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The Coalition to Stop Opioid Overdose Welcomes New Member *The Student Coalition on Addiction Joins the Fight to Stop Opioid Overdose*

Rockville, MD (February 14, 2019) – The Coalition to Stop Opioid Overdose (CSOO) is pleased to announce the Student Coalition on Addiction (SCA) as a new member of the coalition. SCA is a group of healthcare students from Boston University, Harvard University, Tufts University, and University of Massachusetts working to advocate for policies to improve the health of those with and at risk for substance use disorder. SCA engages with the healthcare community, government, and the general public to educate them on issues effecting marginalized communities with or at risk of developing substance use disorder including on the stigma associated with substance use, proper clinical management of substance use disorder, and the need to increase access to treatment.

“We are thrilled to have the Student Coalition on Addiction join the Coalition to Stop Opioid Overdose,” said Dr. Corey Waller, Chair of the American Society of Addiction Medicine’s (ASAM) Legislative Advocacy Committee. “The opioid overdose crisis will not be solved overnight. It is up to the next generation of physicians and other practitioners to see the policies we enact today carried out in the future in order to make the systemic change needed to turn the tide of this crisis. We are thrilled to have SCA’s voice as a part of the coalition and look forward to working with them.”

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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.