

# Opioid Abatement Council Meeting

March 3, 2025

12:00pm – 3:00pm ET

AIM Center

Chattanooga, TN

# Opioid Abatement Council Meeting

- Thank you for joining the Council meeting
- This meeting is being recorded and photographed, and the video and photos will be posted on the OAC website.
- The meeting will begin at 12:00ET

### **Attending Virtually?**

- If you are a **Guest**, please turn off your camera and mute yourself
- If you are a Council member, please leave your camera on and mute yourself



## **Introductions & Roll Call**

• Dr. Stephen Loyd - Chair, Opioid Abatement Council

 Mary Shelton, Executive Director, Opioid Abatement Council

Determine if there is a quorum.



## Introductions

- Commissioner Marie Williams
- Deputy Commissioner Matt Yancey
- Shawn Smith, Deputy Director, OAC
- Sam Boukli, Legal Counsel to the OAC
- J.P. Urban, Senior Deputy Attorney General, Financial & Regulatory Section

# Our Why - NY/NJ HIDTA





# Review & Approval of Minutes

Dr. Stephen Loyd

#### **Minutes from:**

- December 13, 2024
- January 23, 2025



# Motions from the Previous Meeting

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This is a new recurring agenda item

 The motions from the past meeting(s) will be shared at the following OAC Quarterly Meeting

This will assist with continuity of business between meetings



# **Motions**

Meeting Date	Motion	Voting Results
1/23/2025	Motion to approve the determination of necessity of emergency meeting.	passed
1/23/2025	Motion to direct the OAC Office on how to disburse the Publicis settlement funding.	passed
	Motion for the OAC to set aside 35% of the Publicis settlement funds (\$3,227,121.07) to pay for the SMART contract for the next 2 years with remaining Publicis settlement funds to be disbursed as the OAC determines at that time.	
		passed
1/23/2025	Motion to approve funding for the 2nd year service hours for SAS.	
		passed
	Motion to approve the path forward for contracting and invoicing for UT Memphis based on a three-year contract term.	
		failed
	Motion that the OAC approve for the OAC staff to negotiate with Hustle & MTSU to provide certain services of the MTSU contract, after that discussion, Hustle will	passad
	provide a proposal that the OAC will approve or disapprove.	passed



# OAC Organizational Structure

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 Currently, the Chair is the only leadership role within the Opioid Abatement Council

 Does the Council wish to add a Co-Chair/ or Vice-Chair or any other leadership position?



### **Discussion & Decision Points**

 Will the OAC consider a motion to approve adding an additional leadership position to the Council?

> Motion & Council Vote



# Community Advocacy Panel

### Community Advocacy Panel Application Portal is Open!



Opioid Abatement Council

#### **WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING PANEL APPLICATIONS!!!**

The Opioid Abatement Council Office is pleased to announce that the

Community Advocacy Panel application portal is now open.

The portal will be open from

Friday, February 21, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. CST

to

Friday, April 4, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. CST

Please visit the Community Advocacy Panel webpage at the following address to apply:

https://www.tn.gov/oac/community-advocacy-panel.html



# Fiscal Updates

# **Opioid Abatement Trust Fund**

 Each meeting, the OAC Office will share the current monthly Opioid Abatement Trust Fund Statement

