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

Rockville, MD (April 24, 2019) – The Coalition to Stop Opioid Overdose (CSOO) is pleased to welcome SMART Recovery to the coalition. Founded in 1994, SMART Recovery is the world’s largest community of mutual support group meetings that uses science and self-empowerment to help people overcome addiction. SMART Recovery facilitates more than 3,000 weekly meetings in 23 countries around the world. In addition, SMART Recovery holds online meetings and offers 24/7 online support services.

“SMART Recovery provides self-management and recovery training to people with addiction in the US and worldwide, and we are thrilled to welcome them to the coalition,” said Dr. Corey Waller, Chair of the American Society of Addiction Medicine’s (ASAM) Legislative Advocacy Committee. “We look forward to working with SMART Recovery to challenge the stigma and discrimination associated with addiction and effect policies that will expand access to addiction treatment and 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.