



Governor Dan McKee's Overdose Task Force

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Welcome and Announcements

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Message from EOHHS Assistant Secretary

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Settlement Dollars: FY 23–FY 25

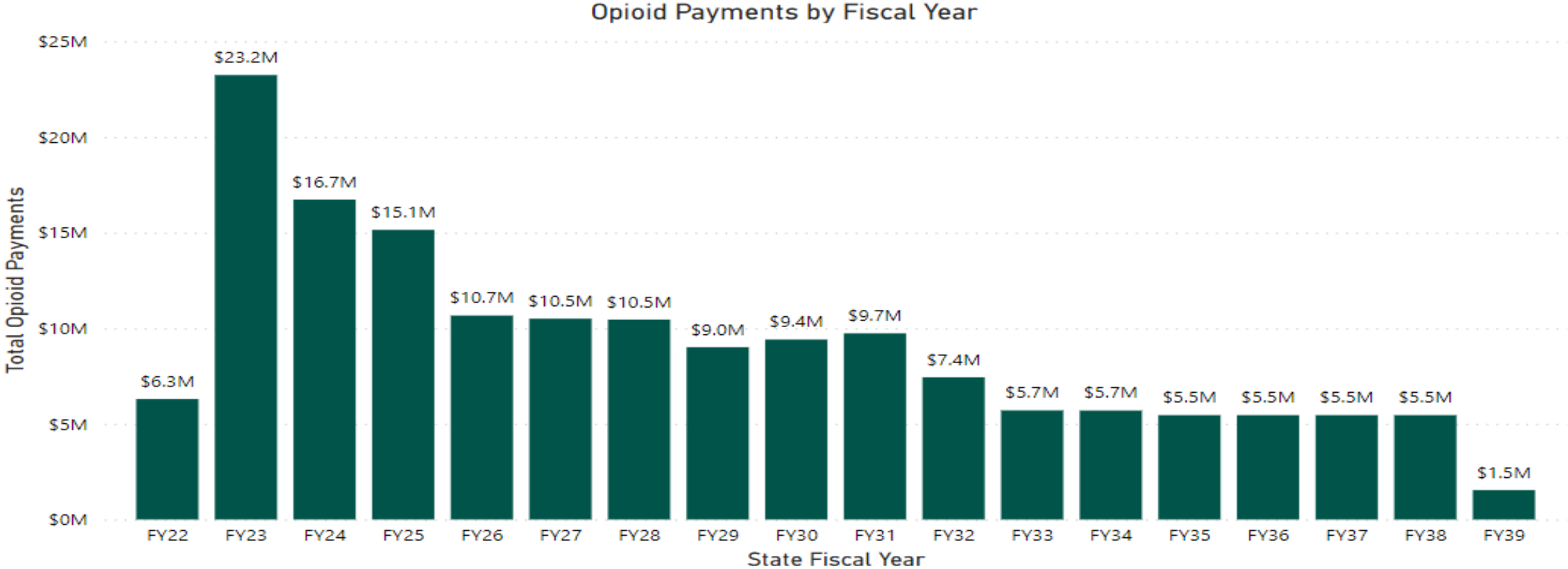
Here are the dollars that have been allocated by the Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee (OSAC) from fiscal year (FY) 2023 through fiscal year (FY) 2025:

- FY 23: \$20,000,000
- FY 24: \$10,270,000
- FY 25: \$18,453,546

Note: There are some additional settlements that have come in over the last couple of years totaling approximately \$11 million for the state. The Office of Management and Budget will include these in FY25, but as OSAC has only allocated the \$18.4 million that was available to us in November our dollars will remain at that level for planning purposes. OSAC will discuss what to do with the additional settlements over the next months.

Expected Settlement Dollars: Fiscal Years 2022 – 2039

Here are the expected settlement dollars by State fiscal year between FY22 and the end of the settlement time periods:



Current Spending: Two Key Areas of Focus

In these first three years, Rhode Island has invested in various categories of activities:

- **Examples of investments in ongoing activities for which funding had already been at risk:**
 - Harm reduction outreach (including BIPOC focus) as well as naloxone infrastructure
 - Youth, school-based prevention efforts (i.e., Rhode Island Student Assistance Services)
 - Recovery supports
- **Examples of investments in new pilot activities:**
 - Overdose Prevention Center
 - Harm reduction technology
 - Community-based prevention (youth)
 - Housing capital, operating, and supportive services (including mobile wound care)
 - Chronic pain treatment and prevention for BIPOC industry workers

