

Opioid Abatement Initiatives

Presentation to the Prince George's County Council
Health, Human Services and Public Safety Committee
Thursday, June 5, 2025

42%

U.S. adults who personally knew
someone who died of an overdose

Athey A, et al. American Journal of Public Health. March 2024.

1.4
million

U.S. children who have lost a family
member to an overdose

Verdery AM, et al. *American Journal of Public Health*. December 2024

2.2
billion

Prescription painkillers supplied to
Maryland from 2006 to 2019

Rich S, Moody P, & Schaul K. *The Washington Post*. September 2023.

National Opioid Settlements

\$50 billion

50 states and thousands
of local governments

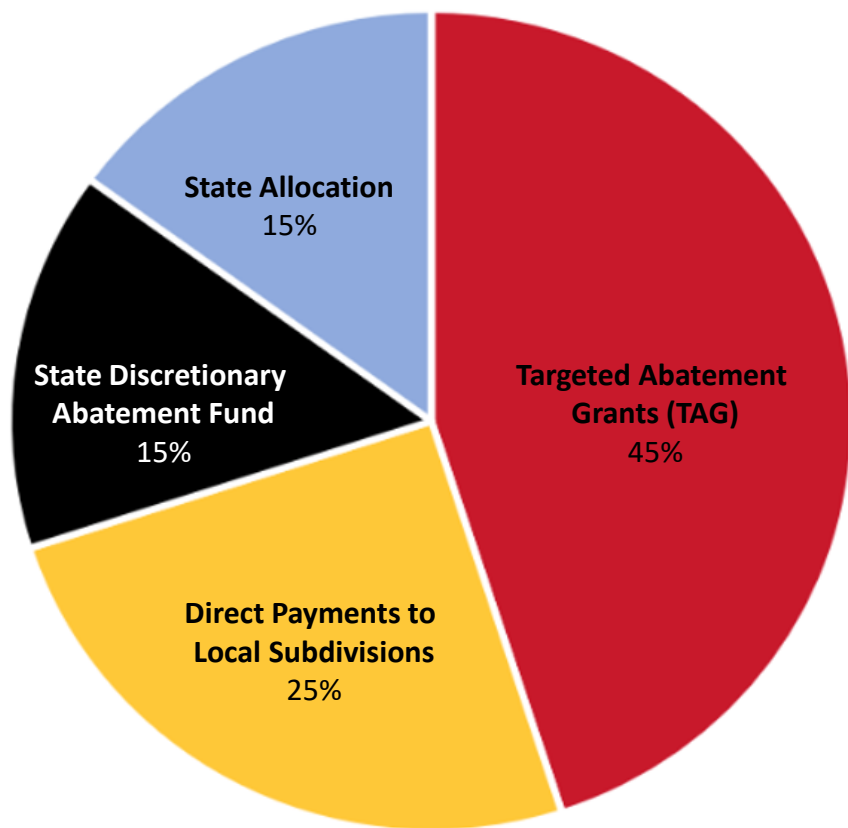
\$650 million

State of Maryland and
58 local governments

\$45 million

Prince George's County

Maryland's Settlement Structure



Projected Payments to Prince George's County				
Settlement	Duration	TAG	Direct	Total
Distributors	18 years	\$13,955,195	\$7,752,886	\$21,708,081
Janssen	9 years	\$3,449,431	\$1,893,874	\$5,343,305
Walgreens	15 years	\$3,410,349	\$1,869,605	\$5,279,954
Teva	13 years	\$3,302,844	\$1,599,379	\$4,902,222
Walmart	6 years	\$2,088,599	\$1,160,333	\$3,248,932
Allergan	7 years	\$1,740,198	\$952,792	\$2,692,990
Total		\$27,946,615	\$15,228,869	\$43,175,484

*Settlements outside of this structure: McKinsey, Mallinckrodt

*Settlements not yet final: CVS, Kroger, Purdue

National Requirements

- At least 85% of funds must be spent on opioid remediation
 - At least 70% on *future* opioid remediation
- 15-page list of eligible expenditures (“Exhibit E”)
 - Prevention
 - Harm Reduction
 - Treatment
 - Recovery
 - Public Safety

Rule of Thumb:

“for persons with opioid use disorder and co-occurring substance use disorders or mental health disorders”

Maryland Requirements

- State-Subdivision Agreement
 - How funds are allocated
- State Finance and Procurement Article 7-331
 - How funds may be spent
 - Upcoming amendment on July 1, 2025
 - Local reporting requirements
- HB0798/SB0589
 - Opioid Restitution Fund – Interactive Dashboard

Also apply to the following municipalities:

Bowie
College Park
Cottage City
Forrest Heights
Greenbelt
Hyattsville
Laurel
New Carrollton
North Brentwood
Seat Pleasant
Upper Marlboro



Tara H. Jackson
Acting County Executive



Task Force Update

Prince George's County Opioid Abatement Task Force

Co-Chairs:

