

## OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Name of Governmental Body: Intervention and Treatment Committee of SCAODA			Attending: Roger Frings, David Macmaster, Joe Muchka, Sandra Adams, Amy Anderson, Sheila Weix, Holly Stanelle, Alisha Kraus, Michael Kemp, Jill Gamez DHS: Elizabeth Collier, Saima Chauhan, Anne Larson. Beth left early for another meeting) . DMS: Marjorie Blaschko. Guests: Chris Wardlow, Dr. Husain Bawany
Date: 7/13/2021	Time Started: 10:04 AM	Time Ended: 12:30 PM	
Location: virtual meeting occurred via Zoom platform			
Minutes			Presiding Officer: Roger Frings, Chairperson

1. Roger Frings called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM.  
Comments or Announcements: Quorum confirmed by Saima Chauha.
2. **Review and approval of 5/11/2021 meeting minutes.** Move to approve by Holly Stanelle, Second by Sandy Adams. No comments. No opposition. Approved unanimously.
3. **Discussion of COVID-19 and considerations for substance use services.**  
**Sheila Weix** – Gradually increasing in person services while facing significant resistance and increased substance use has increased. Continue to promote groups. Significant impact of Meth use including deaths. Increased CPS involvement due to parental use. Sheila noted they do have community supports such as Drug Endangered Children (DEC) and Children’s Advocacy Center (CAC).  
The community was significantly impacted by 3 recent deaths: 1 due to overdose, 1 by murder, 1 by suicide. Concerns Re: funding uncertainties once emergency Covid funding goes away. Employment is up (but without adequate insurance). Harm reduction focus, looking for leverage points and making connections. Increasing use to naltrexone. Increased need for access to Recovery Coaches. Redefining “success”. For example, a urine test may be seen as ok as long as THC level hasn’t increased.  
**Holly Stanell** also switching to harm reduction- saving lives rather than pushing for abstinence  
**Sandy Adams**- Move toward harm reduction. People used to be discharged for substance use levels we are routinely seeing. Clients are reaching out to primary care- seeking benzos and stimulants. Some previously non using people are turning to alcohol, marijuana, cocaine and prescription drugs. Clients continue to be resistant to in person services. Success if they attend appointments. Use of marijuana to avoid heroin is now a positive outcome.  
**Joe Muchka** has noticed cynicism in some PCPs and other physicians- frustration due to lack of treatment access or progress for their patients. Concerns regarding increasing substance use in the elderly including Benzo prescriptions in people over 60. Reminder of SCAODA paper on substance use in the elderly.  
**Hussein**- RE PCP- encouraging- more of an emphasis on adding BH support to teams. Hussein noted an increase in training for medical students re substance use and interventional pain management methods. interventional pain management. Curious- is there any one substance that is most prevalent- biggest struggle?  
**Sheila**- Northern region- Alcohol; Heroin. Meth, Cocaine; THC; All available- whatever is accessible. Often not assessed- EDs- Not necessarily testing for substances because insurance won’t cover the cost of treatment. SBIRT- screening is up with 42 consultations last week! **Sandy Milw**- Waukesha- Heroin death potential- but seeking any drugs- people who never had problems- alcohol increase. Benzos- prescribed to older adults as well. Now seeking Gabapentin through PCPs and on the street.  
**Saima**- New FAQ Guidelines for Covid 19 issued on 6/2/21- includes info regarding PPE, exposure; screening and special populations.
4. **SCAODA Prevention Committee** (Chris Wardlow-Interim Chair)- Standing Committee- Upstream- helpful to know causal factors for increased substance use.

Priorities, Goals and Objectives – Enhancing the SCAODA visibility as an advisory body –Increase focus on prevention and treatment resources for youth and families. Workforce-; focus on more intentional advancement of CLAS standards; Prevention EBPs-support emerging innovative programs and practices- Social Determinant impact on Substance Use.

Healthy WI Alcohol Priority Action Team - 3 primary targets in health plan: underage drinking; adult binge drinking; reduce alcohol related deaths. Julia Sherman WI Alcohol Policy Project-reopened the previous paper on alcohol use and an Ad hoc group is working on updates regarding use in WI; and recommendations to help protect individuals and public. Committee will make recommendations to SCAODA in Fall- goal; to have the report out by the end of the year. Previous report topics include- Alcohol; Prescription Drug Misuse; Heroin; Marijuana. Just released Substance Use in the Workplace- All on SCAODA Web page. Purpose to draw attention to these issues and highlight the continuum of evidence based care.

