



Governor Daniel J. McKee's Task Force on Overdose Prevention and Intervention

February 9, 2022

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Welcome and Announcements

Task Force Work Groups

More information: PreventOverdoseRI.org/Task-Force-Work-Groups

Work Group	State Agency Co-Chair	Community Co-Chair
Prevention	James Rajotte (EOHHS) Elizabeth Farrar (BHDDH)	Obed Papp , City of Providence Healthy Communities Office
Rescue	Jennifer Koziol (RIDOH)	Michelle McKenzie , Preventing Overdose and Naloxone Intervention (PONI)
Harm Reduction	Katie Howe (RIDOH)	*Vacant
Treatment	Linda Mahoney (BHDDH)	Dr. Susan Hart
Recovery	Linda Mahoney (BHDDH)	Ines Garcia , East Bay Recovery Center
First Responders	Carolina Roberts-Santana (RIDOH)	Chief John Silva , North Providence Fire Department
Racial Equity	Monica Taveras (RIDOH)	Dennis Bailer , Project Weber/RENEW Nya Reichley , Project Weber/RENEW
Substance-Exposed Newborns	Margo Katz (RIDOH) Kristy Whitcomb (RIDOH)	
Family Task Force	Trisha Suggs (BHDDH)	Laurie MacDougall , Resources Education Support Together (REST) Family Program at Rhode Island Community for Addiction Recovery Efforts (RICARES)

Task Force Work Groups and Meeting Schedules

Get involved with a work group and view all meeting schedules:

