



Continuum of Care and Recovery

March 18, 2022

Opioid Policy Fellows Virtual Meeting

Welcome Back!

Please reintroduce
yourself to the group in
the chat.

Please be respectful of one
another – this is a safe space.



Coming Up

Welcome and Reminders

Expert Discussion

- *Elizabeth Connolly, Assistant Director of Public Health with the Executive Office of the President's Office of National Drug Control Policy*

State Perspectives

- *State legislators from Kentucky and Rhode Island share their work regarding continuum of care and recovery.*

Group Discussion and Q/A

Reminders – More to Come!

- Second Fellows Webinar
 - Friday, May 13, 2022 – 12 p.m. MT/2 p.m. ET
 - *Details to follow soon*
- Opioid Policy Fellows Second Meeting
 - June 3-5, 2022 – Denver, CO
 - *Details to follow soon*
- Summit
 - August 1-3, 2022 - Denver, CO



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Recovery Ready Communities

A Certification for Communities to Address Substance Use Disorder

House Bill 7 – Signed into Law 03/23/2021

Legislation:

An Act relating to the Advisory Council for Recovery Ready Communities.

1. Creates The Advisory Council for Recovery Ready Communities.
 - Housed in the Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP)-Van Ingram.
 - Creates one new, full time position within the ODCP.
 - Allows council to contract with any public or private entity.

Advisory Council

Consists of representatives from the following:

- Kentucky League of Cities (1)
- Kentucky Association of Counties (1)
- Kentucky Chamber of Commerce (1)
- Recovery Consortium of Kentucky (1)
- Kentucky School Board Association (1)
- Active Law Enforcement Officers (1)
- Practicing Physician (1)
- Kentucky Pharmacists Association (1)
- Family Advocate Organization (1)
- Faith Community Organization (1)
- Individuals in Recovery (2)
- Chief Justice of the Supreme Court (1)
- Attorney General (1)
- Commissioner of the Department for Public Health (1)
- Commissioner of the Department for Behavioral Health (1)
- Commissioner of the Department of Corrections (1)
- Commissioner of the Department of Workforce Investment (1)
- Public Advocate (1)
- President of the Senate (1)
- Speaker of the House (1)
- Kentucky Association of Regional Programs (1)

Advisory Council Tasked with:

1. Establishing a Certification.
2. Establishing guidelines, protocols, standards for our communities.
3. Ensuring the certification process evaluates a community's access to recovery options.
4. Requests and utilizes funding sources.
5. Improves procedures for ensuring accountability and success.

Purpose of Legislation:

Creating Recovery Ready Ecosystem Model and Framework for Communities:

Three Phases:

1. Prevention (Education)
2. Treatment (Active Addiction)
3. Recovery (Short-Term, Long-Term, Workforce)

Prevention:

- Accidental Dealer
- Addicted: A Dose of Reality
- Camp UNITE (middle school students)
- Drug-free Workforce Training
- Life With a Record (grades 7 and up)
- On the Move! Mobile Prevention Unit (target 7th-10th grade)
- Shoot Hoops Not Drugs Basketball Camps (K-12)
- The Truth About Vaping (grades 7 and up)
- UNITE Clubs or Equivalent (grades 4-12)
- WISE (Why Internet Safety is Important (target 4th-6th)
- Sources of Strength
- Too Good for Drugs

Treatment:

- Community Connectors
- MOUD Availability
- CMHC Involvement in Community
- CMHC ASAM Assessment
- Peer Support
- Counseling Services
- FQHC Providing SUD Treatment Services

Recovery:

1. Housing:

- Sober Living Homes
- Oxford House
- Transitional Housing
- Revolving Loan Fund for Rent/Utilities

2. Sustained Recovery:

- Weekly Recovery Meetings
- 12 Step Meetings
- 20% of Local Employers Offer Second Chance Employment
- Syringe Services Program
- MOUD Availability
- Vocational Training Availability
- Job/Life Skills Training
- No/Low Cost Educational Opportunities
- Transportation Assistance
- Clearinghouse for Information
- Faith Based Programs (Celebrate Recovery)
- Anti-Stigma Training for Public Officials/First Responders
- Community Connector Training for Local Leaders, First Responders and Public Health

Goals of Legislation: Big Ideas

What do we hope to accomplish?

1. “No more Karen’s.”

- When people fall into addiction, there are clear resources in communities for help.

2. Community Inventory

- What do we have now and what can we add to address addiction/recovery?

3. Clear Framework for Moving Forward

- Clear framework and programs for communities and public officials

Benefits of Legislation:

Federal Interest and a Model for other States?

1. Good Policy for allocation of State and Federal Resources
2. Incentive for communities to become Recovery Ready
 - Are our tax dollars being used wisely and efficiently?
3. Helps communities facing the economic and social costs of SUD
4. Helps people/families

QUESTIONS?

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