

# SUD Intake, Screening, and Assessments (SUDISA) Work Group

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December 4, 2023

Kick-Off Meeting

# Background

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2021:

- ❖ State Supreme Court State v. Blake decision



2021



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2021:

- ❖ State Supreme Court State v. Blake decision
- ❖ Passage of ESB 5476
  - ❖ HCA directed to convene the Substance Use Recovery Services Advisory Committee
  - ❖ HCA directed to consult with the SURSAC to write the Substance Use Recovery Services Plan outlining recommendations to improve SUD and co-occurring mental health outreach, treatment, and recovery support services



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2022:

- ❖ SURSAC meets monthly with HCA
- ❖ SURSAC subcommittees meet twice monthly from May-Sept
- ❖ Treatment subcommittee submits recommendation to create work group to address SUD assessments barriers & challenges



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2022

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2023:

- ❖ Legislature passes 2E2SSB 5536
- ❖ Section 36 directs HCA to establish a work group dedicated to providing recommendations to streamline SUD Intake, Screening, and Assessments



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## **Part XII - Streamlining Substance Use Disorder Treatment Assessments**

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 36.** A new section is added to chapter 71.24 RCW to read as follows:

(1) The authority shall convene a work group to recommend changes to systems, policies, and processes related to intake, screening, and assessment for substance use disorder services, with the goal to broaden the workforce capable of administering substance use disorder assessments and to make the assessment process as brief as possible, including only what is necessary to manage utilization and initiate care. The assessment shall be low barrier, person-centered, and amenable to administration in diverse health care settings and by a range of health care professionals. The assessment shall consider the person's self-identified needs and preferences when evaluating direction of treatment and may include different components based on the setting, context, and past experience with the client.

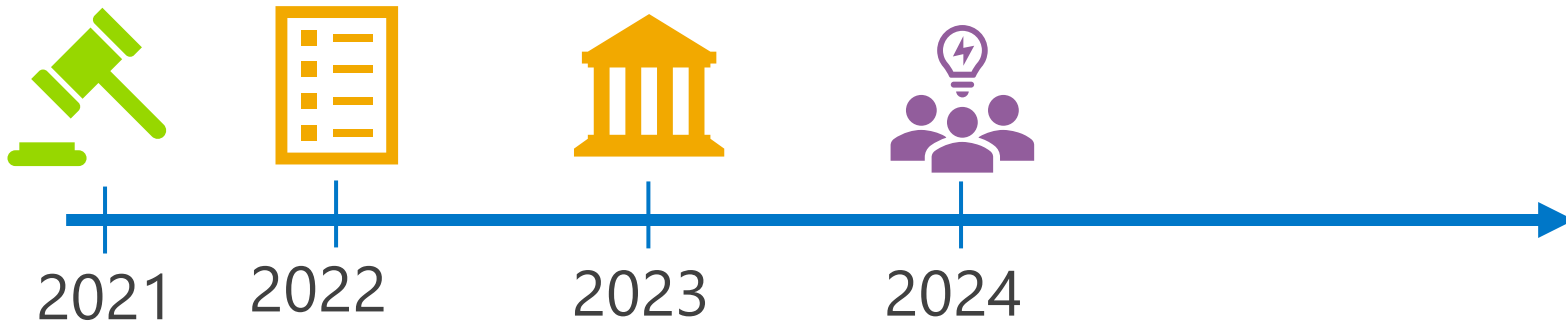
(2) The work group must include care providers, payors, people who use drugs, individuals in recovery from substance use disorder, and other individuals recommended by the authority. The work group shall present its recommendations to the governor and appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1, 2024.

# Objectives & Timeline

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TODAY:

- ❖ The SUDISA Work Group launches!

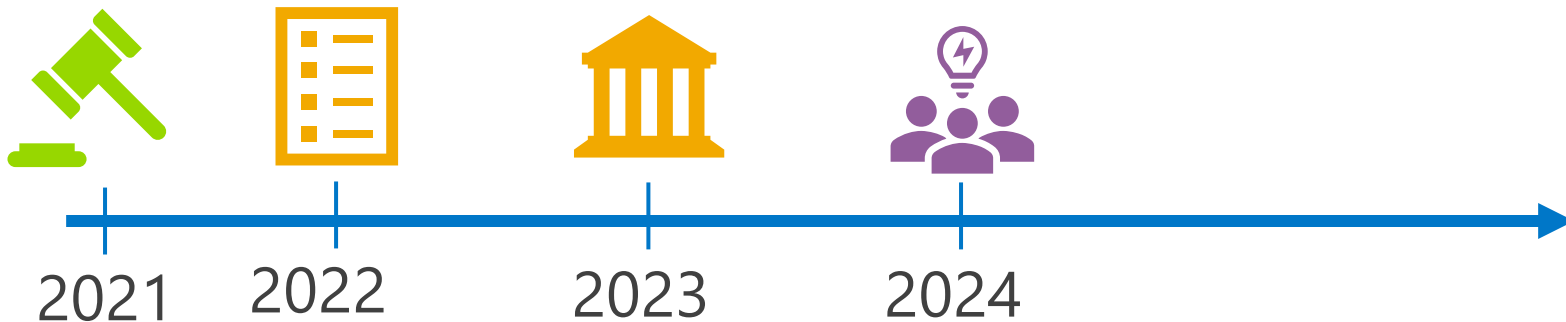


# Objectives

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Recommend changes to systems, policies, and processes related to intake, screening, and assessment for SUD

