



# Office of Addiction and Recovery - Monthly Webinar January 2025

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# Agenda

11:00 a.m. – 11:05 a.m.	Hello and introductions
11:05 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	OAR Update
11:15 a.m. – 11:35 a.m.	Dr. Catherine Diamond – MDH Questions (5 minutes)
11:35 a.m. – 11:55 a.m.	Wendy Jones - Minnesota Alliance of Recovery Community Organizations (MARCO) Questions (5 minutes)
11:55 a.m. – 12:00 noon	Closing

# Hello and introductions

## Introductions

### Meeting logistics:

- All attendees, except presenters, will remain muted
- We will work to address all questions during the time allotted.
- Please refrain from using chat during presentations

# Subcabinet on Opioids, Substance Use, and Addiction

Created in 2022 by the legislature and Governor Walz to improve outcomes for Minnesotans experiencing substance use disorder, their families, and their communities by working across state government.

Chaired by the Addiction and Recovery Director and consisting of eight state agencies:

- Human Services
- Health
- Education
- Higher Education
- Management and Budget
- Corrections
- Public Safety
- Interagency Council on Homelessness



# Office of Addiction and Recovery core functions

Work across state government to break down silos to better target the state's role in addressing addiction, treatment, and recovery

Coordinate and align efforts across state government and with city, county, and tribal partners

Conduct robust public engagement to build relationships with communities and community leaders to ensure people with direct experience drive efforts

Look for new interagency opportunities to leverage systems to address addiction, treatment, and recovery

Promote innovative programs that are demonstrating results

Provide oversight to programs and strategies developed to more effectively coordinate and marshal state resources

Create and maintain a database of relevant program spending

# Subcabinet/OAR updates

- **1115 Reentry Waiver**
- **Medicines for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) in Jails Workgroup**
- **Department of Corrections 2911 Jail Rules Rewrite**
- **Naloxone Saturation Strategy**
- **Recovery Friendly Workplace Executive Order**

# Update from Catherine Diamond, MDH

## Comprehensive Overdose Mortality and Prevention Act

- Please put your questions in the chat.



# Update from Wendy Jones, Governor's Advisory Council chair

## Governor's **Advisory Council** on Opioids, Substance Use, and Addiction

“Nothing  
about us,  
without  
us.”

- Effective public policy is made *with* the people it affects.
- “Us” is not monolithic. Diverse perspectives and experiences within the recovery community, its allies, and stakeholders are needed in policymaking.
- The Council brings forward perspectives that often lack representation in policymaking processes

# 2024 Advisory Council Members

The Governor's Advisory Council on Opioids, Substance Use, and Addiction consists of up to 18 members appointed by the governor. Its members are Minnesotans who have personal or professional connections to substance use disorders, such as individuals with lived experience, those with family members affected by opioids and substance use disorders, or others with ties to the issue. The council includes community leaders, individuals with direct experience with addiction, treatment providers, and representatives from related communities. The council's chair is also appointed by the governor.



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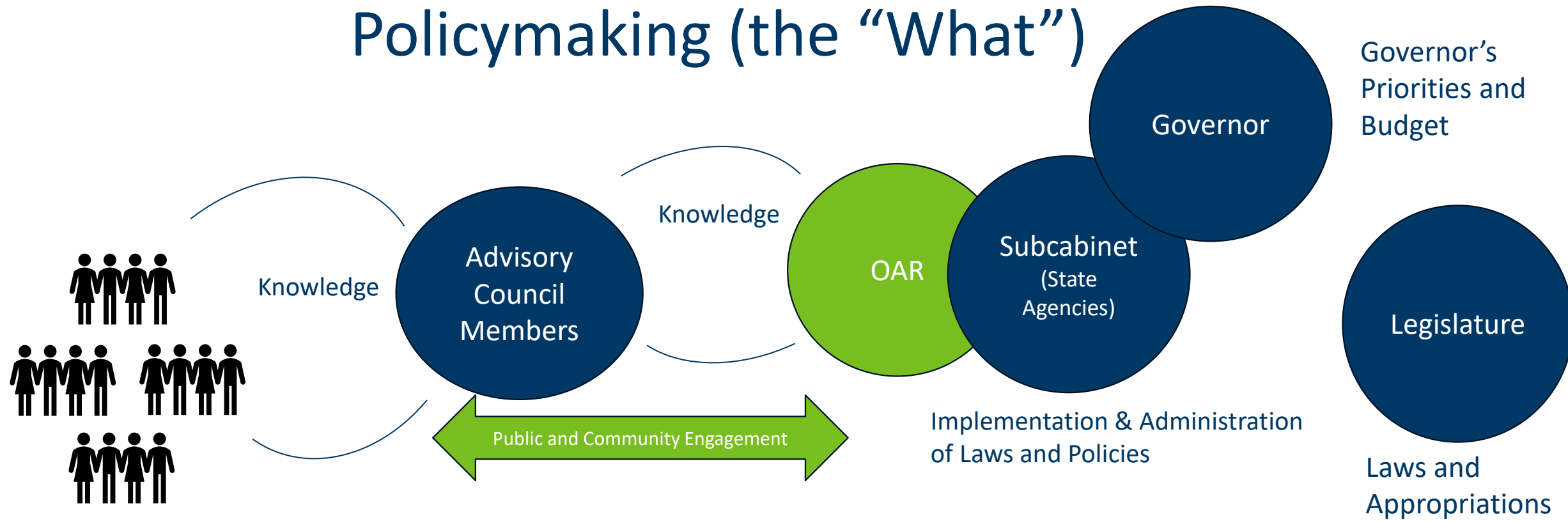
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# Purpose and duties

- Advises the subcabinet regarding implementation of its purpose, policy and strategy development, and public engagement.
- Identifies opportunities and barriers for the development and implementation of policies and strategies to expand access to effective services for people in Minnesota suffering from (experiencing) addiction (and recovery).
- Examines what services and supports are needed in communities that are disproportionately impacted by the opioid epidemic.
- Provides opportunities for Minnesotans who have directly experienced addiction (and recovery) to address needs, challenges, and solutions.