Trying to address emerging issues such as the spike of alcohol use and misuse among women.

Legislation proposed- re decreasing the risk of under aged drinking; decreasing ease of access; SCAODA letters submitted to legislators to increase understanding regarding easy access to alcohol, the ability to order takeout drinks with dinner delivery; tax holidays on alcohol retailers throughout the summer; and short fall of revenue to address increased use.

Prevention Committee needs to hear about trends- common themes- helpful to know causal factors for increased substance use and look at risk and protective factors at a state level. Public health focused regulations.

Should think about reopening the Marijuana report as it is already outdated. Be ready for the impact of legalization. Previously unwilling to look at this but need to focus on harm reduction. The report should draw attention to the impact of Levels of THC.

Jill- substance use prevention and treatment are still very segregated in service settings. The role of families should be a focus across settings. DPI at that prevention table- Education and support groups in schools. Youth literacy is important.

Sheila Rapid Response team-perinatal nurse managing calls and connecting people to community wide services for families. Need for prevention supports for schools when kids are actively experience ACES.

Need to work towards bringing innovative prevention programs to scale.

**Dave-** promotion of disseminating our reports to legislators.

**Joe-** Historically –we presented at the Governor’s Heroin Task Force- important for SCAODA to ask to be a part of discussions.

Sheila noted a need to increase efficiency and synergy among committees- recommended a centralized on line page for all SCAODA Committee resources and documents.

**Anne Larson-** DCTS Child, Youth and Family Section- RE: RFA **Youth Prevention Initiative**-funding available to expand evidence based youth prevention activities to urban, rural counties and tribes. Currently fund prevention for urban youth in five counties. Adding up to 10 more counties/tribes at \$75,000/site/year. RFA out this fall.

5. **Forward Health Medicaid Updates-** (*Marjorie Blaschko*)-Agenda Item #12 moved up to accommodate presenter availability. Marjorie is a Behavioral Health Therapist Consultant to the Division of Medicaid Services (DMS). Update on the roll out of new SU Residential benefit in February- Have processed thousands of PAs and implementation is going well. Go to Forwardhealth portal for information such as recently released- FAQs, online handbooks- policy and links- Hot Topics- Residential SUD Treatment Benefit Resources- FAQ re provider types; HMO, MCO contact lists; Wisconsin Connect; weekly TA calls- Also 1/month clinicians only- late afternoon meetings. We can contact Marjorie with questions regarding all BH benefits.  
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6. **Opioid Treatment Update/Announcements** (*Beth Collier*) Agenda Item 9 moved up to accommodate presenter availability. Beth noted the continuing the expansion of Opioid Treatment Programs (OTP) across the state. DEA-is working on updated guidance regarding mobile services- in effect end of July-

SAMHSA- OTP mobile medication units are allowed to dispense medications and do urine drug screening- but no other MAT services can be provided. Hoping the guidance will expand the scope of allowable mobile services. Also watch for potential Legislation to legalize Kratom.

**7. Legislative updates: (Roger Frings & Mike Kemp)**

Mike Kemp- House appropriations- NADAC- white paper with recommendations regarding decriminalization as well as information for states that have already legalized marijuana/cannabis.

<https://appropriations.house.gov/news/press-releases/appropriations-subcommittee-approves-fiscal-year-2022-labor-health-and-human>

Federal- Biden signed –Increase competition; ban unnecessary license restrictions-

Concerns re telehealth. Feds work to decrease drug pricing and potentially import meds from Canada;

House subcommittee- SUD- Recovery service set aside in block grant. 22.9 billion increase from last year.

SAMHSA: 9.16 Billion (3 billion increase from last budget)

SAPBGs- 10% set aside for recovery services-

243.5 million prevention budget. (increase of 35 million)

Family support- Senate health education- Baldwin- Family support services addictions act- passed the house, now in senate committee. Delay due to August Recess.

House push re parity laws;

No state update.

Roger- Budget- signed last week by Gov. Summary on impact to DCTS will be forthcoming.

**8. SCAODA Adhoc Equity and Inclusion Workgroup Committee Update (Joe Muschka)**

Harold provided an update including Goals and Objectives at the June SCAODA meeting.

Amy-made many recommendations of community organizations to include in the discussion.

Important to identify and reach out to community leaders with influence/impact who can advise us regarding unique community needs. Focus on outreach- what services are already available- Address systemic racism and access to care.

Mac and Mike currently on the committee. Workgroup looking for additional members-

**9. Child, youth and Family Subcommittee Update -Jill Gamez**

No update-June meeting wasn't held. Please keep on agenda for future ITC Meeting.

