



# Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future

## Working Group to Study Methods of Preventing Opioid Overdose Deaths by Authorizing Harm Reduction Health Centers

### Meeting #2

Friday, November 22, 2024

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

**IN PERSON:** Dept. of Health & Human Services, Conference Rooms A&B, 109 Capitol Street, Augusta, ME 04330

**VIRTUAL:** Link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85993518221>; or Dial: (309) 205-3325, Meeting ID: 859 9351 8221

### Agenda

1:00	<b>Welcome</b>	Lisa Letourneau, Chair Pro-Tem
1:05	<b>Member Introductions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Name, affiliation, pronouns (optional)</li> <li>For new participants (and optional for others), why did you want to be involved in the Working Group?</li> </ul>	Carol Kelly, Facilitator
1:20	<b>Review agenda and group agreements</b>	Carol Kelly, Facilitator
1:25	<b>Review and Accept Meeting #1 Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Process and logistics</li> <li>Areas of inquiry and special guests</li> <li>Suggestions, refinements, finalization</li> </ul>	Carol Kelly, Facilitator
1:30	<b>Briefing #1: Federal Overview</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Federal analysis re: possibilities and limitations</li> <li>Q&amp;A</li> </ul>	Jeff Sherman, Working Group Member
1:50	<b>Discussion: Federal and State Authorization Types and Statutory Barriers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Themes from federal briefing</li> <li>Potential impact of new White House and Congress</li> <li>Themes from pre-reading regarding state models and legislation</li> <li>Questions we want to submit to the Maine Attorney General</li> <li>Additional information we want to pursue</li> </ul>	Carol Kelly, Facilitator  Working Group members
2:10	<b>Discussion: Learning from Other States and Municipalities re: Scope, Outcomes, Data Collection, and Evaluation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Key points from Dr. Alex Kral's webinar</li> <li>Key points from pre-reading regarding implementation and building support among policymakers, stakeholders, and the public</li> <li>Themes from past testimony on Maine legislation</li> <li>Other takeaways from shared research to date</li> </ul>	Carol Kelly, Facilitator  Guest from Vermont ( <i>Tentative, TBD</i> )  Working Group members
2:40	<b>Round Robin: Updates from Working Group members</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What have you gleaned from other readings, webinars, conversations among colleagues, etc. since our last meeting?</li> <li>Refining our Areas of Inquiry: What do we want to explore further as a result of new/evolving information and understanding?</li> </ul>	Carol Kelly, Facilitator  Working Group members
2:50	<b>Looking Ahead: Next Meetings, Next Steps</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dates and format</li> <li>Shared reading/listening, and meeting guests</li> <li>Public forum option?</li> </ul>	Carol Kelly, Facilitator
3:00	<b>Closing &amp; Adjourn</b>	Lisa Letourneau, Chair Pro-Tem

## Pre-Meeting Materials List

1. Meeting #1 DRAFT [report](#)
2. Maine Law Review article by Jeff P. Sherman, ([“U.S. v. Safehouse: The Future of Supervised Consumption Sites in Maine and Beyond”](#))
3. Vermont’s enabling [legislation](#); Vermont Biz [article](#)
4. Rhode Island Department of Health: Harm Reduction Center Pilot Program [fact sheet](#)
5. Minnesota Department of Human Services: [Safer Use Sites FAQ](#)
6. Compilation of [testimony from previous Maine legislation](#) (LD 1159 and LD 1364)
7. Dr. Alex Kral webinar, USC, [“Overdose Prevention Sites: Global and Domestic Research, Policy, and Implementation”](#)

## Recap: Working Group Areas of Inquiry (*brainstormed in Meeting #1*)

- A. Authorization types
- B. Statutory barriers
- C. Scope of use
- D. Ranges of potential outcomes and measurable objectives
- E. Potential data collection and evaluation design
- F. Community conversations
- G. Rural vs. “urban” settings
- H. Mobile vs. bricks & mortar infrastructure
- I. Hotlines for monitoring safe use
- J. Model examples and comparisons

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