

Washtenaw County Opioid Steering Committee Minutes
Wednesday, November 6, 2024
1:00PM-2:00PM
Remote Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Members Present: Andrew DeLeeuw, Dr. Kimberly Jones, Molly Welch-Marahar, Dr. Juan Marquez, Jimena Loveluck, Matthew Hill, Prosecutor Eli Savit, Dr. Allecia Wilson, Nicole Adelman, Tina Gavalier

Members Absent: Commissioner Katie Scott, Trish Cortes, Dr. Gina Dahlem

Others Present: Deanna Price, Amy Dolinky, Andrew Hellenga, Laurie Lutomski, Kristin Sample
Public Attendees: Wendy Klinski, Dr. Ray Rion

AGENDA

I. Call to Order - 1:02

II. Roll Call

III. Public Participation

- **Wendy Klinski**, Clinical Director at Home of New Vision, raised concerns about the need for stabilization funding to sustain successful programs. Klinski noted that since HNV transitioned to a fee-for-service model, a high no-show rate among clients has been a challenge. Klinski urged that stabilization funding be considered in RFP planning for settlement funds.
- **Dr. Ray Rion**, Executive Director at Packard Heath, attended in collaboration with Wendy Klinski and expressed similar concerns regarding stabilization funding. Dr. Rion also highlighted a need for more doctors specializing in addiction medicine and requested further discussion with the OSSC on these topics.
- **Response s:**
 - o The Steering Committee will consider these comments, emphasizing the need to understand the funding landscape and identify services that may be at risk.
 - o PIHPs are experiencing notable funding cuts and are encouraging providers to seek alternative funding sources like potential settlement funds

IV. Review of October 2, 2024, Minutes

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

V. Discussion Items

- Needs Assessment Progress Update
 - o Overview of Completed Groups:
 - Focus groups and interview totals:
 - 65 Providers
 - 131 people with lived experience
 - Youth group participation is pending
 - o Youth Group Update
 - Total youth group participation is TBD.
 - Dr. Jones has conducted 2 youth focus groups at the Youth Detention Center
 - MSU Team has held informational meetings with SRSly, WISD, and Corner Health; focus groups are yet to be scheduled
- Review Timeline

- o Needs Assessment:
 - The Steering Committee will have an opportunity to review the draft needs assessment report with MSU on 12/17/24.
 - Members will have an opportunity to review the assessment individually
 - Should begin to consider priorities and start identifying themes to include in the final recommendations report
 - Final needs assessment report expected by the end of 2024.
- o Priority Areas & Recommendations Report:
 - Final draft of recommendations report should be completed by the end of January 2025
- o Tentative BOC Meetings & Deadlines
 - A working session presentation is tentatively scheduled for the second January BOC meeting to provide an overview of the process the OSSC used to identify priority areas
 - Final recommendations will be presented at the second February and first March BOC meeting (tentative)
 - The BOC is planning to set their calendar in November
 - The timeline will be updated with BOC meeting dates by the December Steering meeting
 - An Additional OSSC meeting is scheduled for January 21st to finalize priorities and review draft recommendations
- Annual Funding Options
 - o Anticipated funding based on the Attorney General's payment estimator (as of 7/17/24) is \$16,385,291 over 18 years (2023-2040)
 - o Example options for distributing funds (not exhaustive):
 - **Option 1** - The 2025 funding includes amounts allocated from the first two years, with the balance evenly distributed across the remaining years
 - **Option 2** - The 2025 amount includes funds received to date plus the annual amount remaining to spread over remaining years
 - **Option 3** - Spreads the anticipated funding from evenly over the remaining years
 - o Additional opioid settlements are pending, which may increase future funding for Washtenaw County
 - Specific information is not available yet
 - Nationally, funds are expected from Purdue and Endo
 - o Interest from these funds is not mandated for opioid remediation
 - Consider formalizing its use in the recommendations
- Review Recommendations Report Outline
 - o The report outline contains general sections that can be filled in once priority areas have been identified
 - o The Steering Committee was asked to review the outline and provide feedback before the December meeting
 - o The final report will be made available to commissioners and the public

VI. Adjournment - 2:01 PM