



Delaware Opioid Settlement Commission

Full Commission | Q3 Meeting
October 19 | 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM



Commission Members

1. Director Joanna Champney | Director, DSAMH | POSDC Chair
2. Dave Humes | Private Citizen | POSDC Vice Chair
3. Senator Stephanie Hansen, Esq. | State Senator, 10th District
4. Senator Bryant Richardson | State Senator, 21st District
5. Representative Michael Smith | State Representative, 22nd District
6. Representative Kendra Johnson | State Representative, 5th District
7. Kevin Sipple | County Administrator, Kent County
8. Todd Lawson | County Administrator, Sussex County
9. Kenneth Dunn | Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, New Castle County
10. Dr. Marc Richman | Psychologist
11. Rita Landgraf | Owner, Landgraf Consulting
12. Julia Lawes | Director, Drug Overdose Fatality Review Commission
13. Dr. Tammy Anderson | Professor, University of Delaware
14. Alexa Scoglietti | Chief Policy Advisor, DHSS
15. Christopher Coleman | City Manager, City of Milford

Meeting Agenda

- **Call to Order and Roll Call** | Brad Owens, Commission Director
- **Opening Remarks & Welcoming New Commission Members** | Joanna Champney, Commission Chair
- **Approval of Q2 Meeting Minutes** | Joanna Champney
- **Moment of Silence Honoring Former Senator Patricia Blevins** | Joanna Champney
- **Website Updates** | Brad Owens and AB&C Creative
- **Special Project Updates** | Brad Owens and Joanna Champney
 - TACT Consulting – Delaware Inpatient Treatment Needs Assessment
 - University of Delaware – Data Evaluation Project
- **Committee Updates** | Brad Owens
 - **Governance Committee** | Dave Humes, Committee Chair
 - **Ethics Policy:** Updated policy for Commission review and adoption (voting matter)
 - **DHSS Directed Spending Policy:** Draft policy for Commission review and adoption (voting matter)
 - **Public Outreach and Community Input Committee** | Julia Lawes and Committee Member
 - **Behavioral Health and Equity Committee** | Marc Richman and Rep. Kendra Johnson
 - **Budget & Reporting Committee** | Rita Landgraf and Daniel Arndt, DOSC Contract and Fiscal Coordinator
 - **Local Government Committee** | Todd Lawson
- **Local Government Grant Proposals** | Brad Owens (Voting Matter)
- **Round 4 Community Grant Proposals** | Brad Owens (Voting Matter)
- **Public Comment** | Open
- **Adjournment** | Joanna Champney

Moment of Silence Honoring Former Senator Patricia Blevins

Joanna Champney

Commission Member Updates

Welcome New Commission Members!



Dr. Marc Richman | Psychologist

- **Appointing Authority:** Governor Meyer
- **Role:** Representative of the Addiction Recovery System
- **Background:** Dr. Marc Richman brings over three decades of clinical expertise in behavioral health, correctional healthcare, and substance use treatment across local, state, and national systems. A Principal at Health Management Associates and former Delaware Deputy/Assistant Director, he specializes in expanding evidence-based addiction care for criminal justice-involved populations.



Christopher Coleman | City Manager, City of Milford, DE

- **Appointing Authority:** Governor Meyer via recommendations from the League of Local Governments
- **Role:** Municipal Government Representative (1-Year Annual Rotation)
- **Background:** Christopher Coleman is an ICMA Credentialed City Manager with over 30 years of public service experience across municipal leadership, finance, human resources, and community administration. Most recently serving as Town Administrator in Westwood, MA, he holds a B.S. in Business Administration and Accounting from Clarion University and serves on multiple municipal management associations.