 Please note that the information is current to date the statement was created



### January 2025 Opioid Abatement Trust Fund Balance

Opioid Abatement Fund Activity			
As of the Period Ended January 2025- FY25 Prd 7			
Description	Cash		
McKinsey Deposit 3.31.2021	12,613,210.59		
McKinsey Deposit 4.19.2022	651,080.54		
Distributor Settlement 8.12.2022 - AmerisourceBergen Drug Corp., McKesson			
Corp., Cardinal Health, Inc. and AmerisourceBergen Corp.	14,914,621.88		
Distributor Settlement 10.17.2022 - AmerisourceBergen Drug Corp.,			
McKesson Corp., Cardinal Health, Inc. and AmerisourceBergen Corp.	15,674,540.42		
Distributor Settlement 11.22.2022 - Janssen	59,709,854.06		
Distributor Settlement 2.09.2023 - Mallinckrodt	4,112,865.67		
McKinsey Deposit 4.03.2023	651,080.54		
Distributor Settlement 8.16.23 - AmerisourceBergen Drug Corp., McKesson			
Corp., Cardinal Health, Inc. and AmerisourceBergen Corp.	15,674,540.42		
Distributor Settlement 11.09.23 - Mallinckrodt	4,838,665.50		
AmerisourceBergen Drug Corp.	8,635,214.64		
Walmart Payment 1 3.15.24	50,466,781.27		
Walgreens Payment 1 3.15.24	7,477,216.05		
Walgreens Payment 2 3.15.24	4,935,462.14		
CVS Payment 1 3.15.24	6,373,191.60		
Allergan Payment 1 3.15.24	5,730,194.43		
Teva Payment 1 3.15.24	5,178,688.17		
McKinsey Deposit 4.03.24	651,080.54		
Publicis Health 4.19.24	9,220,345.92		
Distributor Settlement 7.31.24 - AmerisourceBergen	19,618,907.88		
Distributor Settlement 7.31.24 - Allergen	5,733,961.61		
Distributor Settlement 7.31.24 - TEVA	5,836,067.13		
Distributor Settlement 7.31.24 - CVS	5,081,031.27		
Distributor Settlement 11.30.24 - ENDO	8,468,085.32		
FY 22 Interest Earned	27,134.50		
FY 23 Interest Earned	2,847,782.95		
FY 24 Interest Earned	6,185,314.06		
FY 25 Interest Earned	2,594,433.19		
County Distributions	(62,498,376.32)		
Community Payments	(8,486,366.37)		
Departmental Expenses Reimbursed by Opioid Abatement Fund	(2,956,503.14)		
Totals	209,960,106.46		
Descr	Combined		
Equity in Treasurer Cash	209,991,547.45		
Accounts Payable	(31,440.99)		
Cash Available	209,960,106.46		
Departmental Expenses Not Reimbursed by OAC	(241,397.63)		
Net Cash Available	209,718,708.83		



# Policy Updates

### **Draft Policies for Review**

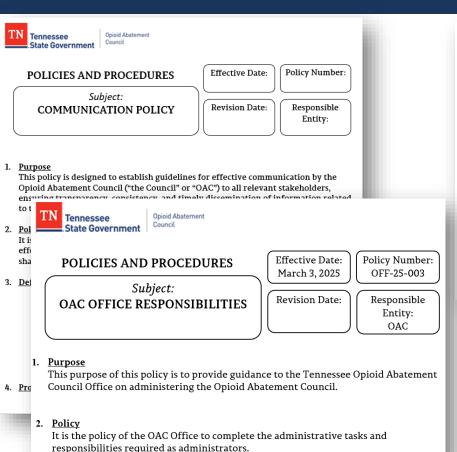
Policy Development & Approval Process:

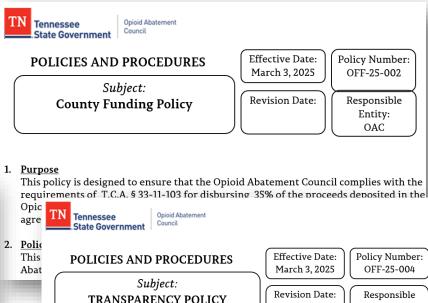
Revise. **Bring Draft ED & Legal Revise Policy Bring Final Draft Policy Draft to OAC** review, offer (repeat as to OAC. **ED and Legal** Receive edits edits necessary) for approval review

- The OAC Office is presenting 4 policies for review and discussion:
  - County Funding
  - Communications Policy
  - OAC Office Duties Policy
  - Transparency Policy



### Policies for Review & Feedback





#### 1. Purpose

The Opioid Abatement Council's website is the main communication tool with the public. The Opioid Abatement Council (OAC) Office manages the website so that the public is informed of all relevant information and data.

