

What is the Opioid Advisory Commission?

The Opioid Advisory Commission (OAC) is a nonpartisan group of twelve (12) legislatively appointed members, currently representing subject matter expertise in the areas of substance use disorder treatment and overdose prevention, mental health care, recovery support, youth prevention, health, the criminal-legal system, and first responder work. The Director of the Department of Health and Human Services and the Administrator of the Legislative Council also serve as two (2) non-voting members of the OAC.

The OAC was established per Public Act 84 of 2022 (MCL 4.1851) and is a state-designated entity to advise Michigan's legislature on funding and policy related to services and supports for substance use disorders (SUD) and co-occurring mental health conditions—this includes **making recommendations for the use and management of state opioid settlement funds.**

The Opioid Advisory Commission is also charged with...

- Conducting a statewide evidence-based needs assessment.
- Examining strategies to reduce disparities in access to prevention, treatment, recovery, and harm reduction services.
- Establishing priorities to address substance use disorders and co-occurring mental health conditions, for the purpose of recommending funding.
- Reviewing local, state, and federal initiatives and activities related to education, prevention, treatment, and services for individuals and families affected by substance use disorders and co-occurring mental health conditions.
- Performing an evidence-based assessment on the use of state opioid settlement funds, including the extent to which such expenditures abated Michigan's opioid crisis.

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