Community Conversation

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Key Areas of Focus for Today's Conversation

Rhode Island's Approach to Overdose Prevention Alignment

Strategic Framework Development



Governance,
Coordination,
and Reporting



Data Approach,
Measurement Refresh,
and Consolidation



Alignment and
Stewardship
of Investments



Overdose Prevention Strategies (Pillars)

Ensuring Racial Equity and Eliminating Disparities

Building Strong Governance and Community Engagement

Expanding Data Capacity and Surveillance

Addressing the Social Determinants of Health

Reinforcing Comprehensive Prevention

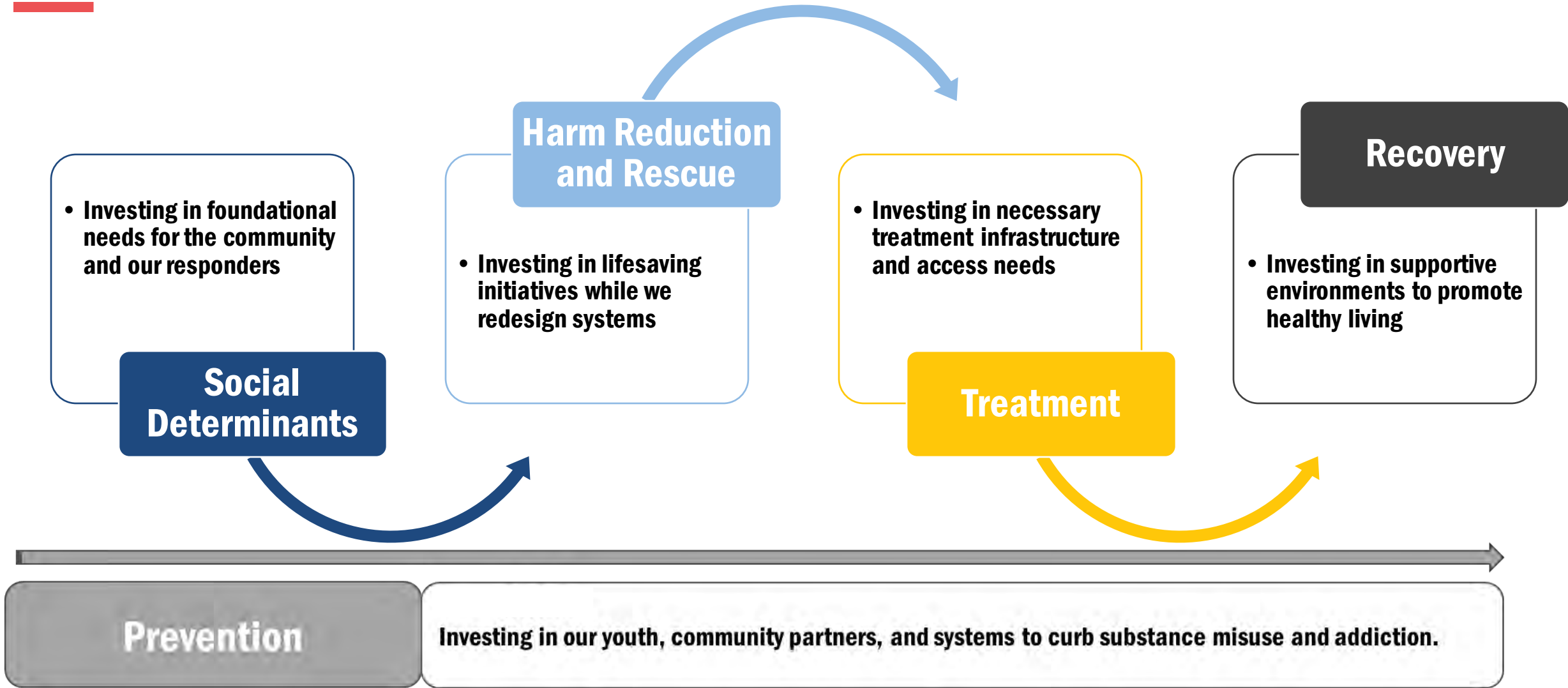
Strengthening Harm Reduction and Rescue

Increasing Investment in Treatment

Supporting Recovery

Alignment with the Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee

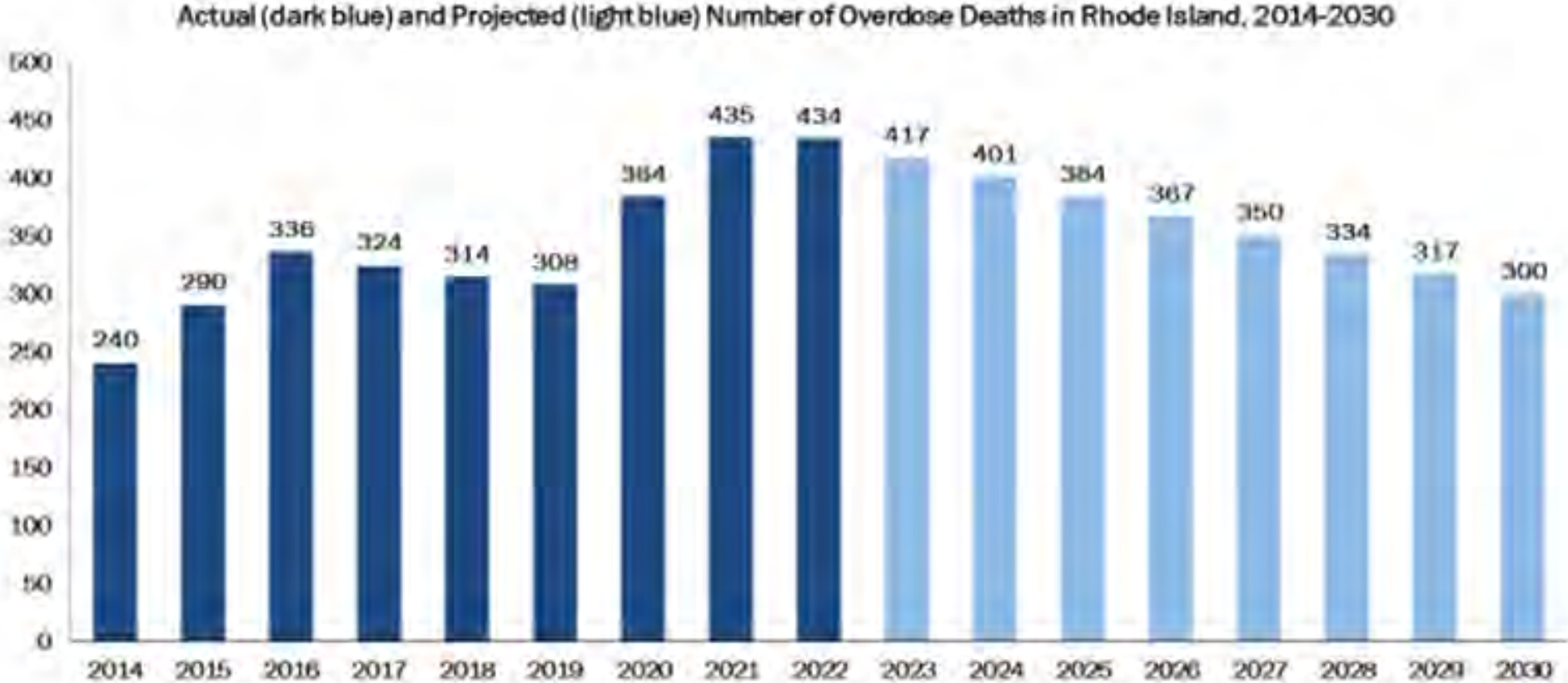
Investing to Support People Through the Continuum of Care



Rhode Island's Goal to Reduce Overdose Fatalities

Short-Term Goal (2018 – 2025): 12% reduction (approximately 384 deaths)

Long-Term Goal (2018 – 2030): 30% reduction (approximately 300 deaths)* *Slightly below 2018 levels*



Housekeeping and Discussion Agreements

- There is no perfect; there is no end point. *Our work is a process.*
- We can't be articulate all the time, so give the benefit of the doubt
- Our *Intent* isn't the same as our *Impact*
- It's OK to be uncomfortable! Growth is uncomfortable.
- Make space, take space
- Take breaks as you need
- We will boldly try - and every attempt will teach us more
- We all have something to learn and we all have something to offer
- Be curious and ask questions!


What else would help you engage?



Breakout Rooms

1. Emerging Response to the Changing Epidemic
2. Social Determinants of Health: Strengthening Families and Communities Across the Lifespan (i.e., trauma)
3. Social Determinants of Health: Housing, Employment, and Basic Needs
4. Harm Reduction and Rescue
5. Treatment
6. Racial Equity
7. Prevention
8. Recovery

How to Join a Breakout Room:

- Click  for Breakout Rooms in your meeting controls.
- Select a breakout room from the list.
- If you need assistance, please raise your hand.

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