

**OPIOID  
ABATEMENT**

**Advisory Commission**

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**Opioid Abatement  
Advisory Commission  
Meeting**

**November 29, 2023**

# Agenda

- I. Opening Remarks and Vision
  - a. Approval of Minutes
  - b. Guiding Principles
  - c. Code of Conduct
  - d. Conflict of Interest
  - e. Timeline (Sense of Urgency)
  
- II. Operating Procedures
  - a. Proposed Committee Structure
  - b. Role of the Steering Committee
  - c. Charge of the Committees
    - i. Establishing Priorities
    - ii. Proposed Recommendations to Commission
    - iii. Meeting Schedule and Milestone Dates
  - d. Assignments and Selection Process for Committees

# Agenda cont'd

- III. Principles for Use of Funds
  - a. Office of Attorney General (OAG)
  - b. Office of Opioid Abatement
  
- IV. Future Meeting Schedule
  
- III. Public Comments
  
- III. Next Steps
  
- III. Adjournment

# This is the Problem

- There have been **345** opioid overdose deaths, as of November 20, 2023 according to Office of Chief Medical Examiner (OCME),
- There have be **1934** non-fatal overdoses from January 1, 2023 to September 30,2023 according Fire and Emergency Services (FEMS).



# PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO OPIOID ABATEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION OPERATING PROCEDURES

# Article IV

## Meetings

1. Meetings shall be held in accordance with the requirements of the Open Meetings Act (D.C. Official Code § 2-571 *et seq.*).
2. The Commission shall meet a minimum of one (1) time per quarter.
3. All meetings shall be called by the Chair or a majority of the Commission members.
4. A majority of the Commission's members shall constitute a quorum.
5. Actions of the Commission shall be taken by an affirmative vote of a simple majority of the members in attendance at a meeting where a quorum is present.
6. Members may attend in person or remotely through audio or audiovisual means.
7. Meetings shall follow Robert's Rules of Order.
8. Meetings are held at least quarterly at 9:00 a.m., on the second Wednesday starting January 2024, except if it falls on a holiday, the meeting is held the next day. The Chair can call an additional meeting with 14 days notice. Notice of the meeting and any meeting read ahead materials shall be sent to the members by the Office of Abatement at least 14 days before the meeting date to ensure timely publication in the District of Columbia Register.
9. Members should make every effort to inform the Chair prior to a scheduled meeting when the member will be unable to attend and authorize a designee.

# Article VI

## Conflicts of Interest

No commission member may attempt to influence the outcome of any matter that is likely to have a direct and predictable effect on the member's financial interests or the financial interests of a person closely affiliated with that member. For purposes of this Article, such matters include any deliberation, discussion, decision, or vote by the Commission on whether to award funding from the Opioid Abatement Fund to an identified candidate or applicant for a grant where the member knows the funding decision is likely to have a direct and predictable effect on the member's financial interests or the financial interests of a person closely affiliated with the member. A close affiliation is a spouse, dependent child, general partner, a member of the Commission member's household, or an organization affiliated with the member. If a member has a conflict of interest, the member shall inform the Commission of the conflict, and the member shall recuse themselves from the matter and shall not participate in any discussion, deliberation, vote, or decision about the matter. Members shall also consider whether to recuse themselves from matters where there is potentially the appearance that the matter will likely have a direct and predictable effect on the member's financial interests or the financial interests of a person closely affiliated with that member. Members are encouraged to seek advice from BEGA in the event of any ethical questions or concerns.

Nothing in this Article prohibits a Commission member from participating in deliberations, discussions, decisions, and votes on the Commission's broad funding recommendations and priorities that do not relate to an identified candidate or applicant for funding from the Opioid Abatement Fund.

