It is **TIME TO REGISTER** for the second installment of the Legislative Analysis and Public Policy Association’s (LAPPA’s) Model Law Virtual Knowledge Lab series, **“Overdose Fatality Review.”** Sponsored in partnership with the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, the Knowledge Labs are a virtual learning series that provide stakeholders with an opportunity to deepen their awareness and understanding of how model laws can assist jurisdictions in addressing substance use disorders and concomitant issues. This is an exciting opportunity to engage with experts from around the country as they share insights into the key components of LAPPA’s model laws and discuss how the model laws balance the needs of those in the public health and public safety fields with the unique nature of state legislative processes. Each Knowledge Lab, will include: (i) an overview of LAPPA’s model laws that pertain to a specific topic; (ii) a live moderated discussion with a panel of experts; and (iii) plenty of opportunity for Q & A throughout the session. The **Overdose Fatality Review Knowledge Lab**, scheduled for August 17th at 2:00 p.m., features:

- Melissa Heinen, RN, MPH Overdose Fatality Review (OFR)/Harm Reduction Manager, Institute for Intergovernmental Research (IIR);
- Heather (Seger) Coia, MSW, LICSW, QMHP Assistance Administrator – Overdose Fatality Review Coordinator, Drug Overdose Prevention Program Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH); and
- Carina Havenstrite, Program Manager, Lackawanna County District Attorney’s Office.

These speakers will discuss the model laws and other relevant materials, demonstrating both how states have used the models to increase access to treatment and reduce overdose deaths, and also how model laws can assist jurisdictions generally in addressing substance use disorders. Click [here](#) to watch an interview with Melissa Heinen, an expert in the field of overdose fatality review, and click [here](#) to learn more about the individual sessions and to register for the session, **“Overdose Fatality Review,”** taking place on **August 17th at 2:00 p.m.**

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LAPPA produces up-to-the-minute comparative analyses, publications, educational brochures, and other tools ranging from podcasts to model laws and policies that can be used by national, state, and local criminal justice and substance use disorder practitioners who want the latest comprehensive information on law and policy. Examples of topics on which LAPPA has assisted stakeholders include naloxone laws, law enforcement/community engagement, alternatives to incarceration for those with substance use disorders, medication-assisted treatment in correctional settings, and the involuntary commitment and guardianship of individuals with alcohol or substance use disorders.

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