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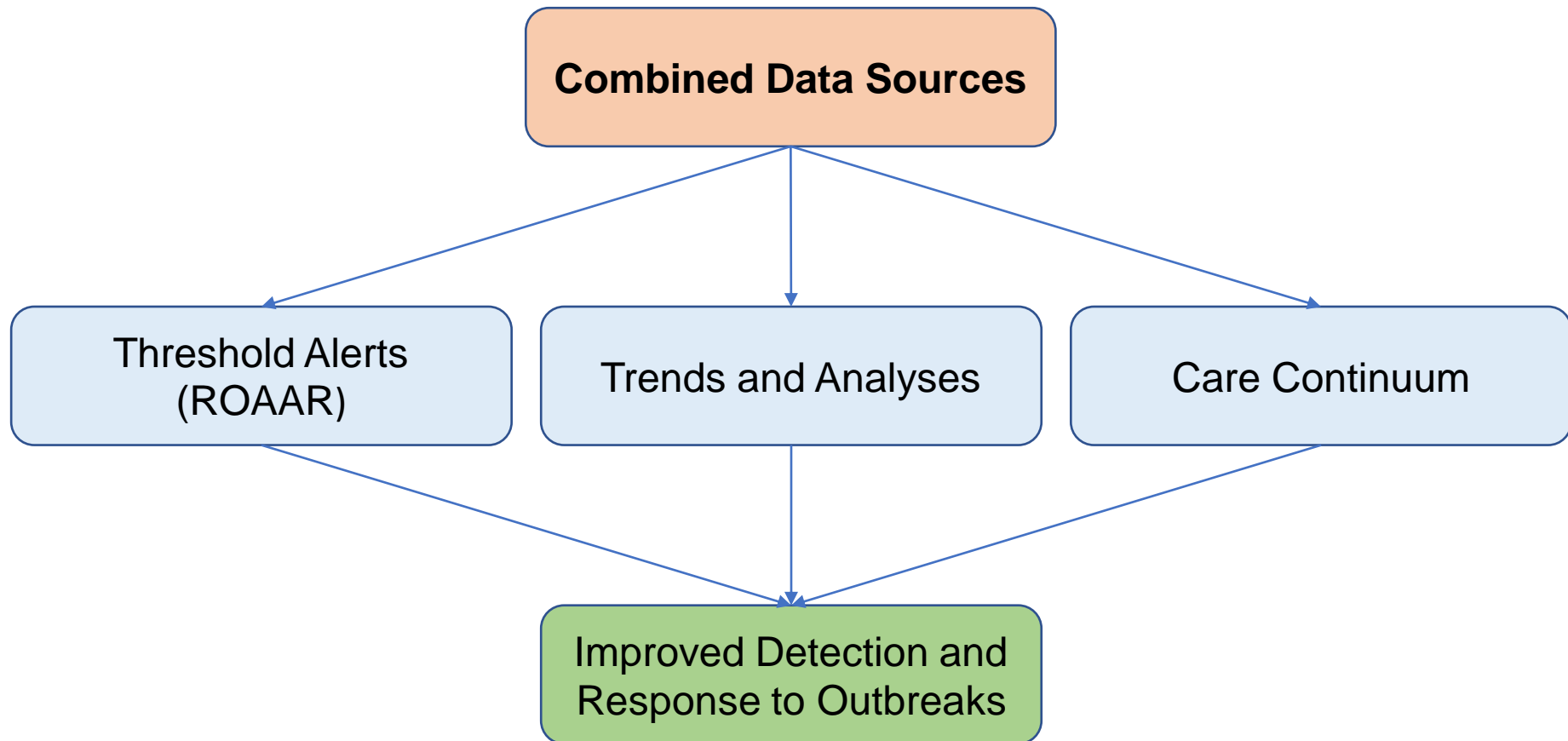
Work Group	Meets	Next Mtg	Meeting Details
Prevention: James.C.Rajotte@ohhs.ri.gov , Elizabeth.Farrar@bhddh.ri.gov	Monthly 1 st Tues., 1 p.m.–2:30 p.m.	March 1	Join Zoom Meeting https://zoom.us/j/94436323722?pwd=TIlvQjF2TEFIRTM5VytkRDIIVUpsdz09 Meeting ID: 944 3632 3722 Dial In: 646-558-8656 Passcode: PSWG
Rescue: Jennifer.Koziol@health.ri.gov	Every Other Month 2 nd Thurs., 10 a.m.–11:30 a.m.	March 10	Join Zoom Meeting https://us06web.zoom.us/j/92263356004?pwd=c1VVWHZsWnYyYWh4U1RhciZiOWRlZz09 Meeting ID: 922 6335 6004 Dial In: 646-558-8656 Passcode: RWG
Harm Reduction: Katharine.Howe@health.ri.gov	Monthly 2 nd Tues., 1 p.m.–2:30 p.m.	March 8	Microsoft Teams Click here to join the meeting (audio only) +1 401-437-4452,,351888385# US, Providence Phone Conference ID: 351 888 385#
Treatment: Linda.Mahoney@bhddh.ri.gov	Monthly 1 st Tues., 10:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.	March 1	Microsoft Teams Click here to join the meeting
Recovery: Linda.Mahoney@bhddh.ri.gov	Monthly 3 rd Wed., 10:30 a.m.–Noon	March 16	Microsoft Teams Click here to join the meeting
First Responders: Carolina.Roberts-Santana@health.ri.gov	Every Other Month 3 rd Thurs., 10 a.m.–11:30 a.m.	March 17	Microsoft Teams Click here to join the meeting
Racial Equity: Monica.Taveras@health.ri.gov	Monthly Last Thurs., 10 a.m.-11 a.m.	March 31	Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82826231924 Meeting ID: 828 2623 1924 Mobile +19292056099,,82826231924# US (New York)
Substance-Exposed Newborns: Margo.Katz@health.ri.gov Kristy.Whitcomb@health.ri.gov	Monthly 2 nd Tues., 2 p.m.–3 p.m.	March 8	Microsoft Teams Click here to join the meeting (audio only) +1 401-437-4452,,189953277# United States, Providence (833) 201-5833,,189953277# United States (Toll-free)
Family Task Force: Trisha.Suggs@bhddh.ri.gov	Monthly 2 nd Tues., 6 p.m.–7:30 p.m.	March 8	Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8467337054



