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## **The Coalition to Stop Opioid Overdose Welcomes New Member** *Live4Lali Joins the Fight to Stop Opioid Overdose*

Rockville, MD (May 20, 2020) – The Coalition to Stop Opioid Overdose (CSOO) welcomes Live4Lali as a new member of the coalition. Live4Lali works to reduce stigma and prevent substance use disorder (SUD) among individuals, families, and communities, and minimize the overall health, legal and social harms associated with substance use. In pursuit of this goal, it offers a wide range of services and programs to those effected by SUD, including overdose prevention and naloxone trainings, peer support services, substance related grief support, and harm reduction outreach, among other programs. It supports these programs with a well-rounded legislative advocacy approach that focuses on SUD treatment, harm reduction strategies, and drug policy reform by amplifying the needs, voices, and experiences of impacted individuals, families, and communities.

“We are excited to welcome Live4Lali as the newest member of the coalition,” said Dr. Shawn Ryan, Chair of the American Society of Addiction Medicine’s (ASAM) Legislative Advocacy Committee. “Live4Lali’s advocacy, education, and harm reduction efforts have improved communities and saved lives. I look forward to working with them as we advance policies that will help our country turn the corner on the addiction and mental health crisis.”

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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.