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OFF-25-004

Responsible

Entity: OAC

#### 2. Policy

This policy is designed to ensure all information posted to the OAC website is relevant and current.

### **Discussion & Decision Points**

Does the OAC have any edits for the policies?

Will the OAC consider a motion to approve the policies?

Motion & Council Vote



# Legislative Updates

## House Joint Resolution 100

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 100

By Faison

A RESOLUTION relative to overdose reversal initiatives.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly recognizes and applauds the public and private overdose reversal initiatives currently in place; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly acknowledges that the treatment of addiction is a

complex policy issue that demands more resources accontinuum of care: and

WHEREAS, in the interim, saving lives should but of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly recognizes decreases in the overdose death rate in Tennessee sur awareness of overdose reversal medications, such as the number of lives lost to overdose; and

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that this General Assembly respectfully urges the Tennessee opioid abatement council and each county that has joined the settlement to allocate a minimum of twenty-five percent (25%) of expenditures approved from the opioid abatement fund pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 33-11-103, to specific initiatives that save lives via the distribution and promotion of overdose reversal medications until such time as the overdose death rate in Tennessee has been reduced by a minimum of twenty-five percent (25%).

# TN Graduate Scholarships





Tennessee Behavioral Health Pathways Scholarship <u>Presented to The Opioid Abatement Council (OAC)</u>

# TDMHSAS & TennCare Workgroup

# About the Workgroup

- Convened by TDMHSAS
   & TennCare in the
   Summer of 2021
- Met Three (3) Times
- Stakeholders Included
  - Provider Organizations
  - Advocacy Groups
  - Colleges and Universities
  - TDMHSAS Planning and Policy Council

#### Public Behavioral Health Workforce Workgroup Goals

**Clearly identify gaps and needs** related to the public behavioral health workforce using relevant national data and data specific to the State of Tennessee.

**Assess for strategies** to address identified gaps, including proven actions to support the effective recruitment and retention of public behavioral health professionals in the State of Tennessee.

**Develop a report for key decision makers** which will highlight identified gaps, but more importantly, will offer effective short-term and long-term strategies to address public behavioral health workforce challenges in the State of Tennessee.

#### TN.gov/behavioral-health/workforceworkgroup





### Highlighted Strategies Include



Payor Reimbursement Rates



Licensure Modifications



Benefits and Incentives



Pipeline Planning



Diversity and Inclusion



Student Loan Forgiveness



Expanded Internship Opportunities



Communicating to Potential Students



## Tennessee Behavioral Health Pathways Scholarship

### Tennessee Behavioral Health Pathways Scholarship

#### Supporting the Education of Tomorrow's Public Behavioral Health Workforce

#### \$3 Million in New State Funding

- Awarded during special session for public safety conducted in August 2023.
- Up to \$15,000 per academic year in tuition stipends for maximum of 2 academic years.

#### **Supporting BH Related Graduate Programs**

- Psychology, Social Work, Forensic Social Work, Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Counseling, Psychiatric Nursing, Marriage and Family Therapy

#### **Commitment to Public Services**

- Scholarship recipients must commit to work for TDMHSAScontracted treatment agencies for a length of time equivalent to the time they received tuition stipends









### Tennessee Behavioral Health Pathways Scholarship

#### **Scholarship Portal**

- Opened February 16, 2024 and closed April 19, 2024
- Over 800 applications received

#### **Number of Scholarships To Be Provided**

- Through November 2024, 188 students have received scholarships with the special session and ARPA funding.

#### **Additional Funding Awarded**

- Received \$910,161 from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), to fund an additional 50 students.