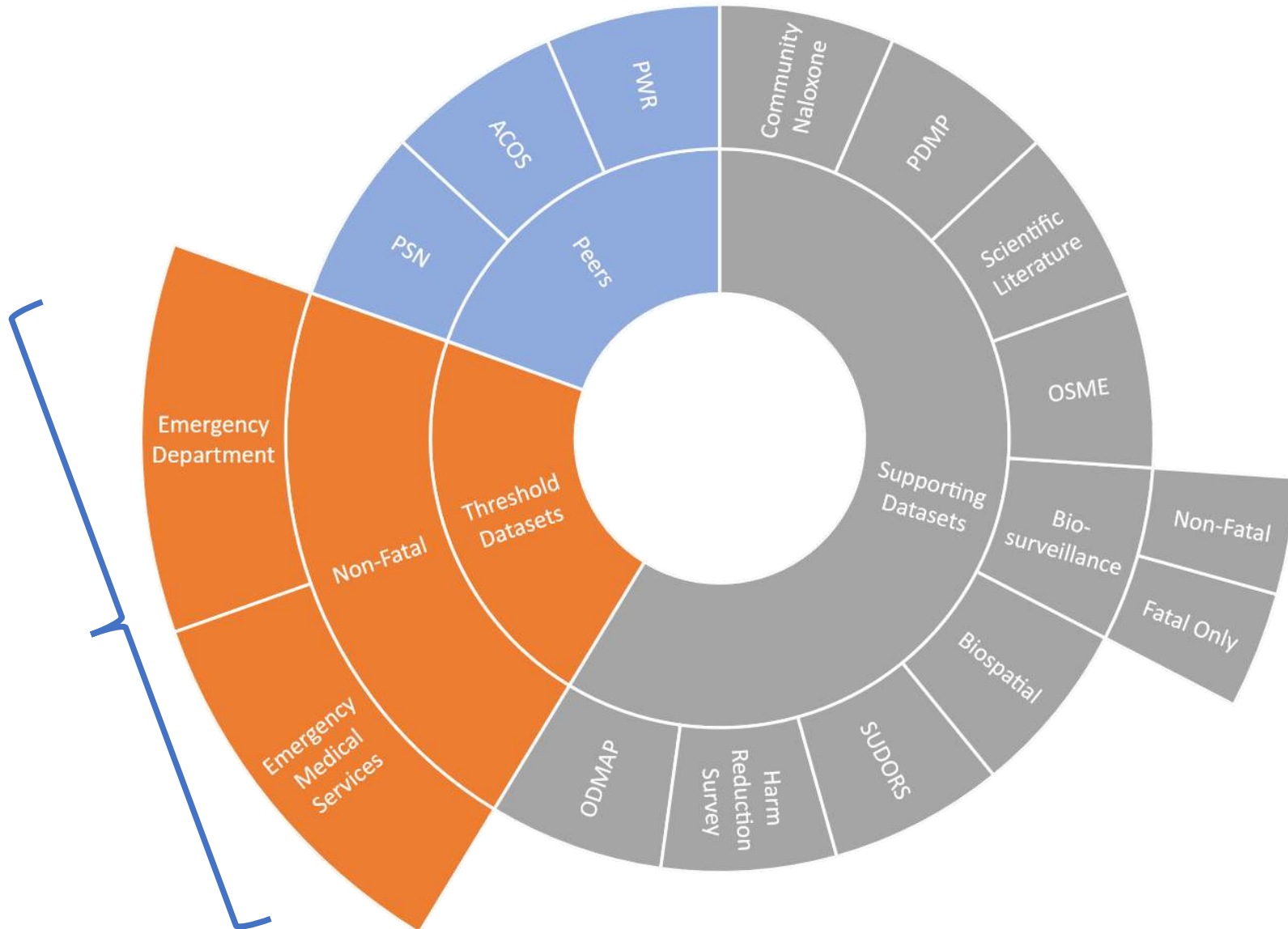
Opioid Overdose Integrated Surveillance System

**Governor's Overdose Prevention and Intervention
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What Is An Integrated Opioid Overdose Surveillance System?



RIDOH's Opioid Overdose Data Sources



Non-Fatal Opioid Overdose Surveillance Systems



**Emergency
Department Visits**



**Emergency Medical
Services Runs**



**Opioid Overdose
Integrated
Surveillance System**

Non-Fatal Opioid Overdose Pathways to ROAAR Alerts



Very High



Moderately High



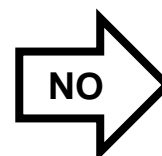
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QA Check Counts



Rhode Island Overdose Action Area Response (ROAAR)



January 28, 2022

Rhode Island Overdose Action Area Response (ROAAR) **Region 5: Pawtucket, East Providence, and Central Falls**

The Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) and the Rhode Island Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities, and Hospitals (BHDDH) issue this ROAAR Alert due to increased opioid overdose activity in Region 5.

For a three-day period, from January 25, 2022 to January 27, 2022, RIDOH received 10 reports for opioid overdose-related emergency department visits in Region 5. The weekly overdose threshold for Region 5 is nine reports within a seven-day period.

The city of Pawtucket was most impacted with nine reports.

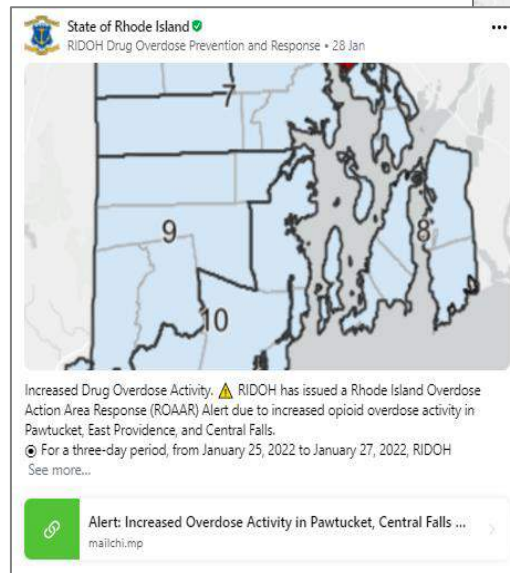
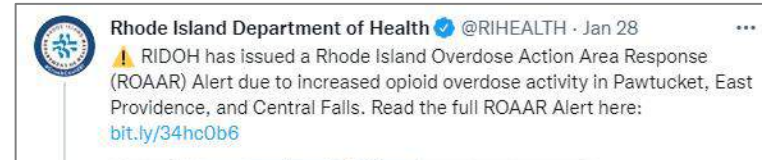
Rhode Island Overdose Action Area Response (ROAAR)



