

Washtenaw County Opioid Steering Committee
Wednesday, February 21, 2025
3:00PM – 4:00PM
Remote Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Members Present: Andrew DeLeeuw, Dr. Juan Marquez, Jimena Loveluck, Matthew Hill, Nicole Adelman, Prosecutor Eli Savit

Members Absent: Molly Welch-Marahar, Trish Cortes, Commission Katie Scott, Dr. Allecia Wilson, Tina Gavalier, Dr. Gina Dahlem, Cynthia Harrison

Others Present: Deanna Price, Laurie Lutomski, Lisa Fusik, Charles Burnett, Kristin Sample

Public Attendees: None

AGENDA

I. Call to Order: 3:02 PM

II. Roll Call

III. Public Participation: None

IV. Approval of February 5, 2025, Minutes

- Hill motioned for approval, seconded by DeLeeuw, none opposed, minutes approved as written.

V. Discussion Items

- Current Status Report
 - Opioid Settlement Planning Presentation given at the 2/5 BOC Working Session
 - Recommendations will be presented at the 3/5 BOC meeting.
 - Memo, Settlement Report, RFP Template, and Community Needs Assessment was submitted to the BOC.
 - Highlights from the memo/resolution:
 - Establishing an emergency fund
 - Initial three-year award period
 - Establishing an RFP Review Committee
 - WCHD proposed for long-term oversight.
 - Administrative costs have been included.
 - Establishing an Advisory Committee
- Local Jurisdiction Update
 - Another round of communication has been sent to local jurisdictions.
 - The County has met with representatives from other municipalities.
 - No agreements have been reached to coordinate settlement funds.
 - Informational meetings have been held with Ypsilanti Township, Superior Township, and Pittsfield Township
 - Preliminary discussions have taken place regarding potential participation.
 - No response has been received from the remaining jurisdictions.
- RFP Review Committee
 - The RFP process will begin if approved at the 3/5 BOC meeting.
 - Tentatively release date: mid-April/May
 - Estimated to have up to approximately six members.
 - Each proposal to have a primary and secondary reviewer.
 - A scoring orientation meeting and ongoing support will be provided.
 - OSSC members are encouraged to participate.

- MAC sector recommendations align with OSSC sectors.
 - Reviewers will be drawn from OSSC.
 - Information will be sent to members who are unable to attend today's meeting.
- Advisory Committee
 - Dependent on BOC approval for WCHD to lead ongoing work.
 - Potential for the Board of Health (BOH) to serve as the advisory body.
 - BOH has the ability to create ad-hoc committees.
 - Corporation Counsel would need to review bylaws for BOH to serve in a long-term advisory role.
 - This could streamline efforts and eliminate the need for a new group.
 - Advisory Committee would ideally have a maximum of 12 members.
 - Would include both BOH and non-BOH members.
- Other Updates
 - Ypsilanti Township has used Opioid Settlement funds to support a youth-focused pilot project with Home of New Vision.
 - The project focuses on prevention and teaches skill-building to youth.
 - WCHD has met with MDHHS to discuss the state's planned use of Opioid Settlement funds.
 - OSSC will be kept informed about BOC outcomes and the RFP release.
- Thank you to Steering Committee members for your support of the planning process this past year!

VI. Adjourn: 3:45 PM