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The Coalition to Stop Opioid Overdose Welcomes New Member *The American Psychological Association Joins the Fight to Stop Opioid Overdose*

Rockville, MD (April 3, 2018) – The Coalition to Stop Opioid Overdose (CSOO) is pleased to welcome the American Psychological Association (APA) as the newest member of the coalition. APA is the largest national presence advocating for psychology in the United States, and has over 115,700 researchers, educators, clinicians, consultants and students as its members. APA engages with policymakers on a broad range of issues relating to psychology and advocates for policies that promote physical and mental health. In addition, APA educates policymakers on the science of addiction, and advocates for increased funding for research to better understand its antecedents and treatment.

“Understanding the neurobiological and psychosocial aspects of addiction is critical to create policies that are informed and rooted in science. The American Psychological Association is one of the foremost advocates in this field, and we welcome them to the Coalition to Stop Opioid Overdose,” said Corey Waller, Chair of the American Society of Addiction Medicine. “We look forward to working with APA to reduce stigma of addiction, and effect policies that will reduce overdose deaths and increase access to quality addiction treatment.”

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About the Coalition to Stop Opioid Overdose

The Coalition to Stop Opioid Overdose is a coalition of local, regional and national groups that are committed to advancing meaningful legislative and regulatory policies in response to the opioid epidemic. The Coalition seeks to address the U.S. opioid epidemic by engaging policy makers, public health leaders, chronic pain and addiction specialists, individuals in and seeking recovery and family members, so that legislation and policies get the support and funding needed.