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Dave Kneessy is the current Chair of Florida Association for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence (FATOD) and has been a member of the organization since 2002 and served as Treasurer, and Vice-Chair. He works with legislators on relevant issues including reducing stigma and recently on trying to get Medicaid reimbursement rates for behavioral Health (OTPs specifically) increased to reasonable rates. Further, as Chair, he welcomes and guides new OTPs as well as work with multiple organizations on topics as varied as Florida Medicaid, navigating licensing, and Florida specific regulations.

Dave has been at the forefront of the opiate task force initiatives and has provided a great deal of support to his colleagues in Florida and throughout the country. He has been an advocate for OTPs during his long tenure working in various treatment modalities. Given his leadership in Florida and throughout his involvement in the opioid treatment program legislations, he has been instrumental in keeping our representatives updated and informed. Since 1987, Dave has worked in the field of addiction and community mental health for inpatient, residential, outpatient and medication assisted settings with adolescents, adults, men, and women. Serving as Chair for FATOD and as the State of Florida representative and Board member of the American Association for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence (AATOD), he is fully dedicated to assisting and supporting not only patients but his colleagues as well without expecting anything in return. He has given his time unselfishly with hopes of improving OTPs vision and treatment in this challenging and specialized field. He is a true pioneer in the sense of the word and continues to lead by example.