# Article IX

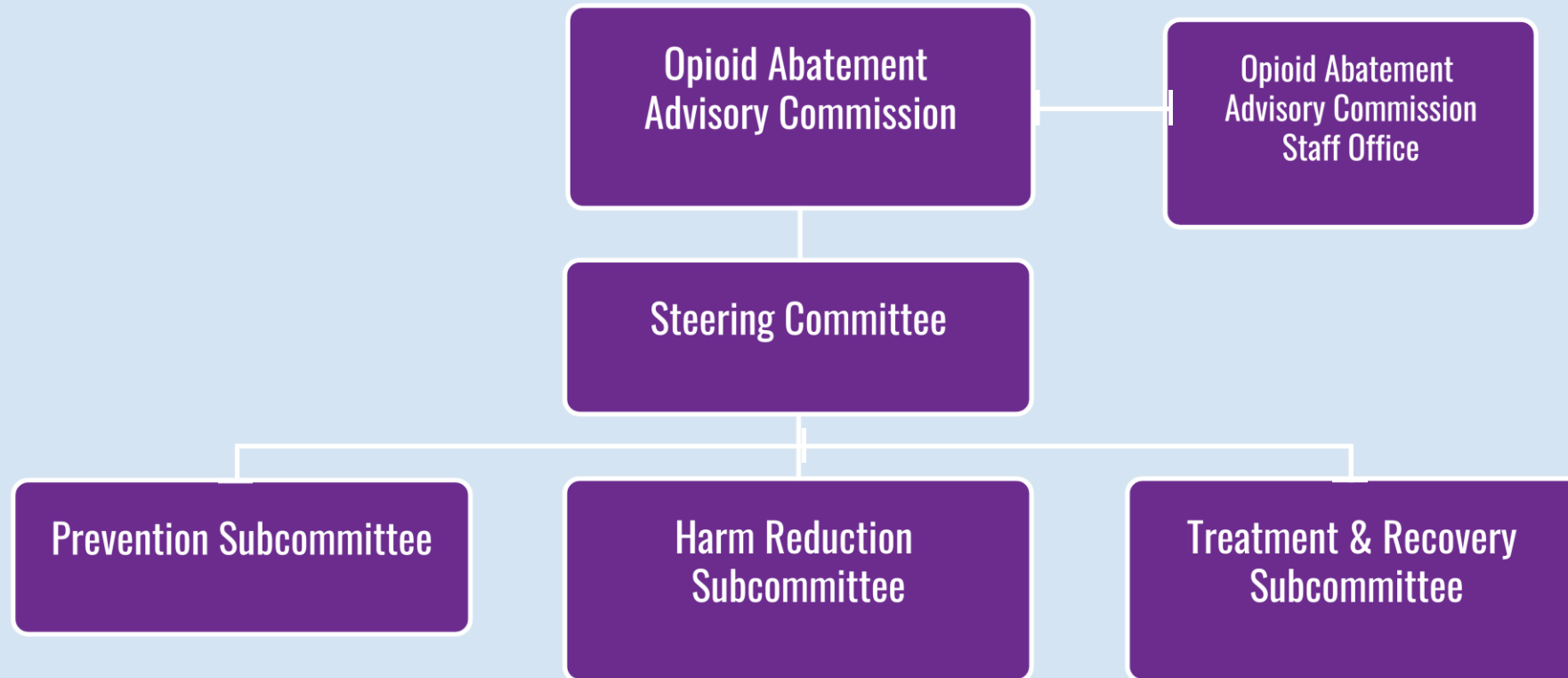
## Rules of Decorum

Commission members shall refrain from private discourse or other acts tending to distract the attention of the Commission from the business before it. In debate, a Commission member shall confine remarks to the pending question and avoid the use of personalities. It is not the person but the measure that is the subject of debate, and it is not allowable to question or impugn the motives of a Commission member, but the nature or consequences of a measure may be condemned in strong terms.

No person may commit any act tending to distract the attention of the Commission from the business before it. No person may engage in loud, threatening, or abusive language, or disruptive conduct in the during the meeting in person or on any virtual platform with the intent or effect of impeding or disrupting the orderly conduct of business.



# OPIOID ABATEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



# OPIOID ABATEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION STEERING COMMITTEE

## **Mission**

Steering Committee activities with respect to recommendations for spending opioid abatement funds focused on prevention to save the lives of District residents.

## **Committee Membership**

The Committee will be composed of five members, including the Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission Chair and Co-Chair, the Attorney General, a Mayoral appointee from the Commission, and a Council appointee from the Commission.

## **Authority**

Serve as coordinating body to direct the activities of the commission and recommendations to the Commission regarding allocation of opioid abatement funds with respect to prevention activities in keeping with the Principles for the Use of Funds.

## **Responsibility**

Liaison with the Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission Office support staff, set Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission agendas, oversight of the subcommittees of the Commission, coordination of the recommendations from the subcommittees to the Commission to ensure recommendations address identified principles for the Commission in keeping with the requirements set forth for the Commission's allocation of funds.

## **Meeting Schedule**

Monthly

# PREVENTION SUBCOMMITTEE

## **Mission**

Develop recommendations for spending opioid abatement funds focused on prevention to save the lives of District residents.

## **Committee Membership**

The Committee will be composed of seven members, including a chair, co-chair and at least one individual with lived experience. The remaining members will be identified based on expertise and interest in the relevant field.

