

Washtenaw County Opioid Steering Committee
Wednesday, August 7, 2024
1:00PM-2:00PM
Remote Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Members Present: Andrew DeLeeuw, Nicole Adelman, Dr. Kimberly Jones, Molly Welch-Marahar, Gina Dahlem, Dr. Juan Marquez, Jimena Loveluck, Matthew Hill, Prosecutor Eli Savit, Commissioner Katie Scott

Members Absent: Dr. Allecia Wilson, Trish Cortes, Tina Gavalier

Others Present: Deanna Price, Amy Dolinky, Renee Casey, Andrew Hellenga, Lisa Fusik, Kyle Buchwald, Rebekah Soldin, Nia Lucas

I. Call to Order 1:04

II. Roll Call

III. Public Participation: None

IV. Approval of June 5, 2024, Minutes

- a. Welch-Marahar motioned for approval, seconded by Jones, none opposed, minutes approved as written.

V. Discussion Items

- Timeline Update for the Board of Commissioners given on 7/10
 - o Needs Assessment Focus Groups and Interviews (July - October):
 - Substance use disorder, medical, and harm reduction providers
 - Individuals who are incarcerated, justice involved, in recovery and actively using drugs
 - Youth and collegiate community
 - o Final MSU Needs Assessment Report completed (December)
 - o Steering Committee recommendations related to programmatic/service priorities and mechanism for distribution of funds submitted to the Board of Commissioners for consideration (January 2025)
 - o No concerns from BOC regarding updated timeline
- Highlights from [Michigan Association of Counties Annual Reporting Survey](#)
 - o Washtenaw County participated in the survey
 - o Reviewed highlights from the Executive Summary section
- Review of Progress with Needs Assessment
 - o Completed focus groups for incarcerated individuals with lived experience
 - o Provider focus groups are planned through August
 - o Focus groups and interviews for people with lived experience are being conducted through August
 - o Future Focus Group Ideas:
 - Dawn Farms
 - Sobriety Court Probation Officers
 - Public Defenders Office
 - Judges
 - Juvenile Justice
 - Health Professional Recovery Program
 - o Recruitment and Promotion

- Steering Committee was asked to share provider focus group sign-up links with their networks
 - Recruitment ideas for people with lived experience who speak Spanish:
 - Washtenaw Health Project
 - Packard Health
 - Maria's Mexiquenses Unidose en Michigan
- o Disbursement of Incentives/Resources Use to Date
 - Raised incentive amounts
 - \$50 for people with lived experience
 - \$20 for providers
 - \$50 for incarcerated individuals
 - \$20 youth groups
 - Projected total could be over allotted \$6,000, depending on participation numbers
 - Opioid Settlement Funds could be used for overage
- Request to Board of Commissioners for Health Department Planning Support
 - o No resources were allocated for the Health Department at the start of planning
 - o Requesting \$75,000 of settlement funds to go to WCHD for staffing cost for planning
 - Allowance for funds to be allocated for settlement fund planning
 - o This would be the Boards first action in spending settlement funds
 - Health Department operates on different fiscal year, time pressure on this
- Administration and Oversight of Funding Mechanism
 - o Confirm that the RFP process is how funds will be disseminated
 - Need RFP selection subcommittee and RFP oversight committee
 - Will need to go to BOC for approval
 - Subcommittee members can't score and apply for funds
 - 3-7 steering members needed for subcommittee
- Platform/Website for Public Facing Materials and Information
 - o Need to decide who will be overseeing the distribution of funds and the process
 - Public facing materials would sit here (county webpage, health dept., etc.)
 - MAC plans to release transparency guidance soon
- Public Information Sharing - to be discussed at the next meeting
- Other
 - o Settlement reached with Kroger Co.
 - ~\$500,000 total estimated funds will come to Washtenaw County
 - Other municipalities within Washtenaw County will also receive funds from Kroger Co.

VI. Adjourned at 2:00pm