Twitter: @RIHealth

Facebook and Instagram:
Rhode Island Department of Health

Nextdoor:
State of Rhode Island Drug Overdose
Prevention and Response





Find Resources

Everyone has a role to play in helping end Rhode Island's overdose epidemic.
Make sure you understand what you can do to **help save lives**.

Safer Drug Use

Places in Rhode Island where you can get resources about how to use drugs more safely.

[Read More](#)

Families & Teachers

Families and teachers have a role in preventing prescription drug use among teens. Find out more.

[Read more](#)

Provider Resources

All health care providers can make a big difference when it comes to addressing the overdose epidemic.

[Read more](#)



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RECOVERY WORK GROUP

The 8 Dimensions of Wellness Pathways to Employment

EMOTIONAL
Coping effectively with life and
creating satisfying relationships

ENVIRONMENTAL
Good health by occupying
pleasant, stimulating environments
that support well-being

FINANCIAL
Satisfaction with current
and future financial
situations

INTELLECTUAL
Recognizing creative abilities
and finding ways to expand
knowledge and skills

WELLNESS

SOCIAL
Developing a sense of
connection, belonging,
and a well-developed
support system

PHYSICAL
Recognizing the need
for physical activity, diet,
sleep and nutrition

SPIRITUAL
Expanding our sense of
purpose and meaning in life

OCCUPATIONAL
Personal satisfaction and
enrichment derived from one's work

Adapted from Swarbrick, M. (2006).
A Wellness Approach. *Psychiatric
Rehabilitation Journal*, 29(4), 311-314.

Amos House Workforce Essentials

**Jennifer Kodis
Director of Workforce Services
Amos House**



Who We Are

- Rhode Island's Largest Soup Kitchen
- Emergency Services
- Shelter, Recovery, and Family Housing
- Program Integrated PEER recovery
- Job Training and Employment Services
- Financial Opportunity Center
- Social Enterprise Businesses

Workforce Education

- Workforce Essentials (3 weeks)
- Job Training Pathways (5-8 weeks)
 - Culinary
 - Building Trades
 - Customer Service
 - CDL
 - Jewelry Mold Making
- Financial Opportunity Center (1-3 years)



Key Workforce Components

- Contextualized math and reading
- Computer skills
- Essential work-readiness skills
- Integrated wraparound supports
- Industry recognized credentials
- Internships and work-based learning
- Employer partnerships

Goals and Outcomes

- Living wage jobs
- Opportunities for career advancement
- Stackable credentials and higher education
- Increased stability and self-sufficiency
- Credit and asset building
- Access to mainstream financial products
- Permanent safe housing
- Strong recovery program (for those with substance use conditions)