## **Authority**

Make recommendations to the Commission regarding allocation of opioid abatement funds with respect to prevention activities in keeping with the Principles for the Use of Funds.

## **Responsibility**

Identify current gaps for needs assessment. Develop recommendations that address data needs, youth prevention, prevention for adults with particular attention to populations at higher risk for overdose, ensure equity and innovation that can be supported by evidence.

Identify how proposed recommendations may compliment or relate to existing initiatives and/or Core Strategies in Schedule A.

## **Meeting Schedule**

Committee will determine meeting frequency but will meet no less than once a month.

# HARM REDUCTION SUBCOMMITTEE

## **Mission**

Develop recommendations for spending opioid abatement funds focused on harm reduction to save lives of District residents.

## **Committee Membership**

The Committee will be composed of seven members, including a chair, co-chair and at least one with lived experience. The remaining members will be identified based on expertise and interest in the relevant field.

## **Authority**

Make recommendations to the Commission regarding allocation of opioid abatement funds with respect to harm reduction activities in keeping with the Principles for the Use of Funds.

## **Responsibility**

Identify current gaps for needs assessment. Develop recommendations that address data needs, harm reduction for youth and adults with particular attention to populations at higher risk for overdose, ensure equity and innovation that can be supported by evidence.

Identify how proposed recommendations may compliment or relate to existing initiatives and/or Core Strategies in Schedule A.

## **Meeting Schedule**

Committee will determine meeting frequency but will meet no less than once a month.

# TREATMENT & RECOVERY SUBCOMMITTEE

## **Mission**

Develop recommendations on how to spend opioid abatement funds with a focus on treatment and recovery to save lives of District residents.

## **Committee Membership**

The Committee will be composed of seven members, including a chair, co-chair and at least one member with lived experience. The remaining members will be identified based on expertise and interest in relevant field.

## **Authority**

Make recommendations to the Commission regarding allocation of opioid abatement funds with respect to treatment and recovery activities in keeping with the Principles for the Use of Funds.

## **Responsibility**

Identify current gaps for needs assessment. Develop recommendations that address data needs, treatment and recovery for youth and adults with particular attention to populations at higher risk for overdose, ensure equity and innovation that can be supported by evidence.

Identify how proposed recommendations may compliment or relate to existing initiatives and/or Core Strategies in Schedule A.

## **Meeting Schedule**

Committee will determine meeting frequency but will meet no less than once a month.



# **Overview of the Role and Responsibilities of the Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission**

Presentation before the Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission

November 29, 2023

# Role of the Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission

The Commission is an *advisory* body—its role is to make recommendations to the Mayor and the Council “regarding the use of opioid litigation settlement proceeds and District-wide goals, objectives, and performance indicators relating to opioid use disorder and co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders . . . .”

Source: D.C. Law 24-315, Opioid Litigation Proceeds Amendment Act of 2022

# **Role of the Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission, cont.**

However, the Commission has considerable discretion in recommending how to use the monies in the Opioid Abatement Fund to support evidence-based and evidence-informed opioid prevention, treatment, recovery, and harm-reduction programs that will best address the District's needs.



# Purposes of the Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission

The Commission has three purposes:

- (1) Ensure that the monies in the Fund are appropriately expended on evidence-based and evidence-informed harm reduction, prevention, recovery, and treatment activities, practices, programs, services, supports, and strategies for opioid use disorder and co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders;
- (2) Prioritize and facilitate public involvement, accountability, and transparency in allocating and accounting for the monies in the Fund; and
- (3) Ensure that the monies in the Fund have the effect of preventing, treating, and reducing opioid use disorder and co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders and reducing fatalities.

Source: D.C. Code § 7-3212(b)

# **Powers and Duties of the Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission**

The Commission is empowered to make recommendations to the Mayor and the Council about several objectives.

# **Powers and Duties of the Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission, cont.**

- (1)** District-wide goals, objectives, and performance indicators relating to:
  - (a)** Prevention, recovery, treatment, and harm reduction infrastructure, activities, practices, programs, services, supports, and strategies for opioid use disorder and co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders;
  - (b)** Reducing disparities in access to prevention, recovery, treatment, and harm reduction infrastructure, activities, practices, programs, services, supports, and strategies; and
  - (c)** Improving outcomes and reducing mortality in traditionally underserved populations, including for communities of color and current or formerly incarcerated individuals, with regard to prevention, recovery, treatment, and harm reduction infrastructure, activities, practices, programs, services, supports, and strategies.
- (2)** Governing principles, policies, and procedures for the application for and awarding of monies and grants from the Fund.
- (3)** Awards of monies and grants from the Fund.