**10. DHS 75 revision-(Amanda Lake Cismesia)- Saima for Amanda**

The revision is currently in the Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules. Hope to publish in July or August 2021 with an expectation that providers will have one year to implement changes.

The clearing house rule page has the most current information.

[https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/chr/all/cr\\_20\\_047](https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/chr/all/cr_20_047)

**11. Update on Tobacco Integration- (David "Mac" Macmaster)**

Materials sent out via email- progress report- Motion at June meeting: SCAODA resolves to support a standard of care for Tobacco Use Disorder (TUD) treatment, as well as reimbursement rates, that are equivalent to standards of practice for current substance use disorder (SUD) practices incorporated in Wisconsin treatment policies and practices. SCAODA also supports allocation of funding for training and technical support initiatives in the treatment of TUDs.

WINTIP is participating in a series of round table discussions to explore the barriers preventing SUD treatment programs from adopting TUD in SUD policies and practices. SUD treatment providers from the National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers (NAATP) and the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (NCADD) will be invited to present their position on the issue. The round tables will also include

advocates for TUD in SUD and are being arranged and facilitated by the Association for the Treatment of Tobacco Use and Dependence (ATTUD) Behavioral Health Committee. Dave is a member of that committee.

The Tobacco Integration Implementation Work Group is completing an assessment of issues that will challenge BPTR with opportunities and requirements for including TUD in SUD as DHS75 is promulgated and become the Wisconsin rule for SUD treatment and related services. Looking to other states (NJ, CT, NY, MA, KS) assessing what action steps need to happen proactively to be ready for implementation.

- 12. Carl DSPS-** last day at DSPS is 7/16/2021. Successor- Gwen Jones has been hired. She is a retired exec from American Family and Madison College. She is starting on July 19<sup>th</sup>.  
 Saima- will create an email to see if Gwen would be willing to attend future ITC and or SCAODA meetings. Committee members share appreciation of Carl's responsive efforts to help SCAODA committees and community providers to navigate complex DSPS issues.  
 Sheila proposed a written thank you from the committee showing appreciation. Saima will compose an email to Carl from the committee.

**13. Public comments**

Hussein- included in comments include above. He was invited back to attend future meetings and he will attend as his schedule allows.  
 No other public comments.

**14. Future meeting dates, agenda topics, and other announcements**

Announcements:

**Roger-** ITC is one of 4 standing committees without a co-chair. Would like volunteers for co-chair. Let Saima know if interested. Previously alternated meeting facilitation between chair and co-chair. Committee members- interested members- potential nominations for a vote in August-

**Joe Muchka-** has made the difficult decision to step away from SCAODA, ITC, the Diversity Committee and his professional practice this month due to health reasons. Committee members expressed gratitude for his long-term leadership and contributions to the committees and the field as a whole. Thanks given for his positive impact on countless lives. Joe encouraged ongoing recruitment of committee members from all systems including private sector and hospital-based providers.

Future Agenda Items

Budget update-new budget starts 7/1. Equity and Inclusion workgroup; Continue discussion of COVID-19; DSPS update by Carl; DHS 75 status update; update from MAC re tobacco/nicotine initiative; strategic plan progress; 2020-21 legislative session; Subcommittee work plans. Invite- Planning and Funding committee-Christine or Jill.

Future topics:

Mac- perhaps invite the new Director of Voices for Recovery; new web site notes they have 23,000 members.

Amy- information on how to properly dispose of drug related items- e.g. Fentanyl. The public needs safety protocols and education about safe disposal of prescription and street drugs. Jill- look at distribution of Detera drug deactivation and disposal pouches for safe in-home disposal of substances.

Exposure education- Roger attended a presentation by US and Wisconsin DOJ presentation for law enforcement regarding exposure risks and procedures. Amy noted partnerships needed for proper handling.

Additional agenda items should be forwarded to Saima Chauhan.

**15. Discussion on exploring future location options for ITC committee meetings:** In-person, virtual or hybrid?

Sheila- Upcoming meetings if hybrid- call in via zoom works well. Call in conference lines do not work well.

16. The meeting was **adjourned** at 12:30 PM following a motion by Joe Muschka and a second by Sandy Adams; no opposition, approved unanimously.

**\*Next scheduled ITC Meetings: August 10, 2021**, October 12, 2021, November 9, 2021  
SCAODA Meetings: September 10, 2021, December 3, 2021

Prepared by: Anne Larson on 7/13/2021.

These minutes were approved by the governmental body on xxx: .