



# Governor Dan McKee's Overdose Task Force

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# Welcome and Announcements

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# Strategic Plan Refresh Community Conversation Workshop

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# Overdose Task Force Approach to Alignment

## Strategic Framework Development



Governance,  
Coordination,  
and Reporting



Data Approach,  
Measurement Refresh,  
and Consolidation



Alignment and  
Stewardship  
of Investments



# Strategic Refresh Process and Alignment

## ALIGNMENT AND STRATEGIC PLAN DEVELOPMENT

Develop a unified, updated strategic plan that strengthens coordination, integrates data, and focuses on measurable outcomes.

- Conducted alignment sessions and focus groups.
- Inventoried existing data sources and programs.
- Aligned metrics, outcomes, and funding sources.
- Integrated leadership and community feedback.

## DATA REFRESH

Enhance data quality, consistency, and utility to support strategic decision-making and transparency.

- Reviewed and updated overdose-related metrics.
- Applied evidence-based definitions.
- Removed outdated metrics.
- Included demographic stratifications.
- Identified data gaps and new measures.

## CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT AND STRATEGIC REFRESH

Refresh core strategies, improve interagency governance and continuance community engagement processes.

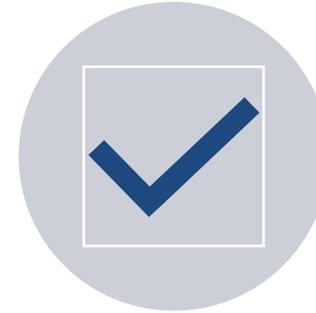
- Evaluate program outcomes.
- Integrate public feedback.
- Reassess and re-categorize as needed.
- Submit recommendations for approval.

# Cross-Cutting Themes from the Work Group Surveys

**55 surveys were completed between October 7 to November 3, 2025.**



Equity and racial justice lens needed across all pillars



Clarify core *strategies* versus activities



Strengthen measurable outcomes



Improve coordination and reach high-burden populations

# Our Goals for Today

## To sharpen the Governor's Overdose Task Force Strategic Plan.

Refine	Refine wording and reduce redundancy.
Add	Add clarity to equity and social determinants of health (SDOH).
Strengthen	Strengthen measurements and core strategies versus those that support.

# Task Force Strategic Wheel



# Choose a Station Broken Out by Pillar

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- 1) Reinforcing Comprehensive Prevention
- 2) Strengthening Harm Reduction and Rescue
- 3) Increasing Engagement in Treatment
- 4) Supporting Recovery

# Activity: Four-Zone Refinement Canvas

Now that you are at a Task Force pillar station, you will work with your group to create the four-zone Refinement Canvas. This activity will help us sort, challenge, and improve the strategies.

<b>ZONE 1: CORE STRATEGIES</b> WHAT WE MUST ACHIEVE	<b>ZONE 2: SUPPORTING ACTIVITIES</b> HOW WE DO IT
<b>ZONE 3: OVERARCHING THEMES</b> GUIDING LENSES	<b>ZONE 4: GAPS AND NEW STRATEGIES</b> BOLD, NEW IDEAS

# Core Strategy Key Questions

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**You will use these questions to guide and challenge the core strategies.**

Is it a WHAT (not HOW)?



Is it measurable?



Can we define one metric?



Does it integrate equity and social determinants?

# Activity: Refining Core Strategies

**Using sticky notes, you will help challenge and refine the strategies.**

Sticky Note Color	Purpose
Yellow	Reword / Refine
Green	Add Equity / SDOH
Blue	Add Measurement
Pink	New or Consolidated Idea

# Report Out

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## Working with your colleagues, you will:

1

Present revised core strategies

2

Identify relevant supporting activities

3

Provide 1 to 2 potential key metrics (blue)

4

Highlight equity (green)

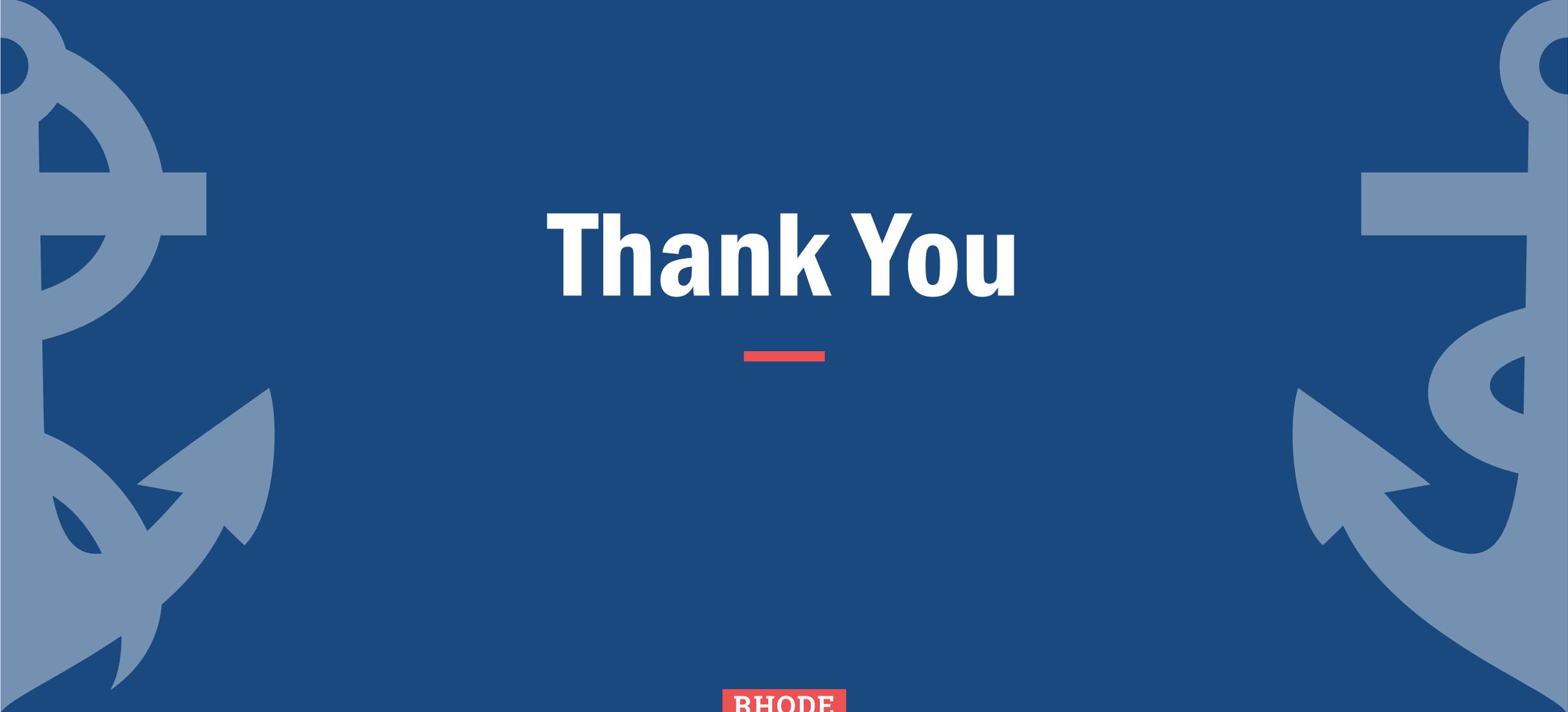
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Share any new strategy (pink)

# Governor's Overdose Task Force 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration



<b>DATE:</b>	Wednesday, December 10, 2025
<b>TIME:</b>	11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
<b>Location:</b>	Department of Administration Conference Room 2A One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02903



# Thank You

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