Commission Member Updates

Commission Reappointments (2-year terms)

Dave Humes | Private Citizen

- **Appointing Authority:** Attorney General Kathleen Jennings
- **Role:** Public Representative / Overdose Prevention Advocate

Sen. Stephanie Hansen | State Senator, 10th District

- **Appointing Authority:** Senate President Pro Tem, David Sokola
- **Role:** Senate Majority Caucus Representative

Todd Lawson | County Administrator, Sussex County

- **Appointing Authority:** Sussex County Council
- **Role:** Sussex County Representative

Rep. Mike Smith | State Representative, 21st District

- **Appointing Authority:** House Speaker Melissa Minor-Brown
- **Role:** House Minority Caucus Representative

Rep. Kendra Johnson | State Representative, 5th District

- **Appointing Authority:** House Speaker Melissa Minor-Brown
- **Role:** House Majority Caucus Representative

Approval of Q2 Meeting Minutes

Joanna Champney, Commission Chair and DSAMH Director

Commission Website Updates

Brad Owens, Opioid Commission Director

Krissy McMahon, AB&C Creative

Special Project Update

Joanna Champney
on the Delaware SUD Treatment System of Care Assessment
by TACT Consulting

Special Project Update

**Brad Owens and Dr. Emalie Rell
on the Opioid Commission's Data Analysis Project
by the University of Delaware's Center for Drug and Health Studies**

Governance Committee Update

Dave Humes, Committee Chair

Policy Review and Approvals

Updated Ethics Policy (Commission Vote Required)

- **Overview:** Members of the Opioid Commission and its committees serve as honorary state officials subject to Delaware's State Employees', Officers' and Officials' Code of Conduct, requiring them to **liberally disclose potential conflicts of interest**, avoid actions that impair independent judgment or violate the public trust, and **recuse themselves from voting or participating** in matters in which they or close relatives have a personal, private, or financial interest.

Protocol for Reviewing and Approving Funding Requests Outside the Commission's Competitive Grant and Local Government Award Cycles (Commission Vote Required)

- **Funding Mechanism:** DHSS Directed Spending - Allowable Under 16 Del. C. § 5196B(a)(1)
- **Overview:** Establishes a standardized, multi-step process—requiring Commission member sponsorship, preliminary staff vetting, committee evaluation, and public quorum voting—for reviewing and approving non-competitive directed funding and contract requests for urgent or specialized opioid-abatement needs that cannot be addressed through standard grant cycles.

Public Outreach & Community Input Committee

Julia Lawes, Committee Chair

Opioid Impact Fee Fund Grant Program

Objective: To establish a community-guided grant program under the Opioid Impact Fee Fund (OIFF) that directly reflects the lived experiences, priorities, and insights of Delawareans most impacted by the opioid epidemic.

Program Design and Implementation Plan

- **Phase 1:** Community Listening Tour (July – Dec. 2026)
- **Phase 2:** Summarize data and identify priorities
- **Phase 3:** Develop grant program mechanics (Q1 2027)
- **Phase 4:** Launch OIFF Grant Program (2027)

Community Listening Tour Highlights

- **Progress:** 13 sessions completed
- **Goal:** 30 sessions by end of 2026 (*40% of target*)
- **Statewide Footprint:** Broad engagement spanning treatment programs, community groups, staff briefings, conferences, and faith-based organizations.



Behavioral Health Resources Committee & Equity Committee Updates

Dr. Marc Richman, Committee Chair, Behavioral Health Resources
Representative Kendra Johnson, Equity Committee Chair

Budget & Reporting Committee

Rita Landgraf, Committee Chair

Financial Snapshot

Budget Status 2026

Account/Appropriation	Available Funds
Settlement Fund	\$43,866,709.10
Settlement Admin Fund	\$1,566,576.78
Opioid Impact Fee Fund	\$6,177,049.91
Opioid Impact Fee Admin Fund	\$202,557.56

Grant Budget Recommendation 2027

Requires Commission Vote

Grant Details	Recommended Budget
Total Award	\$16,000,000
Community Grant – Round 5	\$12,750,000
Local Government Grant - 2027	\$2,250,000 + \$1,000,000

