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Opioid and Other Substance Use Disorders Interim Study Committee

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Objectives

Afternoon:

- Summarize key stakeholder findings on *Recovery*
- Report on the Statewide Recovery Strategic Plan, as mandated by SB18-1003
- Share policy recommendations from the Consortium's perspective



Recovery Stakeholder Recommendations

*Please review Executive Summary
and binder provided of all
submissions*



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Common Recovery Themes

- Payment Reform
- Funding
- Housing
- Recovery Support Services



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Payment Reform

- Allow Medicaid-reimbursable autonomous peer-service delivery (administrative task of HCPF)
- Amend current funding structure which causes competition between recovery support services
- Create equity across MSOs in terms of funding to peer recovery orgs



Funding

- Expand access and funding for evidence-based and trauma-informed recovery programs and peer support business models
- Expand funding for peer recovery coaches and increase compensation for existing positions
- Offer loan forgiveness & scholarships for those seeking certification as Recovery Coaches



Housing

- Expand \$ for housing vouchers in HB19-1009
- Ensure property managers are not overly restrictive on housing based on criminal records or past convictions
- Expand implementation of Housing First
- Reevaluate zoning laws & eligibility restrictions around prior drug-related convictions and other barriers to housing



Housing (continued)

- Require transitional residence & sober living to accept all forms of MAT
- Fund recovery housing, halfway houses, recovery support with capital expenses
- Fund short-term housing (up to 90 days) for individuals participating in outpatient treatment
- Expand supportive housing in rural/frontier CO



Recovery Support Services

- Increase access to support services for people in parenting or care-giving role
- Include after-treatment recovery in services offered to involuntary commitment clients
- Support pro-social recovery activities
- Fund creation of more recovery community support programs



*Please Review
Stakeholder
Feedback
Summary and
Complete
Submissions*



**Stakeholder Policy Feedback
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Consortium's Specific Policy Recommendations

Note – These are not representative of all policy requests received



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Consortium Specific Policy Recommendations

Implement systemic data collection to access
and monitor recovery

Funding opportunities to support existing
recovery support services and for new services



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