



Georgia Opioid Settlement Advisory Commission

Meeting Summary

Thursday, November 14, 2024, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Hybrid Meeting)

200 Piedmont Avenue, S.E. West Tower, 5th Floor, Board Room 512

Atlanta, GA 30334

Chairman Evan Meyers called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. The hybrid meeting was held at 200 Piedmont Avenue, S.E. West Tower, 5th Floor, Board Room 512 Atlanta, GA 30334 and online via Webex; the following GOSAC members participated:

Commission members attended in person: Chairman Evan Meyers (*Office of the Governor*), Sheriff Gary Sisk (*Catoosa County*), Grant Thomas (*DCH*), Clay Davis (*Spalding County BOC*), Mayor Ed Reynolds (*Bainbridge, GA*), David Kidd (*Georgia Association of Community Service Boards*), Mayor Betty Cason (*Carrollton, GA*; arrived during the consideration of state applications)

Commission members attended via WebEx: Cassandra Price (*DBHDD*), Dr. Chris Rustin (*DPH*).

DBHDD Staff in Attendance: Holly Lynde (*GOCAT Executive Director*), Melissa Malcom (*Opioid Litigation Attorney*), Taylor Peyton (*Opioid Liaison*)

Chairman Evan Meyers welcomed each of the members to the meeting and asked the members to introduce themselves. Chairman Evan Meyers then provided an update regarding the application, the initial review and scoring processes that were performed by the six (6) Regional Advisory Councils (RACs), the Interagency Work Group (IWG), and staff of the Georgia Opioid Abatement Trust (GOCAT).

Chairman Evan Meyers then introduced Holly Lynde, Executive Director for GOCAT.

Chairman Evan Meyers invited Holly Lynde to present on the 25 Region 1 applications suggested for recommendation. The 25 Region 1 applications were recommended unanimously in the presented amount to Trustee Kevin Tanner. The applications recommended for approval from Region 1 are as follows.



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Region 1 Application Recommendations

Organization	Year 1	Year 2	Total Recommendation	Project Category
Brother's Place	\$274,000.00	\$-	\$274,000.00	Recovery
Cherokee Health Dept	\$83,868.00	\$-	\$83,868.00	Harm Reduction
Pickens County BOC	\$499,652.00	\$-	\$499,652.00	Treatment
The Blake Houses Inc.	\$60,000.00	\$-	\$60,000.00	Treatment
LMJC Accountability Courts	\$218,500.00	\$168,500.00	\$387,000.00	Treatment
Cherokee County Courts	\$86,731.00	\$85,231.00	\$171,962.00	Treatment
Forsyth County Government	\$242,505.00	\$233,980.00	\$476,485.00	Prevention
Whitfield County Recovery Community Foundation of Forsyth Inc.	\$110,130.00	\$-	\$110,130.00	Recovery
Paulding County RCO	\$265,778.98	\$-	\$265,778.98	Recovery
Bartow County Government	\$358,500.00	\$-	\$358,500.00	Recovery
Douglas County BOC	\$28,127.00	\$-	\$28,127.00	Harm Reduction
Rising Sun Recovery	\$270,819.00	\$-	\$270,819.00	Treatment
Youth Centric, Inc	\$257,218.00	\$217,218.00	\$474,436.00	Recovery
Avita Community Partners	\$164,115.00	\$164,115.00	\$328,230.00	Prevention
	\$345,856.00	\$-	\$345,856.00	Treatment



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Good Samaritan Health & Wellness	\$152,127.00	\$152,127.00	\$304,254.00	Treatment
Living Proof Recovery	\$252,500.00	\$-	\$252,500.00	Recovery
The Never Alone Clubhouse	\$345,430.00	\$-	\$345,430.00	Harm Reduction
No Longer Bound	\$131,000.00	\$131,000.00	\$262,000.00	Treatment
Georgia Harm Reduction	\$200,000.00	\$-	\$200,000.00	Treatment
Self-discovery 24hr Inc	\$135,515.94	\$135,515.94	\$271,031.88	Recovery
Treatment Services - Hall County	\$88,800.00	\$85,376.00	\$174,176.00	Treatment
Hall County Treatment Services	\$20,000.00	\$-	\$20,000.00	Other - Training
Dawson County Treatment Court	\$12,950.00	\$12,950.00	\$25,900.00	Other - Training
District II Public Health	\$169,800.00	\$80,035.00	\$249,835.00	Prevention

Chairman Evan Meyers invited Holly Lynde to present on the 12 Region 2 applications suggested for recommendation. The 12 Region 2 applications were recommended unanimously in the presented amount to Trustee Kevin Tanner. The applications recommended for approval from Region 2 are as follows.



