



*DELAWARE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES*  
Division of Substance Abuse & Mental Health

# PRESCRIPTION OPIOID IMPACT FUND

## *RECOMMENDATIONS*

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# OVERVIEW



The Prescription Opioid Impact Fund (POIF) was established through legislation crafted by Senator Stephanie Hansen and Representative David Bentz and signed by Governor John Carney in 2019.

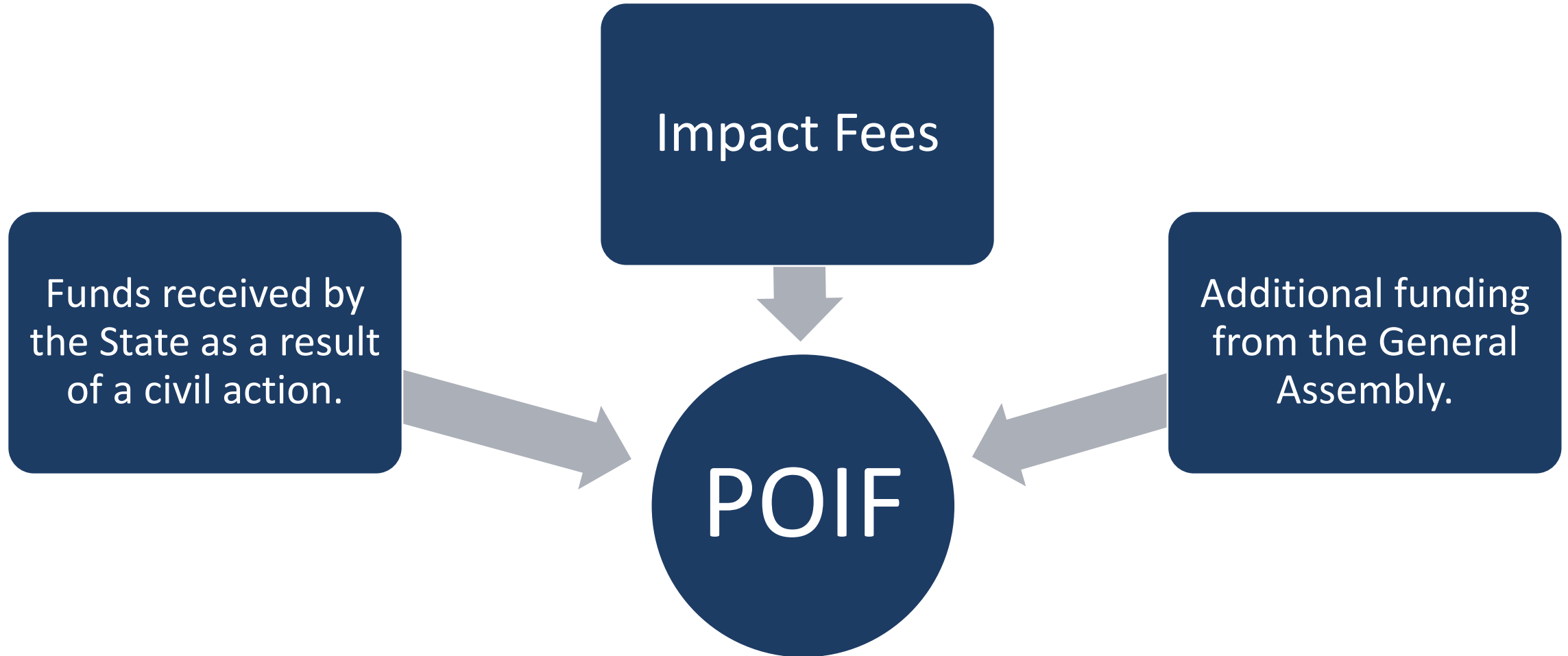
Delaware Code Title 16 Chapter 48B requires drug makers responsible for the state's opioid crisis to help pay for additional research and addiction treatment options in Delaware. Those initiatives would be funded by an opioid impact fee, a small levy assessed on pharmaceutical manufacturers based on the strength of the opioids they sell in Delaware.



