



# Public Health Management Corporation's Guiding Principles to Address Opioid Use Disorder

Public Health Management Corporation (PHMC) is one of the largest public health organizations in the country. We provide high-quality, evidence-based programs and services to improve the social determinants of health that impact the well-being of our communities. Our approach to the research, advocacy and treatment for individuals with substance use disorder, including opioid use disorder, is grounded in science and the understanding that the disorder is a chronic, medical condition from which recovery and wellness are possible.

The nation's opioid epidemic disrupts individuals, families and entire communities. The epidemic demands a coordinated response with significant, sustainable funding consistent with other public health crises.

## **PHMC believes:**

- All individuals with opioid use disorder, regardless of readiness, deserve dignity, respect and compassion in an environment that rejects stigma and misconception.
- Evidence-based research, prevention and treatment are important for our work.
- Seamless, on-demand access to a full continuum of prevention, intervention and treatment services is necessary, including reaching underrepresented and underserved populations.
- Medication-Assisted Treatment, which is supported by scientific evidence, is key to treating opioid use disorder.
- Recovery and wellness are most effective when services include an individual's family, community and/or social networks.
- Developing the healthcare workforce is needed to meet increasing prevention and treatment needs.