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COVID-19
All COVID-19 Public Health decisions must be made in collaboration with the recovery community and must show concern for those struggling with and those in recovery from Substance Use Disorder. Policies must reflect those needs.

RACIAL JUSTICE
The Recovery Community is committed to ensuring that “Nothing About Us Without Us” is inclusive of black, Indigenous and people of color and our policy initiatives must reflect this.

HOW THIS MAY LOOK IN YOUR LOCAL AREA

COVID-19
COVID-19: Person in recovery speaks to how COVID-19 has impacted their recovery experience.

RACIAL JUSTICE
Person in recovery who is also a person of color speaks how they have been impacted by the “double stigma”.
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PRIORITY #1: HOUSING
- Housing provided along a continuum.
- Funding directed at housing for individuals in recovery from Substance Use Disorders.
- Certification of recovery homes. Housing that promotes integrity, ensures quality improvement, upholds residents’ rights, is recovery-oriented, and is conducive to well-being.
- Affording individuals in early recovery a safe, supportive living environment.
- Allocating resources which create a variety of recovery residences statewide which will include and embrace those receiving Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) to support their recovery in-order to meet a rapidly increasing demand.

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Person in recovery who has benefited from recovery housing and expresses the need for more, safe options with access to Medication Assisted Treatment.
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PRIORITY #2: PERSONALIZED TREATMENT & RECOVERY SUPPORT SERVICES ON DEMAND

- Treatment and Recovery support services on demand and connection to local recovery communities after overdose
- Anyone in need must have 24/7 access to detox, treatment and recovery support services.
- A permanent and comprehensive addiction wraparound services program.
- Assessment, treatment referrals and warm handoffs to recovery support services must be made immediately available to help save lives.
- MAT and Harm Reduction as chosen pathways to recovery.
- Improved outcomes for those in treatment and recovery with a history of criminal justice involvement and improved treatment of those currently involved in the criminal justice system.
- Trauma informed recovery services and evidence-based treatment

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Family member speaks to their experience getting personalized treatment for their son or daughter and how that needs improvement
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PRIORITY #3: RECOVERY ORIENTED SYSTEMS OF CARE

- Create a permanent funding model to ensure at least one Recovery Community Organization (RCO), Recovery Community Outreach Center (RCOC) and Youth Clubhouse in each county and ensure that at least two Certified Recovery Peer Advocates and two Certified Family Support Navigators exist in every county in NYS. $62 Million is needed to fund this priority.
- Make peers available in more settings and ensure private insurance companies reimburse for peer services
- Hope in Recovery Campaign

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Representative from local RCO could speak to the need for more peers, recovery centers, and youth clubhouses in the community
PRIORITY #4: TRANSPORTATION

- The expansion of a transportation work group and a funded pilot project to address this concern in a high priority area to be identified by recovery stakeholders.

Person in recovery can speak to how accessible transportation is so necessary in recovery.
PRIORITY #5: INCREASE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- Lawsuit funding distribution must support prevention, treatment harm reduction and recovery and recovery community MUST be at the table.

Person in recovery can speak to how more funding is needed to support these policy initiatives and how the recovery community must be at the table in making funding decisions.