



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

Agenda: Meeting #5

Friday, January 24, 2025

1:00 – 3:00 PM

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

PRE-READING (optional): “National Operational Guidance for the Implementation of Supervised Consumption Services”, Canadian Research Initiative in Substance Misuse, July 2023

START	ITEM	
1:00	Welcome & Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name, affiliation, pronouns (optional) 	Gordon Smith, Chair
1:05	Meeting Preparation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review meeting agenda and group agreements Recap status: areas of inquiry and timeline for completion 	Carol Kelly, Facilitator
1:10	Review & Discussion: Outline of Working Group Report to the Legislature <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report components Areas of consensus, some agreement, further inquiry 	Carol Kelly, Facilitator Working Group members
1:25	Learning from Canada: Themes from Interviews and Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What could a “tailored for Maine” model include? Canada’s models for authorization and operation Working Group discussion, including preparation for special guests on February 7th, tentatively slated as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elaine Hyshka, Alberta Hugo Amaral Faria, Portugal Colleen Daley Ndoy, Rhode Island 	Gordon Smith, Chair Working Group members
1:45	Round Robin: Assessing Progress and Next Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How are you feeling about our progress? What else do you want to explore/learn more about? 	Carol Kelly, Facilitator Working Group members
2:00	Special Guests from the Ally Centre of Cape Breton in Sydney, Nova Scotia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently holding an Urgent Public Health Need exemption and operating in a rural region Model overview, learnings to date, Q&A 	Christine Porter, ED Megan Peters, OPS Mgr.
TBD	AS TIME ALLOWS: Viewing and/or Discussion of Rhode Island Model <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New England Public Health Training Center presentation by Brandon Marshall (Brown U.) and Colleen Daley Ndoy (Project Weber/RENEW) 	Working Group members
3:50	Next Meeting, Next Steps, Adjourn	Gordon Smith, Chair

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