



Oakland County Opioid Settlement Steering Committee

Meeting #15 | November 18, 2025

Meeting Summary

CJI Behavioral Health Resource Inventory Project Updates

The steering committee received an update on the CJI Behavioral Health Resource Inventory Project, a settlement-funded initiative that originated from needs identified by the steering committee to centralize behavioral health resources and strengthen community coordination. Project activities, including interviews and focus groups, are underway to gather information from a wide array of stakeholders. The project team conducted on-site visits this month and the month prior as part of these activities. The purpose of the project is to identify gaps, overlaps, and opportunities in behavioral health resources, with themes from the findings expected to inform recommendations and future steering committee priorities.

End of Year Recap

The committee reviewed overarching year-to-date trends and activities for 2025. Fatal overdoses have remained relatively stable, while EMS responses to non-fatal overdoses have decreased. Demographic trends show continued racial disparities and an increase in median age among overdose decedents. Substance trends indicate some changes in prevalence, with decreases in cocaine and fentanyl presence among fatal overdoses, and differences emerging across populations. OFR-related activities included harm reduction outreach, next-of-kin interviews, development of diversion programming, recovery-friendly workforce initiatives, and efforts to improve coordination and communication across SUD services.

Steering Committee Accomplishments

The committee reflected on key achievements from the past year, including the development of strategic priorities, release and compilation of RFIs, and identification of initial funding areas. These accomplishments provide a foundation for continued progress in 2026.

Next Steps

The steering committee will move to quarterly full group meetings in 2026, combined with targeted subcommittee work and regular updates between meetings. Phase one findings from the CJI Behavioral Health Resource Inventory Project will guide the committee's activities next year. The committee will continue to elevate messaging on behavioral health progress and key trends as the year closes.