## Highlighted Colleges/Universities Scholarship Recipients are Attending

- East Tennessee State University
- University of Tennessee Knoxville
- University of Memphis
- Middle Tennessee State University
- Lipscomb University

#### **Top Fields of Study Among Scholarship Recipients**

- -Social Work
- -Counseling
- -Psychiatric Nursing







#### **Progress of Scholarship Initiative**



### **Proposed Considerations**

Potential to provide funding directly to TAMHO and TAADAS to be able to re-open the scholarship portal and fund more students to obtain their graduate degrees.

#### **Remediation List**

- Provides the workforce needed in all the eligible remediation list activities;
- Also fits under E. Expansion of Warm Hand-Off Programs and Recovery Services (5) *Hire additional social workers or other behavioral health workers to facilitate expansions above.*

#### **Program Set-Up**

- Provide \$2,000,000 for two years
- Keep it the same as the current program
  - Must be a TN Resident
  - Must be obtaining Master's in a Behavioral Health Related Field
  - Up to \$15,000 for a year for up to 2 years
  - Commitment Back to Approved List of TDMHSAS and OAC Contracted Providers.









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### **Discussion & Decision Points**

 Will the OAC consider a motion to approve \$2,000,000 for graduate school scholarships?

> Motion & Council Vote



# Community Grants Cycle 1

# 2024 Community Grants Award Summary

Approximately \$78 million for 2024-2025

113 Grant Awards

- 85 Distinct Organizations/Grantees
- Approximately \$235million over 3 years
- 1-3 year projects



# Contracting & Invoicing Updates

Contract status	02/26/2025	Activity
Fully Executed:	110	
Contract in process:	0	Contract being packaged/initial approvals
Out for signature:	0	waiting on vendor to return signature page
Out for MS signature:	0	sent for final MS signature
In final approval:	0	final Edison approval
On hold/issues:	3	Various Grantees
In budget review:	0	Budget team has received CRF and is reviewing budgets
CRF submitted:	0	CRF has been generated and sent to Budget team
Performance Measures:	91	Grantees have returned Outcomes Reporting Plan Template

BCMS: TDMHSAS Budget Contracting & Monitoring System; CRF: Contract Review Form



## Community Grants Payments

#### **Community Grant Payments as of 2/26/2025**

	# of Invoices	Amount Paid (or in Process)
July	0	\$ -
August	2	\$ 43,203.60
September	39	\$ 799,203.13
October	39	\$ 603,077.85
November	51	\$ 1,053,759.26
December	82	\$ 4,026,082.25
January	68	\$ 1,906,715.14
February	57	\$ 1,907,469.28
	338	\$ 10,339,510.51



#### Grantee Contract for Discussion

#### ETSU Grant Contract (ID# 2023-1587)

#### Grant Contract Overview:

- Three-year contract term; Contract fully executed August 2024.
- Grant Project: Expand behavioral health workforce by hiring additional faculty staff to train students to work in clinical behavioral health settings
- Grant Total Budget: \$4.9M

#### Challenges:

- Due to recruiting challenges, ETSU has not been able to sufficiently staff grant program during the first year of the grant contract period.
- The grant includes five, three-year faculty contracts to help support, teach, and train upcoming behavioral health learners/practitioners to serve underserved East Tennessee; however, mixed with the cycles or seasons of funds becoming available, faculty recruitment, and the academic year, most faculty recruits missed window for starting in year one.
- Without funds/contract extended to CY 2028, ETSU cannot offer the three-year faculty contracts.

#### ETSU's proposed solution:

ETSU is requesting consideration for a **contract extension** at the end of the current contract term (i.e., July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2028) and allow funds to roll over from **year three to year four if** an extension is granted.