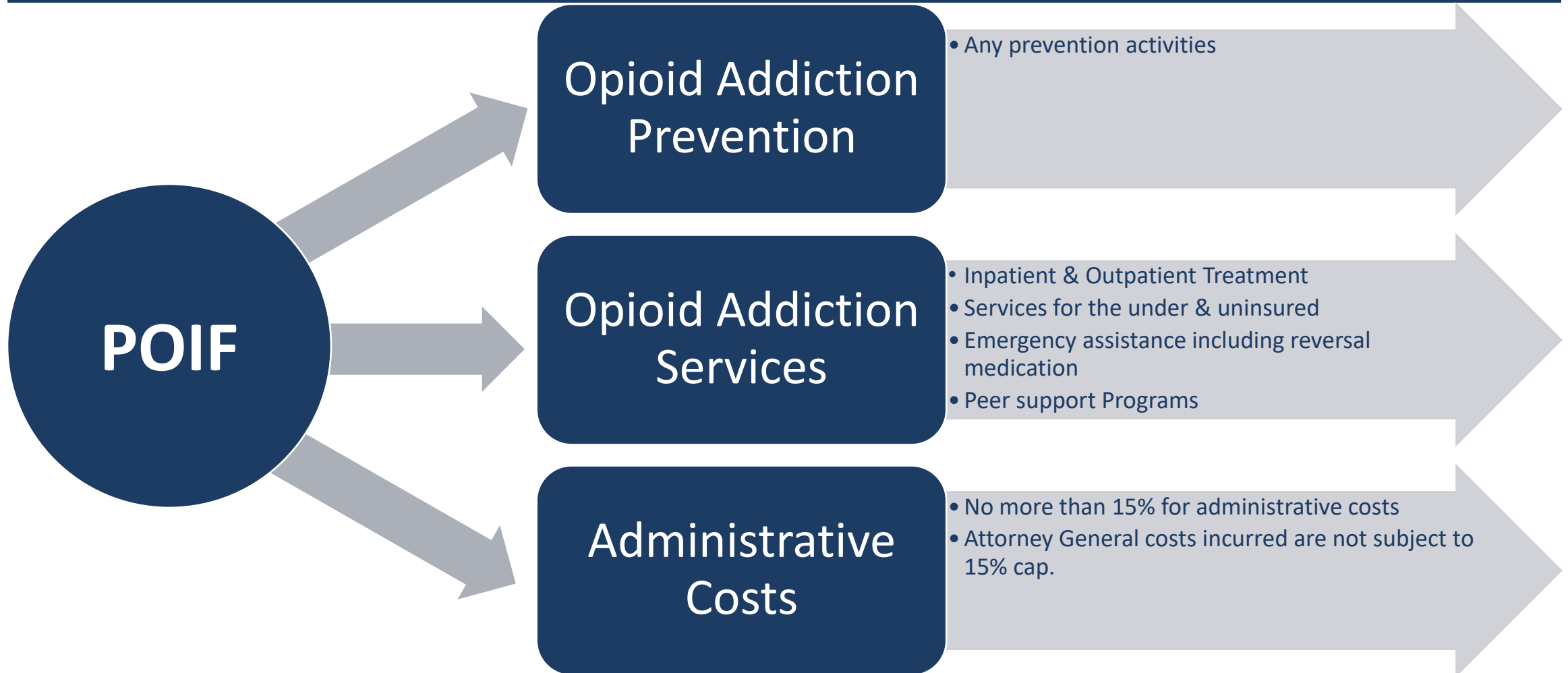
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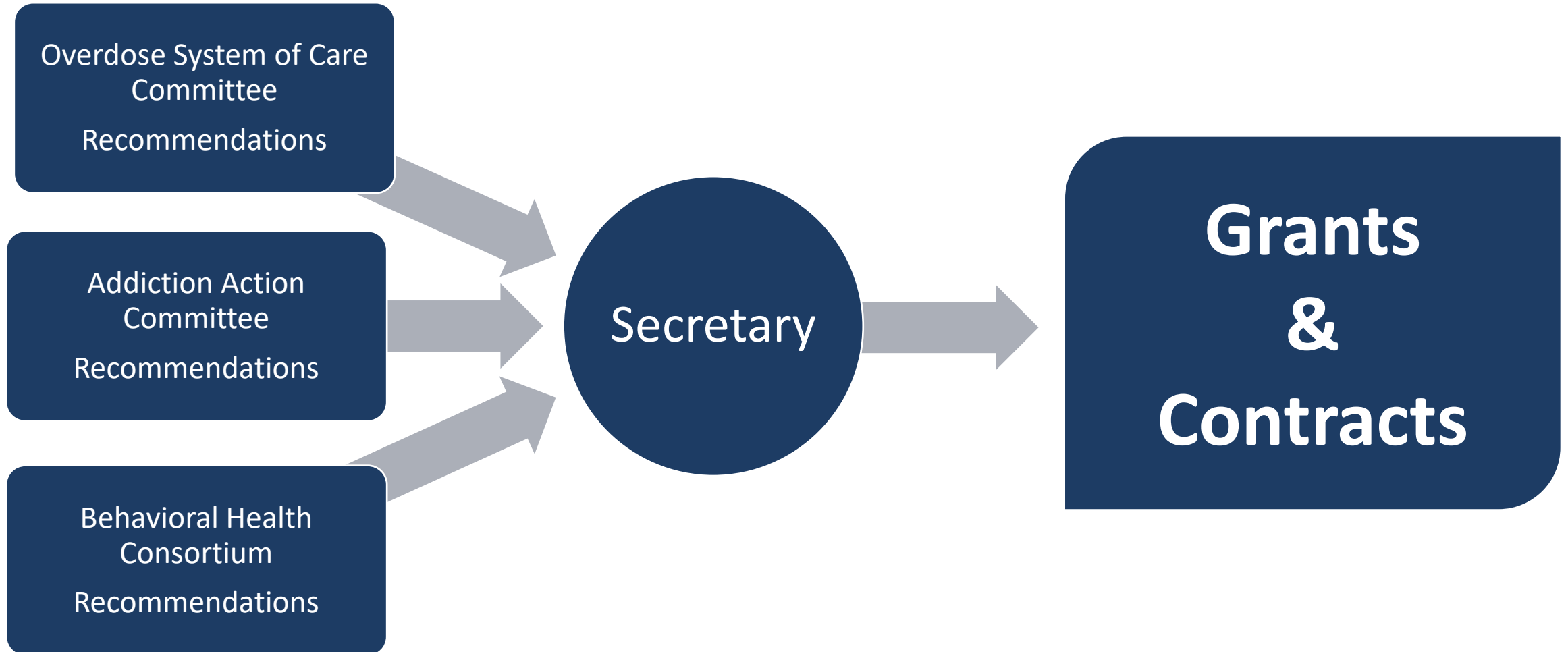
# FUNDING SOURCES