Contact

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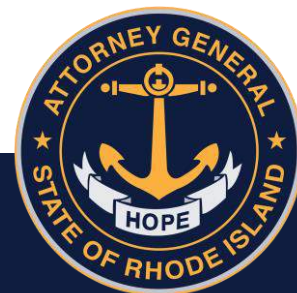
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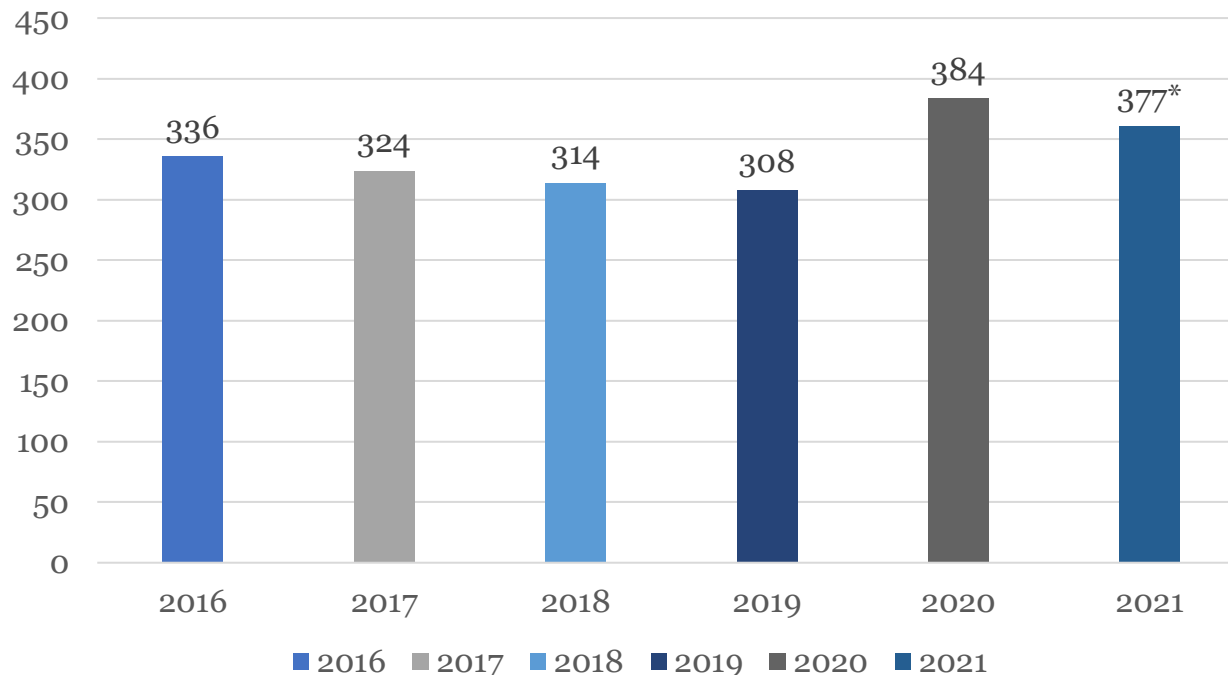
Rhode Island Opioids Litigation and Settlement Update

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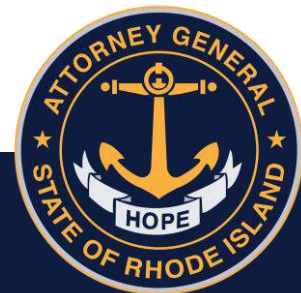
Opioids in Rhode Island

Accidental Drug Overdose Deaths Occurring in Rhode Island by Month/Year



Source: Rhode Island Department of Health, Office of the State Medical Examiners (OSME)

*Note: OSME data for 2021 is pending finalization.



Timeline of Rhode Island's Opioids Litigation

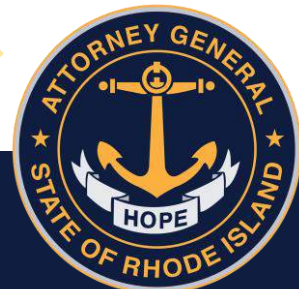
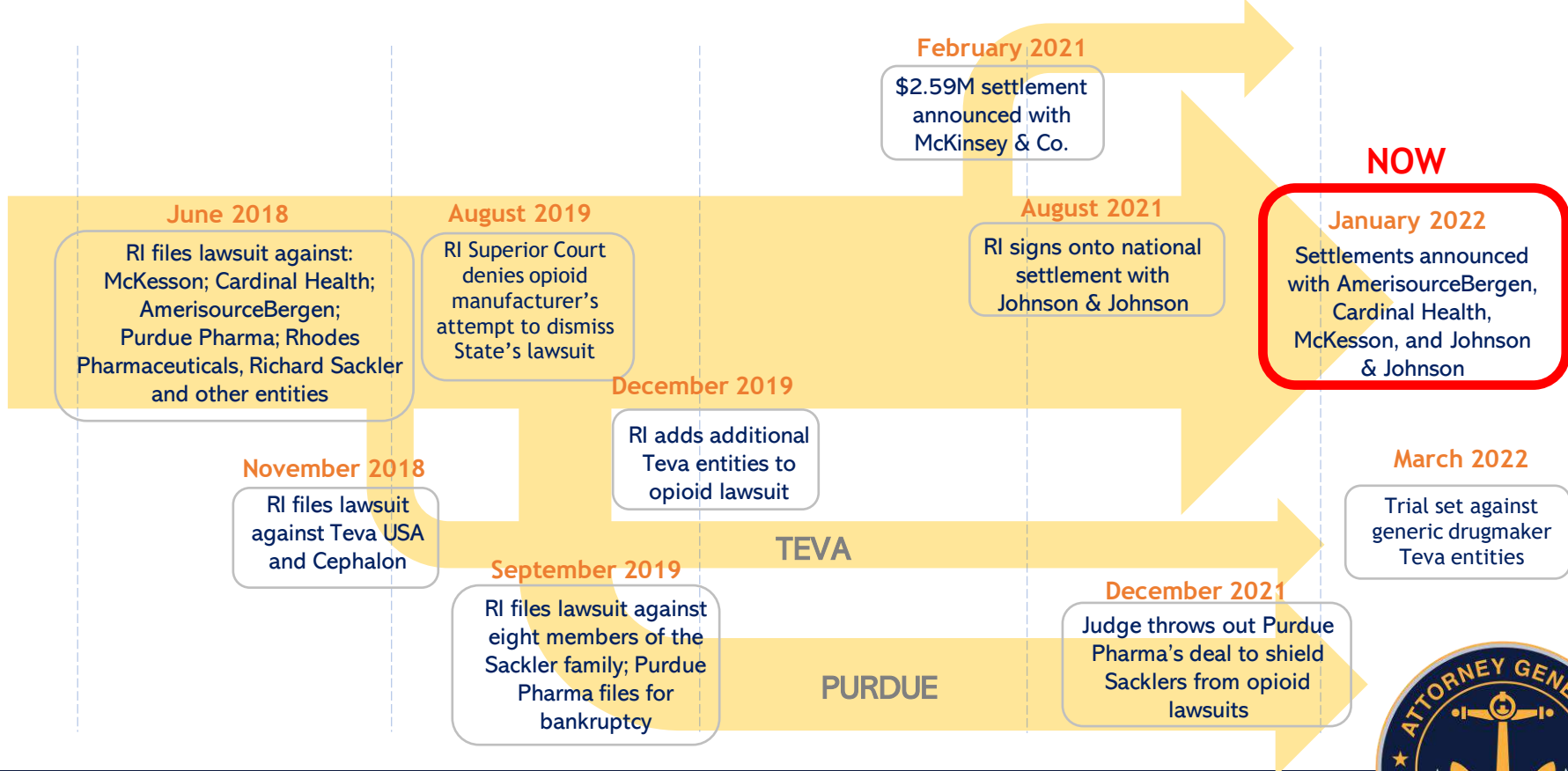
2018