#### **Discussion & Decision Point**

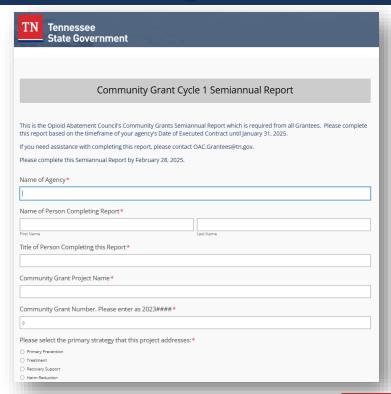
 Will the OAC consider a motion to approve the path forward to extend ETSU's Community Grant Contract to a four-year contract term?

> Motion & Council Vote



# Community Grants Semiannual Reports

- Cycle 1 Grantees are now completing their first Semiannual Report
- The report is due by February 28, 2025
- Report addresses progress towards:
  - Impact of the project
  - Service area
  - Integration in the community
  - Feasibility of the project
  - Date for the Outcomes Reporting Plan





# Program Monitoring Updates

#### **Program Monitoring Materials**

- Pre & Post Site Visit Survey
- Site Visit Monitoring Template
- Summary of Findings Template

#### **Targeted Group**

- Grantees with one-year contracts (5)
- Grantees with three-year contracts (1)

#### **Site Visit Target Dates**

- In the process of scheduling site visits
- April June 2025



# Fiscal Monitoring Updates

- 5 Fiscal Site Visits completed
- 9 Fiscal Site Visits scheduled (March, April & May)

#### Fiscal Monitoring & Types of Results:

- (0) Findings requires a Corrective Action Plan that specifies what the finding is, how it is to be corrected, and a due date for completion; requires follow-up to ensure Grantee implements CAP
- (1) Concerns fiscal issues that if not resolved, will become a finding
- (2) Discrepancies unintentional expense misclassifications, clerical errors (transposed numbers), etc.
- (7) Recommendations written suggestions for "best practices", strengthening internal controls, etc.
- All 1-year Grantees have site visits completed or scheduled; several 2-year Grantees and 3- year Grantees identified as High-Risk



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# Community Grants Cycle 2

# Cycle 2 Community Grant Applications

294 Cycle 2 Applications requesting \$416,994,997

Strategy	Number of Applications	Percentage	Total Funding Request
Recovery Support	112	38%	\$135,451,058
Treatment	62	21%	\$127,249,023
Primary Prevention	53	18%	\$58,986,196
Education/Training	25	9%	\$35,931,273
Harm Reduction	29	10%	\$44,796,834
Research and Evaluation	13	4%	\$14,580,072



## Each application will receive:

**Qualification and Eligibility** review by Executive Director, Deputy Director, Audit Director, Grants Analysts

Reading, Review and Summary by Grants Analyst/ designated OAC Office staff

If passes qualifications and eligibility, then moves to scoring

**Send out list** of applicants to OAC members; let us know if provide either paid or volunteer services (COI)

Reading and Scoring by 3 people 1) Grants Analyst, 2) Deputy Director & 3) OAC member

**Review** by all OAC members during a Council meeting via a compilation report (high-level)

**Vote** by the Opioid Abatement Council to approve or not to approve

## Review & Summary: OAC Office Staff

Reviews for completion, eligibility and qualifications

Reviews application, attached documents and provided links

Completes summary for the OAC Scorer to review

- OAC Office staff have completed these tasks
- Office staff who completed the reviews are the Grants Analysts, Audit Director, Deputy Director and Executive Director



## Scoring: OAC member & OAC Office staff

Review Grants Analyst's summary Review budget & budget justification

Read application

Score application based on rubric

- OAC Deputy Director will score ALL applications
- OAC Grants Analysts will score ALL applications (divided in ½)
- OAC Members will score ALL applications (divided by 14)
  - Targeting 1 hour per application
  - The first few applications may take longer to acclimate to the Portal and process



