IACC Meeting
Updates from the OOCC

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2022 Inter-Agency Opioid Coordination Plan
The Inter-Agency Opioid Coordination Plan serves as Maryland’s strategic framework for the state's response to the opioid crisis.

Beginning next year, we will update this plan by incorporating the following:

- Priority Planning Process (feedback from state, local, & non-governmental partners)
- Public feedback from the Maryland SOS Town Hall Series
- Insights from the Data-Informed Overdose Risk Mitigation (DORM) initiative
- Aligns with goals of the Statewide Integrated Health Improvement Strategy (SIHIS)
Inter-Agency Opioid Coordination Plan
Maryland’s Strategic Framework

- Maryland SOS Town Hall Feedback
- Inter-Agency Process (Input from State & Local Partners, SMEs, Community Organizations)
- Statewide Integrated Health Improvement Strategy (SIHIS)
- Data-informed Overdose Risk Mitigation (DORM)
- OOCC Grant Programs & Priority Projects
Maryland SOS Regional Town Hall Series
Maryland SOS
Town Hall Series and the ORF

• The Maryland Stop Overdose Strategy is a public engagement campaign with the two goals:
  o We want to hear directly from the public about what they feel is needed in their communities to better address the opioid crisis
  o We want to educate people about what can be supported with ORF funding

• The Opioid Restitution Fund (ORF) was established in 2019 to manage all funds that Maryland receives from litigation against opioid manufacturers and distributors
Opioid Restitution Fund Overview

• Requires the Governor to:
  • Develop key goals, objectives, and performance indicators for using these funds
  • Report annually to the General Assembly on the use of ORF funds and related performance indicators
  • Consult annually with substance-use treatment and prevention stakeholders (e.g., consumers, providers, families, advocates, etc.) to identify recommended appropriations from the fund
Opioid Restitution Fund
Eligible Uses

• The ORF may only be used to support programming in the following areas:
  o Improving access to naloxone
  o Peer support programs and SBIRT (screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment)
  o Increasing access to medications used to treat opioid use disorder (MOUD)
  o Heroin Coordinator Program*
  o Safe stations, mobile crisis-response systems, and crisis-stabilization centers
  o Supporting the health crisis hotline
  o School education campaigns*
  o Enforcing laws regarding opioid prescriptions and sales*
  o Research and training for treatment and overdose prevention*
  o Other evidence-based prevention and treatment programs

*May cover administrative costs.
Maryland SOS Town Hall Series

Event Dates

● Previous Town Halls:
  ○ 8/26 – Western Maryland
  ○ 10/20 – Eastern Shore
  ○ 11/3 – West Baltimore City
  ○ 11/17 – East Baltimore City
  ○ 11/30 – Anne Arundel County

● Upcoming Town Halls:
  ○ 12/21 – Annapolis
  ○ TBA – Upper Eastern Shore
  ○ TBA – Capital Region
  ○ TBA – Southern Maryland
  ○ TBA – Statewide virtual summit
Maryland SOS Town Hall Series
Public Feedback

● Western Maryland
  ○ Ensuring access to treatment and sufficient treatment capacity in rural areas
  ○ Transportation as a barrier to treatment
  ○ Expanding recovery support services
  ○ The need for youth prevention programming

● Lower Eastern Shore
  ○ Reducing stigma surrounding naloxone distribution
  ○ Providing additional supports for peer services
  ○ Providing MOUD in correctional facilities
  ○ Increasing access to fentanyl test strips
  ○ Increasing support for community-based organizations
Baltimore City
- Increasing support for peer programs and increasing peer compensation
- Promoting access to and financial support for treatment service
- Increasing support for community-based organizations
- Increased support services for women
- Expanded length of stay in treatment that can be covered by insurance
- Increasing support for recovery services and associated supports, such as housing
- Increasing support for harm reduction services
- Reducing stigma surrounding people who use drugs and MOUD
- Addressing barriers to SUD services resulting from racial disparities
- Improving community relations with law enforcement
- The prevalence of fentanyl in the supply of illicit drugs
- Increasing access to MOUD
Maryland SOS Town Hall Series
Public Feedback

● Anne Arundel County
  ○ Reducing stigma
  ○ Increasing services and resources for co-occurring disorders
  ○ Stronger prevention efforts in youth centers and schools
  ○ Expanding recovery resources
  ○ Expansion of the Medicaid waiver for people in treatment
  ○ Addressing gaps in funding for treatment providers
  ○ Increasing funding for harm reduction services
  ○ Increasing support for community-based organizations
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