

Opioid Settlement Updates

*Promote Prevent Support Behavioral Health
Commission
June 25, 2024*



Recent Timeline of Promote Prevent Support Behavioral Health Commission (PPSBHS): Opioid Settlement

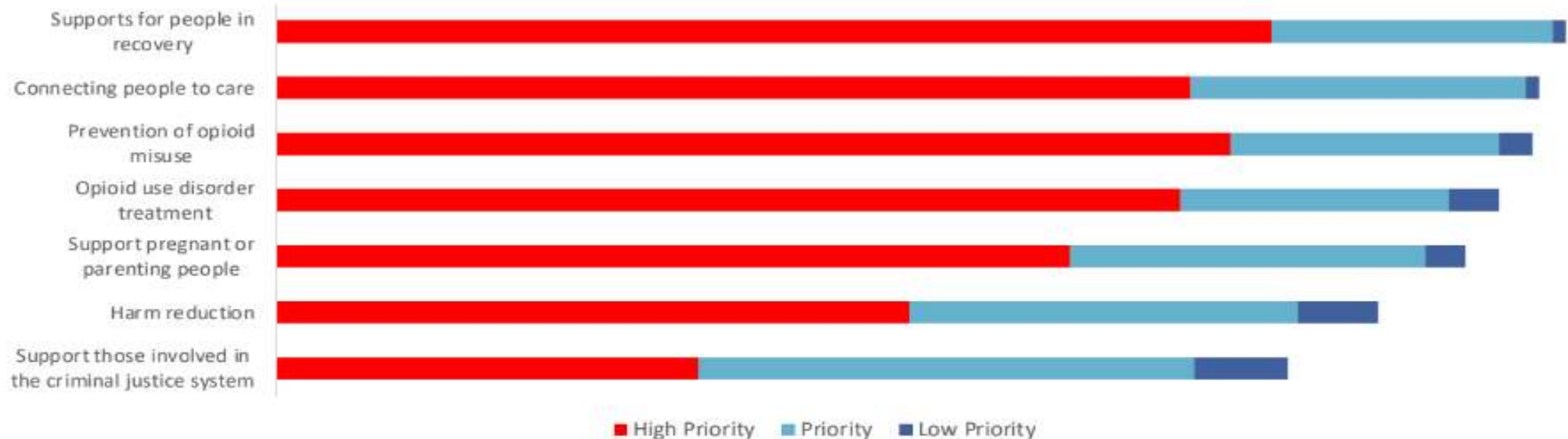
- **November '23** - A recommendation was made to fund the following three categories: Outreach & Engagement: 60%; Mental Health Supports: 20% and Prevention: 20%. Commissioner Raymond made a motion and Patricia Brady seconded the motion. Roll call: all agreed.
- **January '24**- The Mayor has approved the Commission's proposal for the allocation of funds. We are waiting to be scheduled on to the City Council agenda.
- **March '24**- Opioid Settlement - New Legislations states Cities do not need city council approval for use of funds
- **June '24** -
 - ❖ Financial accounts have been set up for use.
 - ❖ Budget created to reflect views of community input and PPSBHC recommendations.
 - ❖ Working with city partners to create and implement budget funded action plan



PRIORITY RANKING OF STRATEGIES

When asked to rank substance use response strategies by priority, **supports for people in recovery** was ranked* as the highest priority, followed by **connecting people to care** and **prevention of misuse**.

Priority Ranking of Strategies



*Calculated through a ranking/points system, where high priority = 3 points, priority = 2 points, and low priority = 1



Budget Overview

Recovery & Harm Reduction	
Recovery Coach	\$42,000.00
Housing/Emergency Shelter	\$10,000.00
Training	\$5,800.00
Travel	\$5,500.00
Food	\$3,200.00
Supplies	\$7,500.00
Recovery & Harm Reduction TOTAL	\$74,000.00
Mental Health Supports	\$23,000.00
Prevention	\$23,000.00
TOTAL	\$120,000



Recovery and Harm Reduction- \$72,000

Targeting State Strategy 2 - Support People in Treatment and Recovery, Strategy 4 - Harm Reduction

- ❖ Recovery Coach Program
 - Post-OD and Police Referral follow-up
 - Facilitate Recovery Support Group
 - Provide coaching to people in active substance use, treatment, and recovery
- ❖ Wrap Around Services (basic needs, sober housing scholarships, workforce development, etc.)
- ❖ Harm Reduction Strategies including Naloxone Distribution & Overdose Prevention



Recovery Coach Position

The Health Department and Medford Police Department collaborated to review quotes from behavioral health agencies to employ a recovery coach. The Recovery Coach will work primarily out of the Medford Police Department and work hand and hand with the health department.

The City of Medford will contract with North Suffolk Mental Health to hire a 20 hour a week Recovery Coach. Total investment of Opioid Settlement per year: \$41,097

Why North Suffolk?



Emergency Mental Health Service Provider for Medford

NSCS Recovery Coaches in local Emergency Departments

NSCS providers in local Drug Courts



Mental Health- \$24,000

Targeting State Strategy 2 - Support People in Treatment and Recovery, Intervention Strategies, Strategy 3 - Connections to Care, Strategy

- Support families in efforts to support those with OUD
- Support bereaved families & frontline workers
- Support programs for persons with OUD and mental health
- Provide Mental Health & Substance Use trainings for City Employees (including overview of services available)
- Provide Mental Health & Substance Use trainings for community members (including overview of services available)



Prevention- \$24,000

Targeting State Strategy 3 - Connections to Care, Strategy 7 - Prevent misuse of opioids and implement prevention education

- Intervention: (\$5,400)
 - School based services: work with Medford Public Schools to support intervention programs for youth with social-emotional and substance use utilizing Harvard/MGH's iDecide Model, SBIRT (all 10th graders) with Wellness Coach from C4/MGH & Project AMP
 - Community based referrals: develop system for community-based referrals for adolescents & young adults
- Create community coalition
 - First year: Prioritize building capacity of coalition, providing information to the community, building skills of educators & caregivers, and changing attitudes of youth, families, and community.
- Develop Youth Action Team(s) in Medford Public Schools
 - Focus on substance use prevention, behavioral health supports, healthy relationships, and positive connections, and pro-social activities.
- Youth Health Assessment



Working together to utilize opioid settlement funding to create a healthier Medford