Ronald E. Gill, Jr., Director, Office of Homeland Security
Dr. Matthew D. Levy, Health Officer

20
voting
members

Prevention Working Group

*Chair: Audrey
Sykes, PGCPs*

Harm Reduction Working Group

*Chair: Mark Robinson,
Family and Medical
Counseling, Inc.*

Treatment Working Group

*Chair: Barry Grant,
S.A.F.E. Counseling
Services*

Recovery Working Group

*Chair: Jarriel Jordan,
Jacob's Ladder Youth
Foundation*

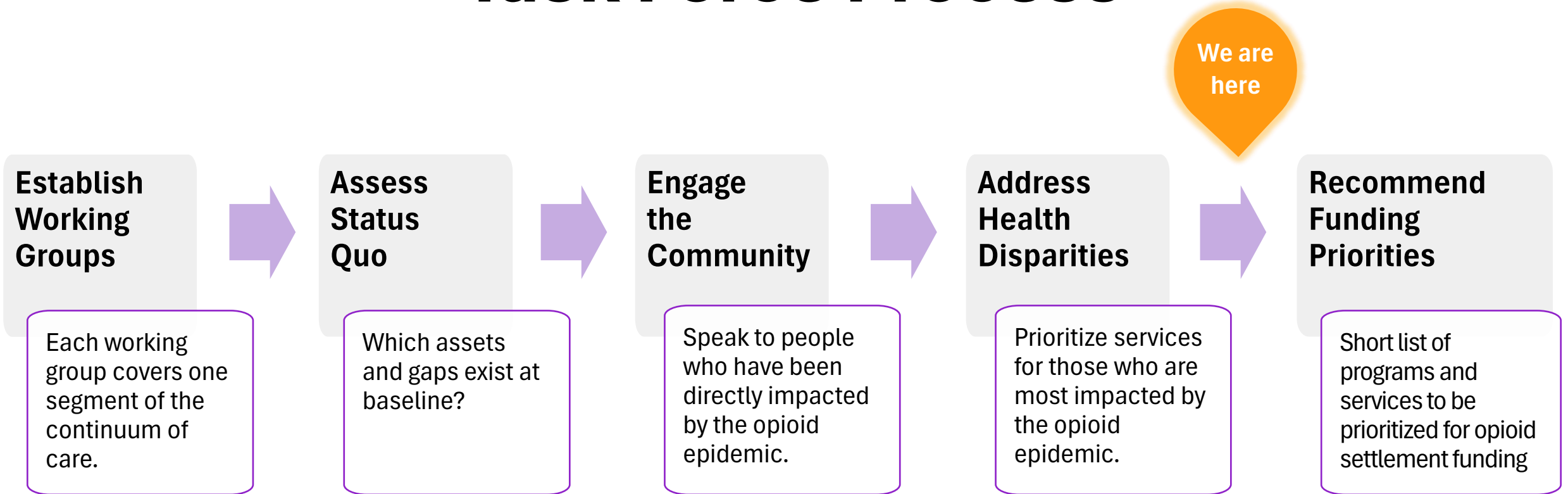
Public Safety Working Group

*Co-Chairs: Dr. Elizabeth
Coker-Nnam, DOC;
Capt. Christine Hyatt,
Sheriff's Office*

80
additional
stakeholders



Task Force Process



Progress to Date

Engaged over 100 professionals, including leaders and staff from:

- 12 County departments
- 11 community-based organizations
- 9 healthcare organizations
- 5 State agencies
- 3 universities
- 2 municipal governments



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COMMUNITY COLLEGE

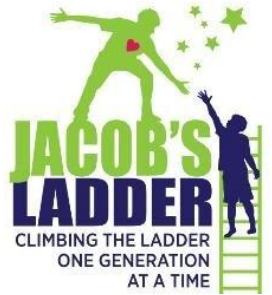


Progress to Date



Collected community input from:

- Middle school-age youth
- High school-age youth (English and Spanish speaking)
- Individuals returning from juvenile detention
- Individuals returning from jail or prison
- Young people in recovery
- Adults in recovery
- People with active drug use (*ongoing*)
- Outreach teams serving people with active drug use



Preliminary Findings – Top Areas of Need

- Prevention
 - Youth mental health treatment
- Harm Reduction
 - Increasing geographic reach
- Treatment
 - Mobile methadone program
- Recovery
 - Earlier involvement of Certified Peer Recovery Specialists
- Public Safety
 - Overdose prevention for people leaving jail or prison

“People who don’t have trauma, it’s easy for them to experiment and not get addicted. But people with trauma and experiences, they get addicted more because they find it as a coping mechanism.”

– 15-year-old County resident

Next Steps

- Working groups will vote on the top three funding priorities for their respective funding areas (June)
- Working group recommendations will be consolidated and approved by Task Force voting members (June)
- Task Force recommendations will be submitted to the incoming County Executive for approval (July)
- Health Department will administer funding via grants, contracts and interagency agreements (July onward)