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Region 2 Application Recommendations

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Divas Who Win Freedom Center Inc	\$221,350.00	\$118,175.00	\$339,525.00	Recovery
Jefferson County Ships for Youth	\$33,700.00	\$-	\$33,700.00	Treatment
Life in Recovery	\$247,499.56	\$247,499.00	\$494,998.56	Recovery
Walton Empowers, Inc	\$315,061.00	\$-	\$315,061.00	Recovery
Macon Recovers	\$95,396.00	\$-	\$95,396.00	Harm Reduction
Reboot Jackson	\$173,828.00	\$173,828.00	\$347,656.00	Recovery
People Living in Recovery	\$320,684.00	\$-	\$320,684.00	Recovery
Advantage Behavioral Health Systems	\$787,501.00	\$-	\$787,501.00	Treatment
Macon Judicial Circuit Accountability Courts	\$58,500.00	\$58,500.00	\$117,000.00	Treatment
Family Connections of Hancock County	\$71,120.00	\$-	\$71,120.00	Prevention
Medicine Wheel Clinic- Winder Inc	\$249,963.54	\$249,963.54	\$499,927.08	Treatment
Nygil M. Cullins Recovery Housing and Community Center	\$225,750.00	\$225,750.00	\$451,500.00	Recovery



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Chairman Evan Meyers invited Holly Lynde to present on the 4 Region 3 applications suggested for recommendation. The 4 Region 3 applications were recommended unanimously in the presented amount to Trustee Kevin Tanner. The applications recommended for approval from Region 3 are as follows.

Region 3 Application Recommendations

Organization	Year 1	Year 2	Total Recommendation	Project Category
Decatur Prevention Initiative	\$76,690.00	\$76,690.00	\$153,380.00	Prevention
Gwinnett County Board of Health dba GNR Public Health	\$98,400.00	\$98,400.00	\$196,800.00	Harm Reduction
View Point Health	\$397,430.00	\$263,771.00	\$661,201.00	Recovery
Positive Transition Services	\$162,500.00	\$162,500.00	\$325,000.00	Recovery

Chairman Evan Meyers invited Holly Lynde to present on the 5 Region 4 applications suggested for recommendation. The 5 Region 4 applications were recommended unanimously in the presented amount to Trustee Kevin Tanner. The applications recommended for approval from Region 4 are as follows.

Region 4 Application Recommendations

Organization	Year 1	Year 2	Total Recommendation	Project Category
Georgia Pines Community Service Board	\$291,465.86	\$-	\$291,465.86	Treatment
Cook County Family Connection Inc.	\$93,587.49	\$-	\$93,587.49	Prevention



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BHG Tifton Treatment Center	\$149,144.98	\$149,144.98	\$298,289.96	Treatment
Albany Area CSB	\$231,447.69	\$231,447.69	\$462,895.38	Recovery
BHG Albany Treatment Center	\$149,144.98	\$149,144.98	\$298,289.96	Treatment

Chairman Evan Meyers invited Holly Lynde to present on the 20 Region 5 applications suggested for recommendation. The 20 Region 5 applications were recommended unanimously in the presented amount to Trustee Kevin Tanner. The applications recommended for approval from Region 5 are as follows.

Region 5 Application Recommendations

Organization	Year 1	Year 2	Total Recommendation	Project Category
Bulloch Alcohol and Drug Council	\$226,734.00	\$340,101.00	\$566,835.00	Prevention
Glynn County Board of Commissioners	\$203,183.00	\$203,183.00	\$406,366.00	Treatment
Coastal Health District	\$163,102.00	\$-	\$163,102.00	Prevention
Mary Lou Fraser Foundation for Families, Inc	\$82,200.00	\$82,200.00	\$164,400.00	Prevention
Pineland BHDD	\$77,082.00	\$-	\$77,082.00	Treatment
Southern Healthcare Collaboration	\$56,000.00	\$-	\$56,000.00	Treatment
Unison Behavioral Health	\$402,163.00	\$402,163.00	\$804,326.00	Recovery
Clinch Memorial Hospital	\$338,208.00	\$-	\$338,208.00	Treatment
Bethesda Recovery	\$63,000.00	\$63,000.00	\$126,000.00	Treatment



