

Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee

Date: 12/15/2025

Location and Time: Via Microsoft Teams 9:00 - noon

Present: Kelly Dougherty, Shawn Burke, Jess Kirby, Monica Hutt, Deb Wright, Daniel Franklin, Ruth Hardy, Eric Maguire, Liz McLoughlin, Matt Prouty, Tim Tanner, Amie Wunderlich

Absent: Thomas Davis, Madeline Motta, Stacy Sigmon

Meeting Facilitator and Note Taker: Kelly Dougherty, Sarah Gregorek

Agenda Item	Discussion	Next Steps
Approve November 17, 2025, Minutes	Deb Wright made a motion to approve the 11/17 minutes, and Matt Prouty seconded, the motion passed unanimously.	
Mariah Flynn, Burlington Partnership	<p>Seeking \$40,000</p> <p>Increase staff hours to expand our current efforts to reach and engage more of the community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth Programming Coordinator Coalition Director 2 paid high school student interns <p>Support new community education and awareness efforts related to prescription drug misuse issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth-created PSAs Community forums, Take-back days Parent events, classroom and after school activities Newsletters, posters, news articles, social media, etc. 	
Hailee Galandak-Cochran and Meghan Licciardi, Interaction	<p>Seeking \$200,000</p> <p>Build on existing prevention, intervention and harm reduction efforts.</p> <p>Focus on underserved populations</p> <p>Promoting protective factors through intentionally designed twice weekly</p>	

	<p>programming. Access Hub Increased Clinical Services Provide Programming and Connection to Existing Resources</p>	
<p>Will Moran and Dan Wolfson, MD, PREVENT</p>	<p>Seeking \$248,000 Prehospital Vermont EMS Buprenorphine Treatment - EMS-initiated buprenorphine in the field</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stops withdrawal and cravings • Creates a doorway into treatment • Built within Vermont EMS systems • Co-led with Vermont EMS Office & UVM Emergency Medicine <p>Data driven targeting of high-need communities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standardized training & activation • Statewide Learning Collaborative • EMS → Peer Recovery → Treatment linkages • Integration into Vermont Statewide EMS Protocols & QA <p>The funding will increase personnel, collect data and provide training to EMS services around the State.</p>	
<p>Emily Trutor DSU Green Mountain Recovery Community</p>	<p>Seeking \$1.2M</p> <p>The Green Mountain Recovery Community (GMRC) is a Vermont-based recovery housing model designed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a stable National Alliance for Recovery Residences (NARR) Level III environment to facilitate recovery, particularly for justice-involved individuals. • Provide integrated whole-person care to those who are seeking structured recovery support including: • Co-occurring clinical substance use (SU) and mental health (MH) treatment services 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recovery services • Employment support services • Life skills support and training <p>FY27 Request: \$1.2M for start-up and initial operational costs of as many beds as possible. Estimated that this funding will allow VDH to support an additional 16 total beds.</p>	
Stephanie Thompson, Springfield Project Action	<p>Seeking \$237,646</p> <p>The Springfield, Bennington, Brattleboro, St. Johnsbury and Central Vermont communities are working together to put into place community coordinators.</p> <p>The Consortium Coordinator will work across all participating jurisdictions to Provide Expertise and Support: Offer guidance, technical assistance, and coordination across collective initiatives and their respective coordinators and administrative staff.</p> <p>Foster Communication and Collaboration: Facilitate information sharing among partner sites across the state to highlight successes, address challenges, and strengthen ongoing work -This can support the possibility of this work and groups developing into a think-tank model.</p> <p>Coordinate with the Crime Research Group: Serve as a liaison to ensure accurate and consistent data collection and information sharing to support the evaluability assessment and related data measures.</p> <p>Support Reporting and Documentation: Assist the Grantee in meeting reporting requirements and in developing regular updates and summary briefs reflecting progress across the five participating communities</p>	

	Compensation: Funds will be used to engage a contractor at a professional hourly rate of \$100 per hour, for up to five hours per week, to perform the duties described above.	
Issac Dayno and Suzie Walker, DOC and Recovery Partners of Vermont	<p>Seeking \$1,250,000</p> <p>Community based peer coaching provided by Recovery Partners of Vermont will be co located within x18 sites (6 DOC facilities/12 Probation and Parole)</p> <p>This program began in Rutland, and they want to replicate it statewide. It provides continuity of care after incarceration and Individuals able to access recovery services across institutional and jurisdictional boundaries.</p>	
Ginger Driscoll, Greater Falls Connection	<p>Seeking \$ 124,999.12</p> <p>Certified prevention specialists work to stop substance abuse before it starts through community education, policy advocacy, and evidence-based programs. The role revolves around reducing risk factors in a target group and raising protective factors.</p> <p>Greater Falls wants to hire a program director and prevention specialist to work with the Winham Northeast Supervisory Union Schools.</p>	
Public Comment	<p>Ed Baker</p> <p>I want to say that I'd like to begin my public comments with emphasizing Dr. Wolfson's graph on overdose deaths in Vermont, you know it reflects a persistent, unparalleled public health tragedy and I think that his proposal strikes at the bullseye of it. To quote Doctor Wolfson, "we want to meet them where they're at and hopefully not leave them there." He clearly emphasizes the absolute importance of a harm reduction approach combined with motivational interviewing.</p> <p>I will always make sure that this committee focuses on the number one priority, prevent overdose deaths and other harms and the proposals we fund should all hit that mark.</p>	

	I'd like to specifically recommend that the committee reconsider the VCJR/Johnson Health Center proposal. Carolyn Butler wrote to Kelly asking her to send it to the committee and reconsider it for funding.	
Next Meeting	January 5, 2026, 10 – noon	