## Cycles and Award Funding (Approved 7/31/2024)

Cycle	Applications Period	Awards Announced	Award Contract Term	Total \$ awards per year	Max \$ total 3 years
Cycle 1	October 2023	March 2024	July 2024 – June 2027	\$81,000,000	\$243,000,000 (\$230,000,000 actual)
Cycle 2	October 2024	July 2025	Jan 2026 – Dec 2028	\$20,000,000	\$60,000,000
Cycle 3	March 2026	January 2027	July 2027 – June 2030	\$15,000,000 (estimated)	\$45,000,000 (estimated)
Cycle 4	October 2027	July 2028	Jan 2028 – Dec 2030	TBD	TBD
Cycle 5	March 2029	January 2030	July 2029 – June 2032	TBD	TBD



# Proposed Revised Cycle 2 Budget

 Based on additional payments and AGO predictions, the Trust Fund has gained an additional \$31million.

Cycle	Applications Period	Awards Announced	Award Contract Term	Total \$ awards per year	Max \$ total 3 years
Cycle 1	October 2023	March 2024	July 2024 – June 2027	\$81,000,000	\$243,000,000 (\$230,000,000 actual)
Cycle 2	October 2024	July 2025	Jan 2026 – Dec 2028	\$25,000,000	\$75,000,000
Cycle 3	March 2026	January 2027	July 2027 – June 2030	\$15,000,000 (estimated)	\$45,000,000 (estimated)
Cycle 4	October 2027	July 2028	Jan 2028 – Dec 2030	TBD	TBD
Cycle 5	March 2029	January 2030	July 2029 – June 2032	TBD	TBD

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### **Discussion & Decision Point**

Will the OAC consider a motion to approve the revised Cycle 2 budget?

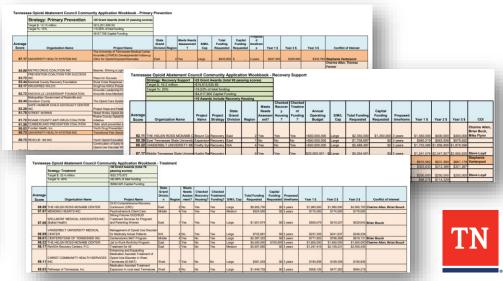
Motion & Council Vote



## Selection Process for Cycle 1

- Identified percentages for each of the 6 strategies (12/5/2022)
- Essentially, the top scoring applications for each strategy were awarded a Community Grant (3/18/2025)

Strategy	Allocation Percentage
Primary Prevention B2.C1,61,62,63,64,CC2,CC3,CC4,CC12,E1,GG1,GG2,GG3,GG4,GG5,GG6,GG7,GG8,GG9,GG10,GG11,JI1,JI3,LL2, LL3	15%
Harm Reduction A2,G5,H1,CC2,CC3,DD1.3, HH1,HH2,HH4,HH5,HH6,HH7,HH8,HH9,HH10,HH11,JJ1,JJ3	10%
Treatment B1,B3,B4,C1,C2,E1,F1,F2,AA1,AA2,AA3,AA4,AA5,AA7AA9,AA10,AA11,AA12,AA13,AA14,BB2,BB3,BB7,BB10,CC5 ,CC7,CC8,CQCC10,CC12,CC15,CC16,D01.1,D01.2,D01.3,D01.4,D01.5,D01.6,D02, D03,D04,D05,D06,E1,E2,E4,HH9,JI1,JI3	40%
Recovery Support B4,C3,D1,D2,D3,E2,E3,E4,E5,AA5,AA6,8B1,BB2,BB3,BB4,BB5,BB6,BB7,BB8,BB9,BB10,BB14,CC10,CC11,CC12,D D3,E1,E2,E4,E6,E7,E8,E9,J11,J13	20%
Education/Training A1,83,A48,8811,8812,8815,CC1,CC6,CC13,CC14,DD7,E3,E5,E10,FF1,FF2,FF3,FF4,FF5,FF7,FF8,GG12,HH3,HH7,H H8,HH12,HH13,H11,I12,KK1,KK2	10%
Research/Evaluation of Abatement Strategy Efficacy	5%