- ❖ Broaden the workforce capable of administering SUD assessments
- ❖ Make the assessment process as brief as possible, low-barrier, person-centered, and amenable to administration in diverse settings and by a range of health care professionals
- ❖ Make the assessment consider a person's self-identified needs and preferences when evaluating direction of treatment

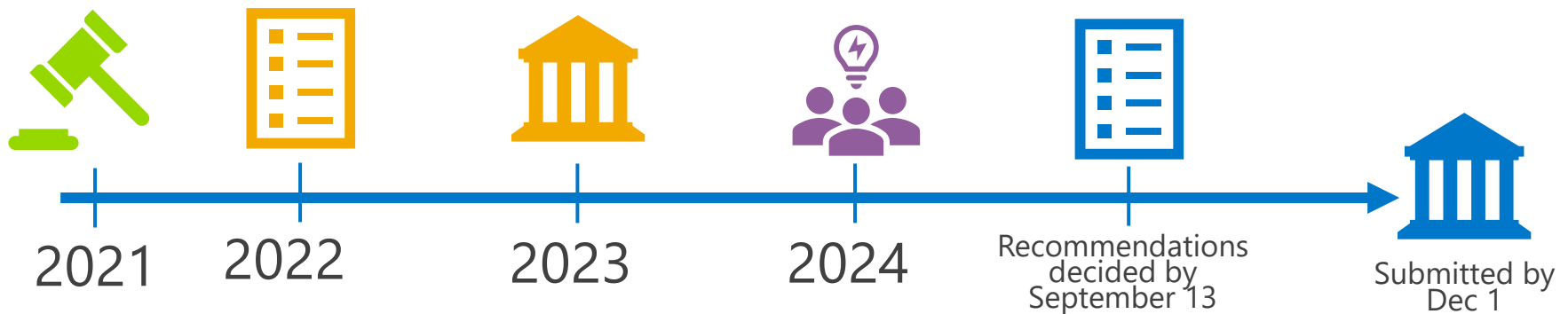




# Timeline

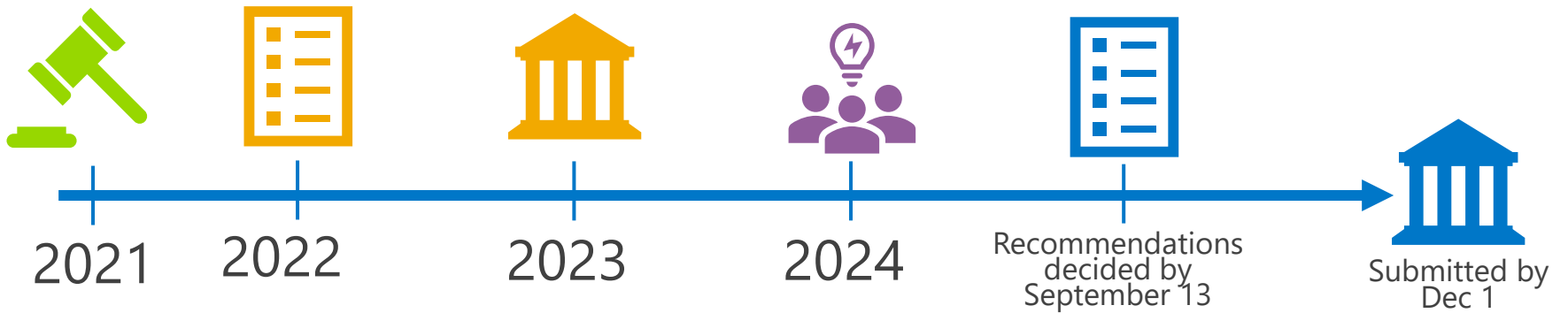
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- ❖ Recommendations decided by September 2024
- ❖ First draft of report ready for internal review by Sept 13
- ❖ Final draft of report ready for internal review by October 18
- ❖ Final report submitted to legislature by December 1



# Questions?

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# Introductions

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- ❖ **Name & Pronouns**
- ❖ [for work group members] **Area of Representation**
- ❖ **Highlight from 2023** and/or...
- ❖ **An idea you already have** for how to improve SUD intake, screening, and assessment in WA State