Source: D.C. Code § 7-3212(h)

# **Matters the Commission Must Consider in Awarding Grants**

The Commission's recommendations for the awarding of monies and grants must include the consideration of three matters:

- (1) The number of individuals, per capita, with an opioid use disorder, and the number of overdose deaths per capita, in the area that a prospective awardee or grantee seeks to serve;
- (2) Disparities in access to care and health outcomes in the area that a prospective awardee or grantee seeks to serve; and
- (3) The infrastructure, activities, practices, programs, services, supports, and strategies currently available to individuals with an opioid use disorder in an area that a prospective awardee or grantee seeks to serve.

Source: D.C. Code § 7-3212(i)

# **Restrictions on the Use of the Opioid Abatement Fund**

- Must be used for prospective purposes only—not to reimburse past expenditures
- Must be used to supplement, not supplant, any other funds

Source: D.C. Code § 7-3221(b-2) & (b-3)

# **Overview of Grantmaking Procedures in the District of Columbia**

- (1)** Grants of \$50,000 or more must be awarded on a competitive basis.
- (2)** The grantor must establish criteria or standards for the selection of grantees and must set priorities among those criteria or standards.
- (3)** A grantor must publicly notice the availability of grant funds to allow for competitive submission of grant applications. The notice must include the following:
  - (a)** A detailed description of the availability of grant funds, including the amount, the number of likely grant awards to be made, and any limitations or requirements on the use of such grant funds;
  - (b)** Eligibility requirements for receiving funds under the grant program;
  - (c)** Selection criteria for the awarding of funds under the grant program;
  - (d)** A description of the application process under the grant program, including the date after which applications will no longer be accepted; and
  - (e)** The date that final determination of grant awards will be made.

Source: D.C. Code § 1-328.13

Questions?



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## Gap Analysis and Ideas for Areas of Focus for Abatement Activities

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## \* Principles for Use of Funds

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1. Spend money to save lives.
2. Use evidence to guide spending.
3. Invest in youth prevention.
4. Focus on racial equity.
5. Develop a transparent, inclusive decision-making process.

\*John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

# Ideas for Areas of Focus for Abatement Activities

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1. Target non-fatal overdose survivors to get them into treatment and sustain recovery
  - 29% of the people who died in CY22 had a non-fatal overdose prior to their fatal overdose.
  - 23% received treatment services at least once during the year
2. Identify and focus on occupations at high risk of opioid use and related death such as construction and night life workers
3. Create new or expand the substance use disorder treatment infrastructure
4. Invest in prevention and interventions for vulnerable youth
5. Address the needs of communities of color and vulnerable populations (including unhoused residents) who are disproportionately impacted by opioid misuse and overdose deaths
6. Expand recovery housing
7. Divert people with substance use disorders from the criminal justice system and into treatment
8. Increase peer support including forensic peers
9. Strengthen and expand workforce for substance use disorder services
10. Expand and build on existing harm reduction activities

## Specific Needs in Areas of Focus Based on LLDC Work

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### Prevention

- Invest in infrastructure for youth services including youth residential treatment facility
- Increase prevention and wellness promotion

### Harm Reduction

- Expand overdose survivor outreach teams
- Expand drug-checking technology and drug supply surveillance
- Develop drop in centers

### Treatment

- Expand 24/7 capacity for treatment services for adults and youth
- Create a substance use disorder unit in a skilled nursing facility
- Care coordination for individuals with behavioral health disorders and complex physical health needs

### Recovery

- Expand recovery housing
- Establish a peer warm line
- Integrate forensic peers throughout the criminal justice system
- Build collaboratives between behavioral health providers and community and faith-based organizations to sustain recovery

## Prioritize Top Five Areas of Focus

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Identify, discuss, and finalize areas of focus

Virtual voting on the top five areas

Office of Opioid Abatement will compile the responses and report on the top five vote getters

# Proposed First Grantmaking Cycle

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Target date for Notice of Funding Availability: Friday, January 5, 2024

Public Forum/Commission Meeting to Discuss NOFA: Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Two Technical Assistance Workshops: Friday, January 19 and Friday, January 26, 2024

Application Period Ends: Monday, February 5, 2024 (30 days)

Application Review Period: 14 days

Commission Recommendations: Week of February 21, 2024

Grant Awards: Week of March 1, 2024

# Questions?

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# FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

# NEXT MEETING

**December 15, 2023**

**District of Columbia Hospital  
Association Office**

**1152 15th Street, NW Suite 900**





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## NEXT STEPS



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LIVES!**