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Breakdown of Opioids Funds Recovered

\$2.59 M

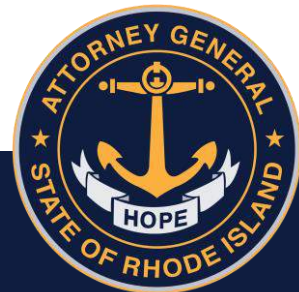


Settlement
with McKinsey
& Co.

Consulting firm that helped Purdue Pharma market opioids, including a plan to “turbocharge” OxyContin sales at height of epidemic.

Rhode Island will receive \$2.59 million over five years.

\$1 million used in 2021 to address critical and immediate need for naloxone.



Breakdown of Opioids Funds Recovered

Up to
\$21.1M

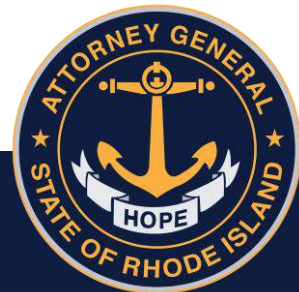


Settlement
with Johnson &
Johnson

Johnson & Johnson manufactured, marketed, and sold opioids while deceptively downplaying the risks of addiction.

Rhode Island will receive up to \$21.1 million over 10 years through global settlement.

Payment to begin July 2022.



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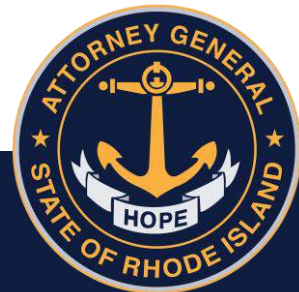
\$90.8 M



Settlement with
AmerisourceBergen,
Cardinal, and
McKesson

Nation's three major drug distributors directly contributed to the opioid epidemic through the over supply of opioids and by routinely filling and failing to report suspicious orders.

Rhode Island will receive at least \$90.8 million over 18 years through agreement.

