

Massachusetts Municipal Opioid Abatement Virtual Conference

Day 1: March 19

9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Day 2: March 20

9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Intended for municipalities receiving opioid abatement funding

This inaugural conference is intended to connect municipalities to the resources and tools needed to uphold the requirements of the State Subdivision Agreement.

Panelists include government officials, community leaders, and people from across the Commonwealth with expertise in prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery.

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Day One – Tue. March 19th | 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Session	Topics & Speakers
9:30 - 9:45 <i>Opening Remarks</i>	Background on settlements and their significance in addressing the overdose crisis Secretary Kate Walsh (EOHHS)
9:45 - 10:55 <i>Understanding the opioid abatement settlement funds initiative</i> Moderator: Sarah Ruiz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview & Update on Status of Settlement Payments Sandra Wolitzky (AGO) • Overview of State Subdivision Agreement Deirdre Calvert (DPH, BSAS) • Overview of recent legislation which modifies the allowed accounting for Opioid Settlement Funds Deborah Wagner (DLS) • Overview of state laws governing municipal procurement Maya French (OIG)
11:00 - 12:00 <i>Promoting collaboration within and across municipalities</i> Moderator: Sam Wong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared Services Agreements Cheryl Sbarra (MAHB) & Kristin Black (OLRH) • Municipal Spotlight Kelli Calo & Vivian Zeng (Sudbury Health Dept)

Day Two – Wed. March 20th | 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM

9:30 - 9:45 <i>Keynote</i>	The role of government in engaging people with lived experience in decision making Commissioner Robbie Goldstein (DPH)
9:45 - 10:50 <i>Facilitating inclusive and meaningful community engagement with priority populations</i> Moderator: Julia Newhall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to Engage People in Recovery Maryanne Frangules (MOAR) • How to Engage People Who Use Drugs Mary Wheeler (NOMAD) • How to Engage Families Who've Lost Loved Ones Robyn Houston-Bean (The Sun Will Rise Foundation) & Franklin Cook (SADOD) • Municipal Spotlights Jen Tracey (City of Boston) & Suzie Hauptmann (Town of Falmouth)
10:55 - 12:05 <i>Supporting community needs assessment and strategic planning</i> Moderator: Scott Formica	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lessons Learned from HEALing Communities Approach to Community Needs Assessment and Planning Carly Bridden (BMC) • Using Data to Inform Strategic Planning Hermik Babakhanlou-Chase (BSAS) • Care MA's role in supporting municipal opioid abatement Jo Morrissey (JSI)
12:10 - 1:15 <i>Sharing information about evidence-informed interventions</i> Moderator: Nicole Schmitt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevention Program Spotlight Jose Morales (BSAS) • Harm Reduction Program Spotlight Brittini Reilly (BSAS) & Emily Levine (BIDLS) • Connections to Care Spotlight Madeline Higgins & Dallas Clark (MA Substance Use Helpline at HRiA) • Recovery Program Spotlight Danielle O'Brien (BSAS)
1:15 - 1:30 <i>Recap and Closing Remarks</i>	Wrap-up and thank you Dr. Kiame Mahaniah (EOHHS)