# Selecting Grantees for Cycle 2

The OAC voted and approved to encourage applications:

- which address Primary Prevention, Harm Reduction,
  Treatment and Recovery Support (per approved motion on
  July 31, 2024 by the Opioid Abatement Council, this may be
  open to change)
- where multiple local agencies and/or counties collaborate on one project



## Proposed Additional Cycle 2 Selection Criteria

 The OAC Office reviewed the Council's encouragements and have drafted proposed selection criteria:

- To address the encouraged strategies, the percentages for Primary Prevention, Harm Reduction and Recovery Support were increased.
- To address collaboration, during the selection process meeting, those collaborative applications will be highlighted on the spreadsheet at the voting meeting.
  - The OAC may decide based on scoring if the collaborative applications receive priority



## Cycle 2 Proposed New Percentages

#### **Approved Percentages**

Strategy	Percentage
Primary Prevention	15%
Harm Reduction	10%
Treatment	40%
Recovery Support	20%
Education & Training	10%
Research & Evaluation	5%

#### **Proposed Revised Percentages**

Strategy	Percentage
Primary Prevention	20%
Harm Reduction	15%
Treatment	40%
Recovery Support	22%
Education & Training	2%
Research & Evaluation	1%



# Cycle 2 Expected Funding

These charts reflect the proposed new percentages for the strategies

#### \$20million for year 1

Strategy	Percentage	Expected Funding
Primary Prevention	20%	\$4,000,000
Harm Reduction	15%	\$3,000,000
Treatment	40%	\$8,000,000
Recovery Support	22%	\$4,400,000
Education & Training	2%	\$400,000
Research & Evaluation	1%	\$200,000

#### \$25million for year 1

Strategy	Percentage	Expected Funding
Primary Prevention	20%	\$5,000,000
Harm Reduction	15%	\$3,750,000
Treatment	40%	\$10,000,000
Recovery Support	22%	\$5,500,000
Education & Training	2%	\$500,000
Research & Evaluation	1%	\$250,000

#### **Discussion & Decision Point**

Will the OAC consider a motion to approve the revised funding allocation percentages for the strategies and to highlight the collaboration projects for possible priority during voting?

Motion & Council Vote



## Proposed Additional Qualifications

 There are lessons learned through contracting and monitoring Cycle 1 Grantees

 The OAC Office is proposing a discussion and two additional qualifications for selecting Cycle 2 Grantees



## Proposed Additional Qualifications

 The requested grant funding cannot exceed 100% of the agency's operating budget for any agency incorporated for 24 months or less prior to December 13, 2024 (the date the Portal closed).

 Due to a lessor funding amount available for Community Grant Funding for Cycle 2 than for Cycle 1 and based on the number of applications received, Grantees shall be limited to one (1) awarded Grant per organization.



### **Discussion & Decision Point**

Will the OAC consider a motion to approve the additional qualifications?

Motion & Council Vote



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2025 Meeting

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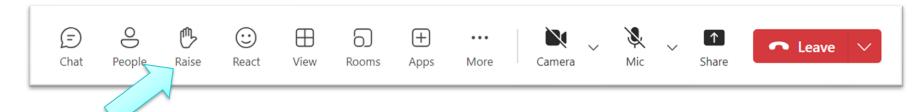
Cookeville/ Crossville area



#### **Public Comment**

The Opioid Abatement Council shall reserve a period for public comment to provide the public with the opportunity to comment on matters that are relevant to the items on the agenda for the meeting. At the appropriate time, the Chair will open the meeting for public comment. Guests attending in-person shall make their intent to speak known and the Chair will recognize the individual.

**In-Person**: please raise your hand



**Virtual**: please click the "**raise your hand**" icon located on the top menu bar (3<sup>rd</sup> from the left)

# Motion to Adjourn

Motion & Council Vote

