

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Name of Governmental Body: State Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Planning & Funding Committee			Attending: Committee Members: Sheila Weix, Beth Collier, Christine Ullstrup, Linda Van Tol, Jill Gamez Guests: Rachel Stankowski, Hannah Huffman DHS Staff: Pam Lano, Tyler Watkins, Alison Elisius
Date: 2/19/2025	Time Started: 9:32 a.m.	Time Ended: 12:16 p.m.	
Location: Meeting held via Microsoft Teams			Presiding Officer: Beth Collier, Christine Ullstrup
Minutes			

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

C. Ullstrup called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

2. Review January 15, 2025, Meeting Minutes

L. Van Tol moved to approve the minutes.

J. Gamez seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously; minutes approved.

3. Public Comment

No public comment was made.

4. Presentation on Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) Benefit

Tyler Watkins, Program & Policy Analyst, Behavioral Health Policy Section, Bureau of Benefits Policy, Division of Medicaid Services, Wisconsin Department of Health Services, provides a high-level overview of The Division of Medicaid Services IOP benefit. Pam Lano, Section Manager, Behavioral Health Policy Section, Bureau of Benefits Policy, Division of Medicaid Services, Wisconsin Department of Health Services, is welcome to feedback regarding this new benefit rollout. Slide deck was emailed to committee members and guests. Resources are provided below.

- ForwardHealth Update 2024-38: <https://www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/kw/pdf/2024-38.pdf>
- Provider Specific Resources IOP Page: <https://www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/WIPortal/cms/page/message/new-iop-benefit>
- Provider Services: 800-947-9627

Committee members formulated a follow up question to presenters, “How to bill for interpreter services in the residential level of care of Medicaid and will it be able to be billed in IOP?” A. Elisius to email presenters this question.

5. Discussion on 1115 waiver

Subgroups working on room and board and contingency management met and this work will be put on pause for now. 1115 waiver will remain on the workplan.

6. Develop Questions for CCS Subject Matter Expert

Committee questions prepared for CCS SME:

- Overview on updates of CCS since the benefit has been introduced, i.e., number of people using services,

data points, drug treatment court, CCS resource – waitlists, provide data on service array (example Rock County).

2. Are they thinking about introducing the residential level of care into the service array for CCS for all licensed residential facilities?
3. Are there residential CCS providers that are not excluded because of IMD?
4. Why can't OTPs participate in CCS?
5. Is there consideration when there is an opportunity to edit the admin code that governs CCS to provide some concessions to providers that are already licensed by the state of Wisconsin? (For example, training requirements, etc.)
6. What is the current DHS definition of "psychotherapy" within the context of CCS? There is no definition within DHS 36.

7. Discussion on Bureau of Rate Setting Questions and Answers

Committee members did not have time to review the Bureau of Rate Setting responses and will keep this on the agenda for the next committee meeting, April 16, 2025.

8. Review of Planning and Funding Committee workplan

When discussing Objective A, Task 3, committee members add to the workplan to continue monitoring federal and state level funding changes and implications.

Next, Objective B, Task 2, updated status column to read, "Ongoing. Reached out to Bureau of Rate Setting, formulated discussion questions, Bureau of Rate Setting responded to questions, committee to review responses at a future meeting."

Next, Objective B, Task 4, updated the status column and removed, "Will work on questions at Feb meeting." Added, "Discussion questions formulated at Feb meeting and shared with CCS SME in preparation for April's meeting."

Next, Objective B, Task 5, added to status column, "Attended presentation on IOP benefit by Medicaid Services at Feb meeting."

Next, Objective C, Task 2, added to status column, "On pause."

When discussing Objective E, Task 3, C. Ullstrup states she reached out to H. Foley to invite ATLAS to March SCAODA Council meeting. C. Ullstrup asks committee members for feedback on questions to share with ATLAS in preparation for the council meeting. Added to the status column, "Prepare questions for and invite ATLAS to March SCAODA Council."

Committee questions prepared for ATLAS:

1. How many providers are in their system?
2. How many people enrolled?
3. What kind of referrals are coming from the system?
4. How many referrals?
5. What are the expansions?
6. What is coming up that is going to be new and different?
7. Will they be able to track bed capacity?
8. Can you search by Medicaid?

9. Has the process for providers to sign up/input their information into the system improved?
10. Share data points, i.e., how many hits they get, from where (men's treatment, women's treatment, inpatient, outpatient).
11. Provide a demonstration for the council on how to use the system.

9. Department of Health Services (DHS) Updates

- A. Elisius shared changes in leadership of the Bureau of Prevention Treatment and Recovery (BPTR):
- Scott Stokes started with BPTR February 19 as a Technical Advisor for Substance Use Initiatives Funding in the Prevention, Intervention, and Recovery Section.
 - Heather Carlson moved into her new role with BPTR January 27 as the Mental Health Services Section Manager.
 - Behavioral Health (BH) Unit Supervisor position for the BPTR Mental Health Services (MHS) Section has been posted with an application deadline of February 25.

A. Elisius shared upcoming Division of Care and Treatment Services (DCTS) events and trainings:

- April 15-17, 2025: [Wisconsin Peer Recovery Conference](#) (Wisconsin Dells). Registration is open.
- May 6-8, 2025: [Opioids, Stimulants, and Trauma Summit](#) (Wisconsin Dells/Virtual). Registration is open until 12 p.m. May 6. **Register by March 7 and pay only \$150 to attend virtually and \$200 to attend in person.**
- July 16-17, 2025: [Harm Reduction Conference](#) (Wisconsin Dells/Virtual). Registration is now open, and rates have been lowered for both virtual and in person attendance for the 2025 Wisconsin Harm Reduction Conference.
- September 10-11, 2025: [Wisconsin Substance Use Prevention Conference](#) (Wisconsin Dells/Virtual). Information on the agenda and the registration fee is expected to be posted no later than June 2025.

A. Elisius shared the [SAMHSA Advisory](#) which outlines the information that was provided about the increase in contingency management (CM) reimbursement. If an agency is utilizing CM it is up to the agency to ensure they are meeting fidelity and have any/all safeguards in place. For example, this also may include the agency to have policies and procedures in place. Further questions should be directed to the Contract Administrator, if needed the Section Manager/Unit Supervisor.

A. Elisius stated the Governor's budget is out. B. Collier provided resources below:

- [DOA 2025-27 Executive Budget](#)
- [2025-27 435 DHS Executive Budget UEK.pdf](#)

10. Agenda for April

The following agenda items were noted by committee members:

- Vote on new member
- Review Bureau of Rate Setting responses to committee questions
- Meet with CCS subject matter expert
- Review committee workplan
- Check in on current state of affairs based on environment changes

11. Adjournment

B. Collier moved to adjourn the meeting.

S. Weix seconded the motion to adjourn.
Motion carried; meeting adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

Prepared by: Alison Elisius on 2/19/2025.

Council reviewed and approved these minutes at its meeting on: 4/16/2025