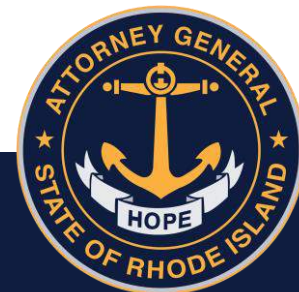


Breakdown of Opioids Funds Recovered

PAYMENT YEAR	McKinsey & Co.	Johnson & Johnson	Distributors	Total
2021	\$2.1	-	-	\$2.1
2022	\$0.1	\$4.6	\$8.0	\$12.7
2023	\$0.1	\$2.6	\$4.1	\$6.8
2024	\$0.1	\$4.0	\$5.1	\$9.2
2025	\$0.1	\$4.4	\$5.1	\$9.6
2026	-	\$0.8	\$5.1	\$5.9
2027	-	\$0.8	\$5.1	\$5.9
2028	-	\$0.8	\$6.0	\$6.8
2029	-	\$1.0	\$6.0	\$7.0
2030	-	\$1.0	\$6.0	\$7.0
2031	-	\$1.0	\$5.0	\$6.1
2032	-	-	\$5.0	\$5.0
2033	-	-	\$5.0	\$5.0
2034	-	-	\$5.0	\$5.0
2035	-	-	\$5.0	\$5.0
2036	-	-	\$5.0	\$5.0
2037	-	-	\$5.0	\$5.0
2038	-	-	\$5.0	\$5.0
Total	\$2.6	\$21.1	\$90.8	\$114.5

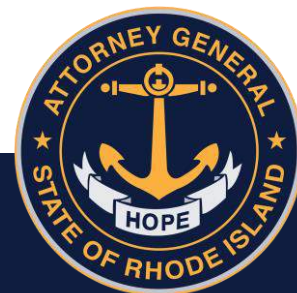
**Numbers
are in
millions**

** Total amounts are estimates*



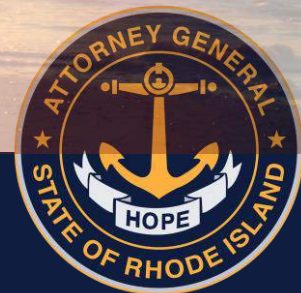
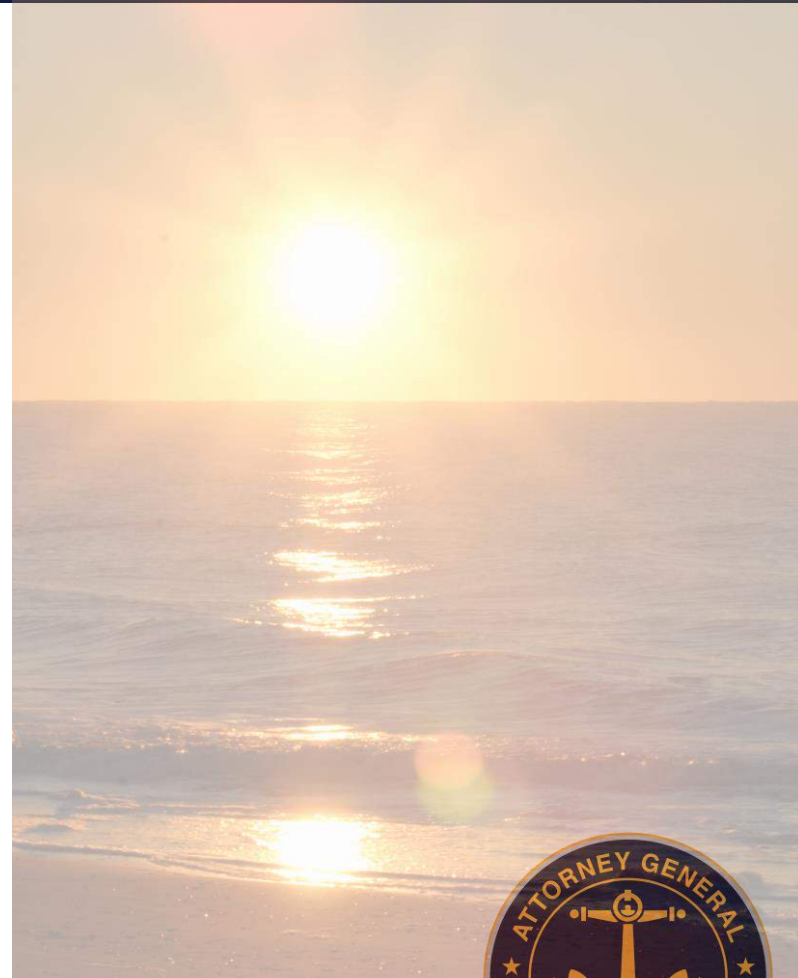
All monies recovered MUST be used for

Opioids Abatement



What is Opioids Abatement?

- **Treatment:** medication-assisted treatment, such as methadone or buprenorphine.
- **Overdose rescue:** purchasing and deploying drugs like naloxone can save lives.
- **Prevention:** monitoring and weighing access to opioids with the risk of diversion, addiction, and overdose.
- **Recovery:** can include clinical treatment, medications, peer support, family support, self-care, and other methods.