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Augusta Addiction Associates, LLC MedMark Treatment Centers Savannah	\$38,500.00	\$38,500.00	\$77,000.00	Treatment
Shane's Crib	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$300,000.00	Recovery
Recovery Place Community Services	\$203,689.00	\$203,689.00	\$407,378.00	Treatment
CSBMG	\$91,000.00	\$-	\$91,000.00	Harm Reduction
Georgia Southern University Foundation, Inc.	\$55,598.00	\$55,598.00	\$111,196.00	Recovery
Freedom Through Recovery	\$122,372.00	\$122,372.00	\$244,744.00	Recovery
Gardens of Hope Recovery Community Organization	\$176,120.00	\$101,120.00	\$277,240.00	Recovery
Clinch Memorial Hospital - Harm Reduction	\$5,025.00	\$-	\$5,025.00	Harm Reduction
Clinch Memorial Hospital - Training	\$5,000.00	\$-	\$5,000.00	Other - Training
Toombs County Prevention Treatment & Recovery INC	\$140,000.00	\$-	\$140,000.00	Treatment
Clinch Memorial Hospital - Prevention	\$11,500.00	\$-	\$11,500.00	Prevention



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Chairman Evan Meyers invited Holly Lynde to present on the 14 Region 6 applications suggested for recommendation. The 14 Region 6 applications were recommended unanimously in the presented amount to Trustee Kevin Tanner. The applications recommended for approval from Region 6 are as follows.

Region 6 Application Recommendations

Organization	Year 1	Year 2	Total Recommendation	Project Category
Coweta FORCE	\$313,710.00	\$-	\$313,710.00	Recovery
Andrew College	\$209,216.67	\$144,933.33	\$354,150.00	Prevention
Carroll County Mental Health Court	\$106,958.30	\$106,958.30	\$213,916.60	Recovery
BHG Jackson Georgia Treatment Center	\$160,545.00	\$160,545.00	\$321,090.00	Treatment
Pathways Center CSB	\$240,442.04	\$258,597.93	\$499,039.97	Treatment
Fayette FACTOR	\$167,400.00	\$272,400.00	\$439,800.00	Recovery
Beyond Your Ordinary Treatment Center	\$212,072.27	\$212,072.27	\$424,144.54	Recovery
Columbus Addiction Associates LLC DBA MedMark Treatment Centers Columbus North	\$153,999.35	\$153,999.35	\$307,998.70	Treatment
Bright Star Healthcare Group	\$493,320.00	\$-	\$493,320.00	Treatment
New Horizons Behavioral Health	\$72,730.00	\$71,830.00	\$144,560.00	Harm Reduction



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Middle Flint Health & Wellness	\$454,128.76	\$-	\$454,128.76	Treatment
Nick's New Beginnings	\$31,849.00	\$45,164.00	\$77,013.00	Recovery
Nick's New Beginnings	\$7,600.00	\$-	\$7,600.00	Prevention
Nick's New Beginnings	\$10,350.00	\$10,350.00	\$20,700.00	Recovery

Chairman Evan Meyers invited Holly Lynde to present on the 50 State applications suggested for recommendation. The 50 State applications were recommended unanimously in the presented amount to Trustee Kevin Tanner. The applications recommended for approval for State projects are as follows.

State Application Recommendations

Organization	Year 1	Year 2	Total Recommendation	Project Category
Palm House Recovery Centers Inc.	\$26,000.00	\$26,000.00	\$52,000.00	Recovery
Carelink of Georgia Inc.	\$2,971,920.00	\$-	\$2,971,920.00	Treatment
Wellroot Family Services	\$1,036,152.00	\$447,156.77	\$1,483,308.77	Prevention
Resilient Georgia	\$465,190.32	\$468,790.32	\$933,980.64	Prevention
Georgia Sheriff's Association	\$208,000.00	\$208,000.00	\$416,000.00	Prevention
Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation	\$674,823.00	\$674,823.00	\$1,349,646.00	Other - Training



