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The Coalition to Stop Opioid Overdose Welcomes New Member *AIDS United Joins the Fight to Stop Opioid Overdose*

Rockville, MD (June 3, 2019) – The Coalition to Stop Opioid Overdose (CSOO) welcomes AIDS United as a new member of the coalition. AIDS United's mission is to end the AIDS epidemic in the United States, which it aims to achieve by supporting community-driven responses to the HIV epidemic around the country that reach the nation's most disproportionately affected populations, including gay and bisexual men, communities of color, transgender individuals, cisgender women, and people living in the deep South. To this end, AIDS United provides grants to help support hundreds of programs across the US focused on a variety of issues critical to end the HIV crisis, including syringe access, access to care, capacity building, HIV prevention, and advocacy. AIDS United also provides technical assistance to assist community-based organizations build skills and capacity. Through their Public Policy Council, a group of 50 HIV-focused organizations, AIDS United advocates for national and local policies that would further their mission and improve the lives of people with or affected by HIV.

"We are thrilled to welcome AIDS United as the newest member of the coalition," said Dr. Shawn Ryan, Chair of the American Society of Addiction Medicine's (ASAM) Legislative Advocacy Committee. "The transmission of infectious diseases such as HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis are huge public health problems. I look forward to collaborating with AIDS United as we work to advance policies that will empower people, increase access to addiction treatment and other critical healthcare services, and end the twin epidemics of opioid overdose and HIV in the US."

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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.