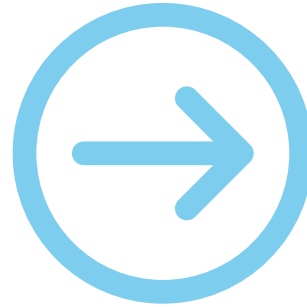
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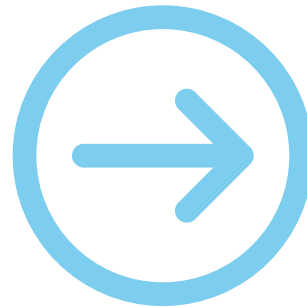
# DISTRIBUTION PROCESS



# ADDICTION ACTION COMMITTEE



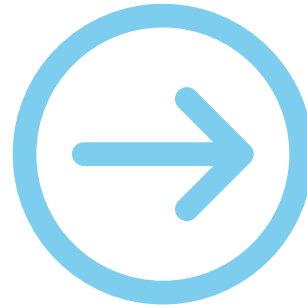
Public-private partnership started by the Delaware Division of Public Health and the Medical Society of Delaware to bring together multiple stakeholders to address the prescription drug abuse problem in Delaware



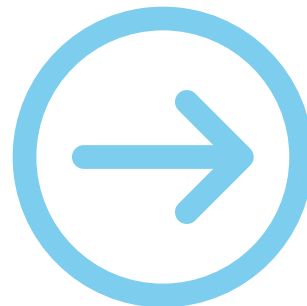
Works to implement a statewide integrated plan to address the addiction crisis



# BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM



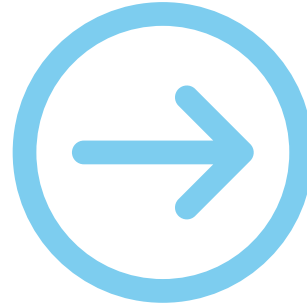
Addressing a plan of action for prevention, treatment, and recovery of mental health, substance abuse, and co-occurring disorders



Long-term and short-term strategies address major challenges



# OVERDOSE SYSTEM OF CARE COMMITTEE



The Overdose System of Care ensures that a patient receives the same quality of care no matter where in the state they enter the system.



The Committee assists in the oversight of the overdose system of care and provide recommendations for its implementation and maintenance.





# FUNDING RECOMENDATIONS



## Harm Reduction

- Purchasing additional Naloxone.
- Revising Materials to Include Nasal Spray



## Crisis

- Stabilization and withdrawal management pilot.
- Relaunching integrated crisis model in each county.



## Quality Treatment

- Purchasing additional lockboxes for medication.
- Providing clients with equipment and services necessary for telehealth.
- Assisting providers in purchasing HIPAA compliant software.
- Retention payments for providers.



## Social Determinants

- Funding assistance for those with SUD:
  - Childcare
  - Food
  - Housing
  - Transportation
  - Employment
  - Education
  - Training



## Special Populations

- Focused outreach efforts to individuals with SUD:
  - Criminally justice involved
  - Youth in transition
  - IDD community
  - Single parents
  - Communities of color

