, and local level investments (the funds are to supplement not replace).

Discussion

What will help inform your decisions?

Meeting Cadence for 2025

Proposed Meeting Cadence

- **4th Wednesday** – January, March, June, August, and TBD
- **March 26th** - Community and Expert seats
 - Early March – share applications with committee to review
- **June 25th, July 23rd, and August 27th** - Funding Recommendation Process
 - June – Meeting to review Task Force Recommendations
 - July – Share additional materials for August vote
 - August – Vote on proposed Recommendations to Secretary
- **TBD** - Year in Review

Current Vacancies and Upcoming Membership Transitions

- Washington, Providence, and Newport County representatives – appointed by League of Cities and Towns
- State Senate Appointment
- 1 Community Representative – OSAC vote
- 1 Expert – OSAC Vote

OSAC Voting Process for Membership

Committee Seats

- 1 Community Committee Member
- 1 Expert Committee Member

Process Timeline

- Application Release: February
- Applications shared with Committee to Review: March
- Committee Votes: March meeting

Criteria

- Demographics (age, race/ethnicity, gender)
- Type of Representative/Organizational
- Diversity (increasing by race/ethnicity/LGBTQ+, youth, older adults, etc)
- Experience (lived, academic, and clinical)

Final Discussion

Public Comment



Reminder: There will be a timer set for 2 minutes, and we ask that you wrap up your comments when you hear it go off.

Next Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee Meeting

DATE:	Wednesday, March 26, 2025
TIME:	1:00 – 3:00 pm
Location	Department of Administration Room 2A One Capital Hill, Providence, RI 02903

THANK YOU



Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee Chair

Dr. Brandon Marshall, Brown University

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Appendix



Expected Settlement Dollars: FY26 – FY39

Here is the expected settlement dollars by State Fiscal Year that Rhode Island now expects between FY26 and the end of the settlement time periods:

