

## OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Name of Governmental Body: Intervention and Treatment Committee of SCAODA			Attending: Holly M Stanelle, Sandra Adams, Michael Kemp, Jolee Buhr, Chris Wardlow, Karen Conner, Laura Fabic, Jennifer Stegall, Patrick Riley, Paula Jolly DHS: Saima Chauhan, Janet Fleege, Leilani Nino, Teresa Steinmetz, Micah Nickey Guests: Sarah Johnson, Tiffany Nielson, Alicia Daceno
Date: 11/14/2023	Time Started: 10:04 AM	Time Ended: 11:47 AM	
Location: virtual meeting occurred via Zoom platform			Presiding Officer: Roger Frings-Interim Chair & Sheila Weix-co-chair

### Minutes

#### 1. Sheila Weix called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM.

Comments or Announcements: Quorum confirmed by Saima.

Introduction of Guests and new DHS staff: Alicia Daceno, Micah Nickey

Not in attendance: Amy Anderson, Tamara Feest, Jessica Geschke, Beth Collier, Clinton Peterson, Njemeh Barrow

#### 2. Review and approval of 10/10/2023 meeting minutes. (Roger Frings)

Holly Stanelle made a Motion moved to approve the October 10, 2023, Meeting Minutes. Second provided by Sandy Adams. No opposition. Approved unanimously.

#### 3. Alycia Daceno from Community Alliance Manager will speak on Rx Destroyer.

Alycia gave a brief overview on how RX Destroyer started. We are drug disposal in a bottle. So, all your unwanted expired medications we render those non-retrievable. So, they're not coming back. We work with many different verticals. We work with hospitals, vet clinics, coalitions, non-profit, universities, currently right now I'm working with UW Madison athletics. Alycia showed ITC a 4oz bottle RX Destroyer. We are trying to get this into every community, every neighborhood and pretty much any system out there. So, in all our bottles there is a dissolving agent. It breaks down all those medications and then it's adsorbed into an activated charcoal or carbon. So, it's chemically digested and neutralized.

#### 4. Update on the Naloxone State Saturation Plan (Teresa Steinmetz)

Teresa gave a back history. This summer SAMHSA and NASADAD hosted a state-level policy Academy which was focused on States really re-looking and reassessing their current naloxone saturation plan for their State, and Wisconsin was chosen. One of the requirements of our State opioid response grant is, that States have a saturation plan. Last year's grant was the first time that we had to have a formal written saturation plan. This is the Federal government really make sure that we are continuing to use best practice models in developing saturation plans and moving forward as we need to better assess the needs of the State of Wisconsin. Wisconsin was chosen because we have done a really good job of getting nasal American out to a lot of different individuals over the past.

We also are researching how to look at expanding options for distribution, and really having a focus on the intermuscular naloxone distribution. How to better support that throughout the State of Wisconsin. A really exciting things that we're starting to set up and planning to do in Wisconsin is to conduct a Wisconsin Saturation planning Policy Academy. Our goal is to conduct and hold a state level saturation planning Policy Academy, so that counties and tribes can bring their partners and develop their own action plan for their local communities moving forward. We are still early in our implementation and planning phases and we'll have more to share as we move forward in the State.

**5. Narcan Direct Presentation (Tiffany Nielson)**

Our state Narcan Direct Program provides free Narcan for community distribution. Nasal Narcan is now generic, so that is still in the four-milligram strength. Nasal Narcan through Narcan Direct is given to agencies that serve people who are using opioids, and for folks who may witness an opioid overdose. So, to be a Narcan Direct agency folks need to attend a free Narcan training hosted by DCTS.

Also, we expanded our application, which was exciting. We really wanted to dial into terms of the distribution criteria we wanted to really find out is the Narcan getting into the hands of people who need it.

**6. Post-PHE: The impact of the unwinding of Medicaid (Sheila Weix)**

For rural, central and northern Wisconsin we're running about on our monthly folks that have to be looked at and re-sign up about two-thirds are qualifying for Medicaid again, and being able to continue a third are not qualifying. Of that third depending on if they have a job that has insurance or what they can do on the marketplace about five percent are ending up with no coverage of any kind. We see with entry level jobs that it is tightening some and perhaps becoming a bit more difficult. So, depending on where people are at with their recovery, we anticipate some folks that simply fall off the plate if you would, in terms of seeking coverage. So that's kind of where we're at right now. But at least two-thirds are qualifying and being able to continue.

**7. Update on Bills & Acts (Chris Wardlow & Michael Kemp)**

Michael did not have much to report but he did mention that in the last public policy committee they talked about CMS coming out with their final rules for Medicare and that it is recognizing addiction counselors for the first time. They are planning to write a step-by-step procedure so that counselors can start getting reimbursed under Medicare. The rule goes into effect January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Sheila commented stating it goes into effect the same time that LPC's and other folks can deliver Medicare services.

Chris reported no movement in the cannabis legislation. The larger Bill on the regulation of alcohol has moved out of assembly and is now move to the Senate. Wisconsin Alcohol policy Project reported to Chris that they need to continue to work on this as they don't necessarily have the votes yet to pass this through. There was concern about unfunded mandates in that bill, as well as changes that could increase access to alcohol. There has been no movement or maybe the Bill has died regarding allowing 14-year-olds and older to serve alcohol. Chris stated that the farm bill last he read was looking to close that loophole that's allowing all of these hemp derived psychoactive to flood our communities.

**8. CYF subcommittee update (Vacant)-None**

**9. Tobacco Integration Update (Karen Connor)**

Karen reported that just recently the FDA sent final rules to the White House about a menthol and flavored cigar ban, and that's It's a big step for the FDA to take. So, the original announcement came in April of 2022 that there would be a product standard to prohibit menthol as a characterizing flavor in cigarettes, and then all characterizing flavors and cigars. Now, if this they think that the bam will happen by the end of the year. But, after the ban goes into effect, the tobacco companies will likely sue the government, and then the ban will be delayed. Once the ban goes into effect, even if it is delayed, they anticipate that close to 14,000 people in Wisconsin will attempt to quit.

**10. ITC Strategic Planning and Review of the 2024 ITC 2024 Meeting Schedule**

No issues with the 2024 ITC schedule. Once SCAODA confirms there 2024 dates then I will add them to our schedule and send it out to the ITC members.

ITC Strategic Planning we agreed to start reviewing in our next meeting on 1/9/2024.

**11. Public comments-**

Sheila stated that years ago that SAC's and CSAC's could assess and diagnose and be reimbursed by Medicaid but after the move from SCAODA to DSPS and the change in credentialing the ability to bill Medicaid disappeared from the

handbook. Sheila reported she raised this concern with ForwardHealth and got some information back. This is something that Sheila wants ITC to think about and have a discussion in the near future.

- 12. Future meeting dates, future agenda topics, and other announcements – Next** scheduled Meeting: SCAODA on December 1, 2023; Next ITC January 9, 2024.
- 13. Adjourn-** Michael Kemp moved to adjourn; Chris Wardlow seconded. Unanimous approval to adjourn the meeting at 11:47 AM

Prepared by: Saima Chauhan on 1/8/2024.

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