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The Coalition to Stop Opioid Overdose Welcomes New Member

San Francisco AIDS Foundation Joins the Fight to Stop Opioid Overdose

Rockville, MD (January 9, 2020) – The Coalition to Stop Opioid Overdose (CSOO) welcomes San Francisco AIDS Foundation (SFAF) as a new member of the coalition. Established in 1982, SFAF envisions a future where health justice is achieved for all people living with HIV. SFAF promotes health, wellness, and social justice for the communities most impacted by HIV through sexual health and substance use services, advocacy, and community partnerships. In addition to its work providing HIV, hepatitis C and STI prevention and treatment services, SFAF provides substance use services, syringe access, and overdose prevention efforts, including working towards establishing safer injection sites. More than 25,000 people rely on its programs and millions more access advocacy tools and information online.

"We are excited to welcome San Francisco AIDS Foundation as the newest member of the coalition," said Dr. Shawn Ryan, Chair of the American Society of Addiction Medicine's (ASAM) Legislative Advocacy Committee. "SFAF's work to spread access to sexual health and substance use services in the San Francisco area has made a lasting impact on the public health of that area. I look forward to working with a group that continues to pioneer innovative solutions to the various health challenges related to HIV/AIDS."

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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.