

Connecticut Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee

Updates

February 20, 2024

OSAC Updates

- We have added three new members to the Committee to fill vacancies. At present, 44 of 45 positions are appointed.
- DMHAS Commissioner Nancy Navarretta and retired Waterbury Mayor Neil O'Leary continue to chair the Committee.
- On February 1, 2024, Attorney General Tong announced a settlement with multinational marketing firm Publicis.
 - The total amount of the settlement is \$350 million nationwide, with Connecticut due to receive \$4.4 million.

OSAC Public Input Portal

- To ensure robust public involvement, OSAC opened a link to receive input from diverse stakeholders regarding recommendations for funding of initiatives to combat the opioid crisis that are evidence-based or a promising practice
- In that time, we received 132 recommendations. The OSAC Referral Subcommittee has worked diligently to assess the appropriate recommendations to the relevant ADPC subcommittees.

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- 35 public comments are recommended to be reviewed by the treatment subcommittee
- 37 public comments are recommended to be reviewed by the recovery support subcommittee
- 32 public comments are recommended to be reviewed by the prevention subcommittee
- 3 public comments are recommended to be reviewed by the criminal justice subcommittee
- 25 public comments were not recommended for further review (some were general statements about inclusivity, not related to opioid abatement strategies, are not strategies that are legal in CT, or would supplant current funding)

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- One funding recommendation has been advanced by the ADPC and the OSAC Referral and Research & Data Subcommittees: Mobile Opioid Treatment Programs.
 - This proposal would fund 4 mobile units across the state, utilizing data to assess underserved locations in CT. These Mobile OTPs will be able to serve individuals in remote locations of the state as well as residential settings such as long-term facilities.
 - The anticipated cost for each Mobile OTP project would include start-up and operating costs of \$1,000,000 in the first year and ongoing operating cost of \$500,000 for subsequent years.

OSAC Next Steps

- Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 12, 2024 via Microsoft Teams.
- The subcommittees are continuing to meet on an ad-hoc basis.
- We are currently evaluating candidates to serve at the OSAC administrator and hope to fill that role soon.
- Contact Chris McClure or Luiza Barnat with questions.