Local Government Committee

Todd Lawson, Committee Chair

Local Government Grants

Eligible Jurisdictions & Budget Allocations 2026

Jurisdiction	Amount Allocated	Amount Remaining
New Castle County	\$626,850.60	\$2,834.00
Kent County	\$518,507.90	\$0
Sussex County	\$479,641.50	\$0
Wilmington	\$441,065.40	\$101,722.40
Newark	\$252,602.30	\$0
Middletown	\$94,349.50	\$94,349.50
Dover	\$248,602.60	\$68,602.60
Smyrna	\$119,610.50	\$119,610.50
Milford	\$196,862.10	\$0
Seaford	\$271,907.70	\$0
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	\$3,250,000.00	\$2,862,881.00

Remaining funds to dedicate: \$387,119.00

Local Government Grants

Proposed Projects (Q3)

5 Projects | 3 Jurisdictions | Requires Commission Vote

Organization	Jurisdiction	Amount	Description	Recommendation
Delaware State Police	Kent County	\$44,900	To contract a Behavioral Health Coordinator to expand pre-arrest police diversion programs across local law enforcement agencies while providing specialized first-responder wellness and trauma training for DSP peer support personnel.	Meets requirements
Town of Middletown	Middletown	\$70,000	To construct a permanent, four-sided information kiosk in Town Square dedicated to publicizing substance use disorder, treatment, and recovery resources. Responding to Commission feedback, the revised budget and display space have been scaled back so that settlement funds exclusively cover the two-thirds portion of the kiosk dedicated to opioid abatement messaging.	Meets requirements
City of Wilmington Fire Department	Wilmington	\$61,160	To launch a post-overdose outreach program embedding a full-time Peer Recovery Specialist into its existing Partners in Care team. The initiative will provide rapid follow-up, harm reduction supplies, and direct treatment referrals for individuals who refuse hospital transportation following an overdose emergency.	Meets requirements
City of Wilmington Victim Services	Wilmington	\$41,983	To retain a part-time Victim Services Specialist position previously supported by expiring ARPA funds. Operating within the Victim Services Unit, the Specialist will conduct systematic report reviews and proactive outreach to connect victims of crime, trauma, and overdose loss with behavioral health and community recovery resources.	Meets requirements
City of Wilmington	Wilmington	\$63,000	To retain a contracted Opioid Grant and Performance Manager for 12 months. The position will establish centralized administrative oversight, monthly reporting protocols, and compliance monitoring across all of the City's settlement-funded abatement initiatives.	Meets requirements

Community Grant Program - Round 4

Round 4 Application Details

- **Application Open:** July 1, 2026
- **Application Deadline:** August 12, 2026
- **Commission Vote:** October 19, 2026
- **Contracting:** Approx. 90 days (January-February distribution)

Application Review Process

- **Standard:** Every application is scored by three reviewers
- **Application Review Team:** Approx. 35 individuals with varying backgrounds, expertise, lived experience, location, etc. All completed pre-review training and completed conflict of interest checks.
- **Debriefing Sessions:** 3 formal debriefing sessions
- **Cross-Agency Vetting:** Cross-checked applicants with several state agencies/partners

Round 4 Community Grant Applicants		
Grant Type	# of Applicants	Total Amount Requested
Micro Grant	18	\$180,000
Mini Grant	37	\$1,078,951
General	78	\$38,846,974.92
TOTAL	133	\$40,105,925.92

Public Comment

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Public Comment Guidelines

Please follow the following guidelines. Time will be kept and managed by Commission Director

- 3 minutes per speaker
- Comments should be respectful, relevant, and directed to the public body as a whole.
- The Chair may interrupt or conclude comments to maintain order or enforce time limits.
- Meetings are public and are recorded. Please avoid sharing confidential, medical, or treatment-related information.
- Individual cases or administrative matters will be referred to Commission staff for follow-up outside the meeting. Please provide contact information in the meeting chat or by emailing us from our public website if follow-up is needed.

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