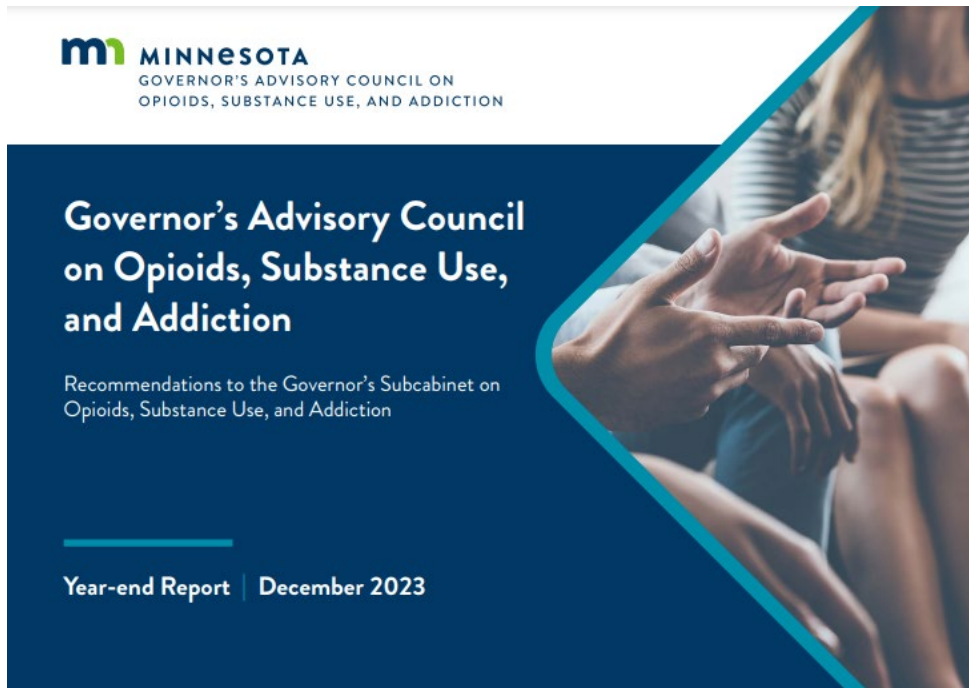
## Policymaking (the “What”)



## Policy Implementation (the “How”)

Recovery Communities,  
Allies, Stakeholders

- [2023 Year-End Report](#) and Recommendations
  - Justice Involved Individuals
    - Medications for Opioid Use Disorder
  - Background Studies Reform
    - Remove barriers (within state purview)
    - Person-centered process (administrative improvements)
- 2024 Year-End Report and Recommendations
  - Refinement of 2023 Priorities
  - Emphasis on Peer Recovery Support Services



# Advisory Council Guiding Principles

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

### **CENTER EQUITY:**

Acknowledge the disparities in Minnesota and the communities that are disproportionality impacted, including those based on race, geography, and economic status. The council agrees to support the Governor and Lieutenant Governor's commitment to diversity, inclusion, and equity as essential core values and top priorities to achieve better outcomes for all Minnesotans.

### **ACKNOWLEDGE INTERSECTIONALITY:**

Recognize the role of intersectionality and the need to address stigma and disparities to achieve outcomes for individuals and families impacted by substance use and addiction. This includes being geographically responsive and acknowledging the unique needs in urban and rural communities.

### **TAKE A SYSTEMS-LEVEL APPROACH:**

Acknowledge that solutions do not exist in isolation and that underlying structures and systems often prevent successful treatment and recovery outcomes, including workforce, housing, criminal justice, and financing challenges.

### **CREATE AN INCLUSIVE PROCESS:**

Engage and listen to the voices of people with lived experience to provide community and individual input into decisions that affect them.

### **FOCUS ON RESULTS:**

Identify opportunities for the development and implementation of policies and strategies that are transformative and lead to better outcomes for individuals and families.

# Get Involved!

- All meetings and materials are public
  - Public comment always included
  - Access to presentations and materials
  - [Website](#) has the schedule of meetings and materials
    - <https://mn.gov/mmb/oar/gacosua/>
- Open Seats
  - Two open seats – spread the word or apply
  - Apply through the Secretary of State's [Boards and Commissions](#) Portal
- Contact an Advisory Council Member!
  - Wendy Jones, Chair
  - Email: [wendy.jones@marcomn.org](mailto:wendy.jones@marcomn.org)



MARCO and Koom Recovery Town Hal, 1/16/15 (Photo Credit: Ryan Brown)

Please put your questions in the chat.



# Thank You!

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