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The Coalition to Stop Opioid Overdose Welcomes New Members

Faces & Voices of Recovery and the Association of Recovery Community Organizations Join the Fight to Stop Opioid Overdose

Rockville, MD (May 16, 2019) – The Coalition to Stop Opioid Overdose (CSOO) is pleased to welcome Faces & Voices of Recovery and the Association of Recovery Community Organizations (ARCO) as the newest members of the coalition. Founded in 2001, Faces & Voices of Recovery works to mobilize the over 23 million Americans in recovery from addiction, their friends, and loved ones into recovery community organizations and networks to provide resources and support for those seeking or in recovery. Faces & Voices of Recovery works to organize the recovery community to promote the understanding that long-term recovery can be achieved, build the capacity of recovery organizations to deliver peer support services, and advocate for policies to reduce discrimination against people in recovery and increase access to recovery support services.

The Association of Recovery Community Organizations (ARCO) at Faces & Voices of Recovery brings together over one hundred established, new, and emerging recovery community organizations (RCOs) nationwide to build a unified voice of the organized recovery community. ARCO links RCOs and their leaders with local and national allies and provides training and technical assistance to support the development of new groups and strengthen existing ones.

“I am excited to welcome Faces & Voices of Recovery and the Association of Recovery Community Organizations to the coalition,” said Shawn Ryan, MD, Chair of the American Society of Addiction Medicine’s (ASAM) Legislative Advocacy Committee. “Faces & Voices and ARCO have been outspoken in raising awareness about substance use disorder and in promoting long-term recovery as a reality for people with addiction. Together, they help bridge the gap between addiction treatment and building healthy and successful lives in long-term recovery. We look forward to working with them to challenge the stigma and discrimination associated with addiction and advocate for policies that will expand access to addiction treatment and recovery support services.”

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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 overdose epidemic. The Coalition seeks to address the U.S. opioid overdose 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.