

Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee

Date: 1/5/2026
Location and Time: Via Microsoft Teams 10:00 - noon
Present: Kelly Dougherty, Shawn Burke, Jess Kirby, Monica Hutt, Deb Wright, Daniel Franklin, Ruth Hardy, Eric Maguire, Liz McLoughlin, Stacy Sigmon, Tim Tanner, Amie Wunderlich
Absent: Thomas Davis, Madeline Motta, Matt Prouty
Meeting Facilitator and Note Taker: Shayla Livingston, Sarah Gregorek

Agenda Item	Discussion	Next Steps
Approve December 15, 2025, Minutes	Shawn Burke made a motion to approve the 12/15/25 minutes, and Tim Tanner seconded, the motion passed unanimously.	
Waiving Section IV-A of OSAC Operating Procedures Lauren Layman	<p>There was a request that two proposals be reconsidered for funding, even though they did not gain initial approval, you received an e-mail from Kelly with the two proposals on 1/4/26. In order to do this, we would have to waive the operating procedures section 4A.</p> <p>Section 4A says that the process of funding recommendations may be revised each calendar year; but the process may not be revised after the committee begins its review of funding proposals so the committee would be required to waive its underlying policy and procedure, not change the process after voting had begun.</p> <p>Tim Tanner made a motion to not waive the committees operating procedures and Deb Wright seconded, the motion passed with Daniel Franklin abstaining from the vote.</p>	
Vote on Final Funding Recommendations	The committee voted on each proposal by stating verbally the following: Support - YES Do Not Support - NO	See Funding Table with Votes at the end of this document.

	<p>Recuse</p> <p>Deb Wright made a motion to begin voting on the 15 items in the table and Chief Burke seconded, the motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Senator Hardy made a motion to reduce the Green Mountain Recovery Residences (#12 on the table) from \$1.2 million to \$900,000 and Deb Wright seconded, seven members voted yes and four members voted no, the motion passed.</p> <p>Senator Hardy made a motion to reduce the Vermont Alliance for Recovery Residences Scholarship (#7 on the table) from \$250,000 to \$200,00 and Tim Tanner seconded, seven members voted yes and four members voted no, the motion passed.</p> <p>Senator Hardy made a motion to reduce the Department of Corrections and Recovery Partners of Vermont (#14 on the table) from \$1.25M to \$1.1M and Deb Wright seconded, eight members voted yes, 1 member voted no and 2 members recused, the motion passed.</p> <p>The final table shows the proposals that were supported in green and the ones that weren't in red.</p> <p>The committee members were giving the opportunity to change their votes on the three proposals that had their funding reduced.</p> <p>Jessica Kirby made a motion to use the votes on the reduced amounts for three proposals as passed by the committee, Chief Burke seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.</p> <p>Senator Hardy made a motion to approve all the proposals that received majority committee support, highlighted in green and recommend them to the</p>	
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	<p>Commissioner, Governor and Legislature, Deb Wright seconded and the motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>The next steps are the Department will draft a letter containing these recommendations for your review at the next meeting and then it will go to the legislature.</p>	
Public Comment	<p>Ed Baker Ed quoted Caroline Buter's email regarding their proposal that wasn't selected for funding. "Every individual we serve at this location faces unstable housing, lacks connections to other providers as a diagnosed substance use disorder and every person they serve is justice involved. Most are actively using substances and are at higher risk of overdose death."</p> <p>My point is when using opioids there is a higher risk of overdose and these people have no services. They are most at risk for overdose death. If we're talking about these people and their services now are going to be denied, I would highly recommend that this committee develop an investigative subcommittee to look at itself and its process.</p>	
Next Meeting	January 12, 2026, 10 – 11 a.m.	

2027 Funding Proposal Vote

	Proposal Name	Amount	Vote
1.	Recovery Residences	\$1.4M Approved by the Legislature to continue operational funding	2 yes, 9 no
2.	Outreach and Engagement Workers	\$455,500	11 yes
3.	Community Care Network	\$35,000	11 yes
4.	Elevate Youth Services	\$288,935	10 yes, 1 no
5.	Vermont Warden Services,	\$20,000	4 yes, 6 no, 1 recuse
6.	Winooski Partnership for Prevention	\$26,697	7 yes, 4 no
7.	Vermont Alliance for Recovery Residences Scholarship	\$250,000	Reduce to \$200,000 7 yes, 4 no
8.	Recovery Partners of Vermont	\$1.75M for ongoing support and \$300,000 for recovery residence development in Brattleboro, Middlebury/Addison Randolph, Chester and St. Albans areas total of \$2,050,000	11 yes
9.	Burlington Partnership	\$40,000	4 yes, 7 no
10.	Interaction	\$200,000	10 yes, 1 no
11.	PREVENT EMS	\$248,000	10 yes, 1 recuse
12.	Green Mountain Recovery Community	\$1.2M for start-up and initial operational costs for at least 16 beds, level three facility	Reduce to \$900,000 7 yes, 4 no
13.	Springfield Project Action	\$237,646	8 yes, 3 no
14.	DOC and Recovery Partners of Vermont	\$1.25M	Reduce to \$1.1M 8 yes, 1 no, 2 recuse
15.	Greater Falls Connection	\$124,999	7 yes, 4 no