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University of Georgia Research Foundation	\$591,451.50	\$591,451.50	\$1,182,903.00	Research & Evaluation
Alliance Recovery Center	\$748,200.00	\$748,200.00	\$1,496,400.00	Recovery
Georgia State University Research Foundation	\$490,787.00	\$489,213.00	\$980,000.00	Other - Training
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council	\$1,653,432.00	\$1,653,432.00	\$3,306,864.00	Treatment
Voices for Georgia's Children	\$181,674.89	\$181,674.89	\$363,349.77	Research & Evaluation
Georgia State University	\$193,248.00	\$186,008.00	\$379,256.00	Prevention
The Extension Inc.	\$1,997,189.00	\$1,984,335.00	\$3,981,524.00	Treatment
Motherhood Beyond Bars	\$222,405.48	\$226,780.00	\$449,185.48	Treatment
CMG Media Group	\$1,343,065.00	\$-	\$1,343,065.00	Prevention
Kennesaw State Research and Service Foundation	\$630,526.00	\$630,526.00	\$1,261,052.00	Other - Training
Creative Connections	\$94,250.00	\$94,250.00	\$188,500.00	Prevention
Institute for Health Logistics & Analytics at GSURSF	\$1,101,891.26	\$1,101,891.26	\$2,203,782.52	Other - First Responders



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North Central Health District DBA Houston County Board of Health	\$296,787.86	\$202,950.00	\$499,737.86	Harm Reduction
Georgia Council for Recovery	\$250,000.00	\$-	\$250,000.00	Prevention
The Sobriety Resource	\$250,000.00	\$-	\$250,000.00	Recovery
Ascensa Health Inc	\$499,763.96	\$-	\$499,763.96	Treatment
Acceptance Recovery Center	\$188,230.00	\$180,224.00	\$368,454.00	Recovery
Kennesaw State/KSURF	\$120,000.00	\$120,000.00	\$240,000.00	Prevention
Piedmont Circuit Specialty Courts	\$157,421.00	\$146,936.00	\$304,357.00	Research & Evaluation
Newport Integrated Behavioral Healthcare Inc.	\$607,402.00	\$607,402.00	\$1,214,804.00	Treatment
Grady Health System	\$102,412.50	\$102,412.50	\$204,825.00	Recovery
Grady Health System	\$50,000.00	\$-	\$50,000.00	Harm Reduction
Grady Health System	\$113,564.00	\$113,564.00	\$227,128.00	Prevention
Georgia Southern University Research and Service Foundation Inc.	\$159,533.67	\$159,533.67	\$319,067.34	Other - Training



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Recovery Connections Inc.	\$190,400.00	\$190,400.00	\$380,800.00	Treatment
Emory University	\$432,931.00	\$432,931.00	\$865,862.00	Recovery
Emory University	\$31,500.00	\$31,500.00	\$63,000.00	Harm Reduction
University of Georgia (employment)	\$138,210.50	\$138,210.50	\$276,421.00	Recovery
Emory Healthcare	\$2,205,572.00	\$2,205,572.00	\$4,411,144.00	Treatment
Georgia Southern University Research and Service Foundation Inc.	\$171,196.96	\$-	\$171,196.96	Research & Evaluation
Georgia Southern University Research and Service Foundation Inc.	\$118,628.50	\$60,749.12	\$179,377.62	Recovery
Gateway Community Service Board	\$249,850.00	\$249,850.00	\$499,700.00	Other - Training
Most High Ministries	\$398,185.47	\$-	\$398,185.47	Recovery
Imagine Hope Inc.	\$249,500.00	\$249,500.00	\$499,000.00	Harm Reduction
Georgia Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs Inc.	\$199,800.00	\$199,800.00	\$399,600.00	Prevention



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Wellstar Health System Inc.	\$1,016,871.00	\$-	\$1,016,871.00	Recovery
CDC Foundation	\$2,923,264.00	\$2,911,249.00	\$5,834,513.00	Prevention
Georgia Harm Reduction Coalition Inc.	\$410,000.00	\$-	\$410,000.00	Harm Reduction
Georgia Treatment Center LLC	\$1,609,125.00	\$1,609,125.00	\$3,218,250.00	Treatment
Breakthru House Inc.	\$105,600.00	\$-	\$105,600.00	Treatment
The Council on Alcohol and Drugs	\$1,212,469.00	\$-	\$1,212,469.00	Prevention
Georgia ADAPT	\$158,568.08	\$158,568.08	\$317,136.16	Recovery
CHRIS 180	\$192,966.35	\$-	\$192,966.35	Recovery
Georgia Athletic Coaches Association	\$499,868.00	\$-	\$499,868.00	Prevention

Chairman Evan Meyers invited Holly Lynde to present on the Funding Opportunity for Rotary International. The Funding Opportunity for Rotary International was approved unanimously.

Rotary International Recommendation

Organization	Year 1	Year 2	Total Recommendation	Project Category
Rotary International	\$500,000.00	\$-	\$500,000.00	Prevention, Education, Awareness



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Chairman Evan Meyers thanked each of the members for their attendance and adjourned the meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:42 p.m.