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
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- **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.

   - 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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