More than Money

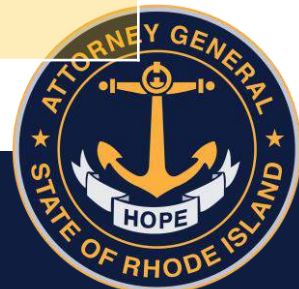
Rhode Island's settlements include important agreements to end bad behavior and create transparency.

- **McKinsey & Co.** will implement new ethics rules, stop advising companies on potentially dangerous scheduled drugs, and turn over thousands of internal documents for public portal. ✓
- **Distributors** will create red flag systems for suspicious orders, report these orders to the Attorney General and Department of Health, report customers they have blocked, and implement monitoring and oversight. ✓



A Better Deal for Rhode Island

Global deal	Rhode Island's settlement
First payment in summer 2022	First payment within weeks Second payment summer 2022
Still pending, uncertain	Guaranteed
--	Secures millions in additional funds from the distributors to compensate the state for its substantial investment in the litigation of the case against them



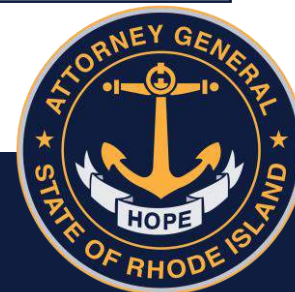
Overview of Opioids Litigation

Rhode Island's Lawsuit

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND PROVIDENCE, SC.	SUPERIOR COURT
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND, by and through, PETER F. NERONHA, ATTORNEY GENERAL, Plaintiff	:
v.	:
	C.A. No. PC-2018-4555
PURDUE PHARMA L.P.; PURDUE PHARMA INC.; THE PURDUE FREDERICK COMPANY, INC.; RHODES PHARMACEUTICALS L.P.; RHODES TECHNOLOGIES; RHODES TECHNOLOGIES INC.; RICHARD S. SACKLER; INSYS THERAPEUTICS, INC.; JOHN N. KAPOOR; TEVA PHARMACEUTICALS USA, INC.; CEPHALON, INC.; MALLINCKRODT PLC; MALLINCKRODT, LLC; SPECGX, LLC; CARDINAL HEALTH, INC.; MCKESSON CORPORATION d/b/a MCKESSON DRUG COMPANY; and AMERISOURCEBERGEN DRUG CORPORATION, Defendants	:

Municipalities' Lawsuit

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO EASTERN DIVISION	
IN RE: NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION OPIATE LITIGATION) MDL No. 2804)) Case No. 17-md-2804
THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:) Judge Dan Aaron Polster
ALL CASES) <u>OPINION AND ORDER</u>)
<hr/> <p>In this Multidistrict Litigation ("MDL"), public entities from across the nation have sued manufacturers, distributors and retailers of prescription opiate drugs, alleging they are liable for</p>	



Agreement Between State and 39 Municipalities

80%

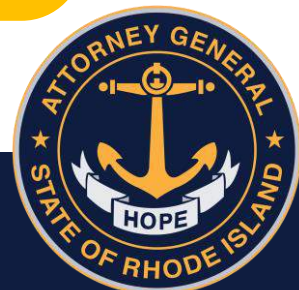
Will be overseen by EOHHS and allocated to abatement programs throughout RI. New Advisory Committee will make recommendations on spending.

20%

Will go directly to all cities and towns to be used solely for opioid abatement.

100%

**OPIOIDS
ABATEMENT**



New Advisory Committee

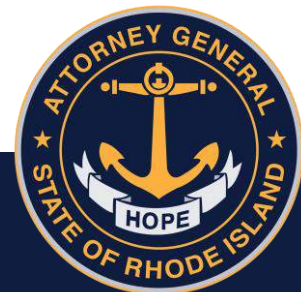
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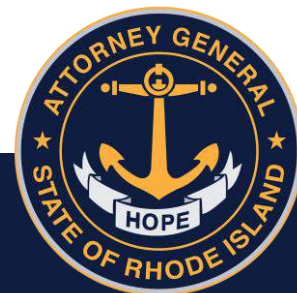
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Cities and towns

- New Advisory Committee will make recommendations to EOHHS
- A non-voting committee chair will be appointed by the Governor
- Will work closely with Governor's Task Force on Overdose Prevention and Intervention



What's Next?

- First payments from the Distributors will be made in the coming weeks.
- New Advisory Committee will be formed and meet for the first time.
- EOHHS and the Advisory Committee will share their plan for engaging Rhode Island's communities on priorities and needs for the use of these critical funds.
- Distributions are subject to the appropriations process, but we expect them to begin going out to where they are needed most by this summer.





Public Comment