



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 #6

Friday, February 7, 2025

1:00 – 3:45 PM

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

PRE-READING/VIEWING:

1. Rhode Island: “The Nation’s First State-Authorized Overdose Prevention Center: Legal and Public Health Updates”: <https://www.nephtc.org/enrol/index.php?id=415> (NEPHTC webinar recording from 1/14/25)
2. Canada: “National Operational Guidance for the Implementation of Supervised Consumption Services”, Canadian Research Initiative in Substance Matters, July 2023 (Attachment)

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	Learning from Portugal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Guest Speaker</u>: Hugo Ameal Faria, Psychologist and General Coordinator of Ares do Pinhal, an NGO for social inclusion in Lisbon • Q&A 	Hugo Faria, Lisbon
1:50	Learning from Canadian Research Initiative in Substance Matters (CRISM) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Guest Speaker</u>: Elaine Hyshka, PhD, Professor at University of Alberta in Edmonton and Committee Chair of CRISM, which authored the “National Operational Guidance...” (see above and attached) • Q&A 	Elaine Hyshka, Edmonton
2:30	Learning from Grand Prairie, Alberta <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dalyce Salther-McNabb, RN, Executive Director, Northreach Society in Grand Prairie, Alberta • Q&A 	Dalyce Salther-McNabb, Grand Prairie
3:00	Reflections & Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debrief today’s presentations and pre-reading/viewing • Additional information and updates since last meeting 	Gordon Smith, Chair Working Group members
3:20	Review & Discussion: Working Group Report to the Legislature <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review report outline and content to date • Recap plan for 2/14 meeting and process for constituency feedback 	Carol Kelly, Facilitator Working Group members
3:45	Closing and Adjourn	Gordon Smith, Chair

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