

## OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Name of Governmental Body: Intervention and Treatment Committee of SCAODA			Attending: Holly Stanelle, Amy Anderson, Michael Kemp, Jolee Buhr, Chris Wardlow, Beth Collier, Jennifer Stegall, Njemeh Barrow, Paula Jolly DHS: Saima Chauhan, Janet Fleege, Leilani Nino, Dan Bizjak Guests: Hannah Huffman
Date: 1/9/2024	Time Started: 10:06 AM	Time Ended: 11:20 AM	
Location: virtual meeting occurred via Zoom platform			
			Presiding Officer: Roger Frings-Interim Chair & Sheila Weix-co-chair
Minutes			

**1. Roger Frings called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM.**

Comments or Announcements: Quorum confirmed by Saima Chauhan.

Introduction of Guests and new DHS staff: Hannah Huffman

Not in attendance: Sandy Adams, Karen Conner, Laura Fabic, and Patrick Riley.

**2. Review and approval of 11/14/2023 meeting minutes. (Roger Frings)**

Holly Stanelle made a motion, moved to approve November 14, 2023, Meeting Minutes. Second provided by Jennifer Stegall. No opposition. Approved unanimously.

**3. Post-Public Health Emergency: The impact of the unwinding of Medicaid (Sheila Weix)**

Sheila reported that their financial navigators proactively connecting with individuals coming up for review. About 30% of their clients are not getting re-enrolled but some are getting into the marketplace, and others are ending up without insurance. Sheila explained how it has been beneficial that kids can stay on Badgercare longer. Sheila's biggest concern continues to be the 30% that are not re-enrolling.

**4. Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) (Sheila Weix)**

Sheila Weix reported on an upgrade to the PDMP software that took place in October and since then there are problems with the data in PDMP. Some of the examples of the problems were the PDMP does not update correctly and some individuals have two listings. Sheila reached out to the policy contact for the PDMP and raised the issues, but she has not heard back from the contact as of 1/9/24.

Amy Anderson was not aware of the PDMP issue and reported a situation where they had issues filling a clients prescription.

Sheila Weix will be following up with DSPS and a representative from the pharmacy board, ensuring that ITC remains informed of any updates or findings.

**5. Update on state and federal bills and acts (Chris Wardlow, Michael Kemp)**

National Legislation: Michael Kemp reported about a controversial national bill that's going on right now called the opioid Treatment Act which is Senate Bill 644. This Bill looks at doctors having more access to medication assisted treatment. Michael is on the public policy committee, and they are writing recommendations regarding access to treatment. He reported if this passes the committee will also write a paper on how to use this effectively to gauge the medical community.

State Legislation: Saima reported that there is a new Senate Bill 875 relating to excepting xylazine testing materials from the definition of drug paraphernalia and civil and criminal liability exemptions for distributing and administering xylazine testing products.

Chris Wardlow reported on the Alcohol Bill that is on the regulation of alcohol and the Federal Farm Bill.

**6. Tobacco integration update:** No updates

**7. Hub & Spoke update (Beth Collier & Sheila Weix)**

Shelia Weix reported that the fourth hub & spoke site has been selected under the pilot. Beth Collier, whose facility serves as the 4<sup>th</sup> hub & spoke, mentioned that they were recently awarded this designation and have yet to initiate hub & spoke services. However, Beth Collier reported they do have a space to provide services and are hoping to have everything ready to go so to start serving clients on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. She will provide a comprehensive update on the progress during next month's ITC meeting.

Shelia Weix reported that her facilities hub & spoke renew their contract and they are finding positive response from the patients they serve. She stated that care coordinators and peer support played a crucial role in enabling their program to implement harm reduction strategies effectively.

**8. ITC strategic planning and review**

Chris Wardlow reviewed the existing ITC strategic plan and emphasized to the committee the importance of prioritizing the assessment of ITC's progress in advancing SCAODA goals. Chris Wardlow stated under each goal ITC should decide which of the objectives in the revised ITC strategic plan the committee is going to address. Chris recommended tabling strategic planning until the February ITC meeting. Chris Wardlow and Jennifer Stegall volunteered to work on creating a draft of a new strategic planning table for ITC's review next month. Chris Wardlow encouraged ITC members to review the ITC past strategic plan and the SCAODA updated strategic plan before the February meeting.

**9. Public comments-** None

**10. Future meeting dates and future agenda topics**

Next scheduled ITC meeting: February 13, 2024

Next scheduled SCAODA meeting: March 1, 2024

Roger Frings stated that the February agenda can be the same as January however the meeting needs to have a primary focus on ITC's strategic planning since SCAODA next meeting is in March.

**11. Member announcements**

Chris Wardlow announced that a past long time member Mac has been in the hospital for medical issues. Please wish him well.

Amy Anderson discussed her concerns with the over prescribing of Gabapentin. Beth Collier stated that a couple of years ago the Controlled Substances Board was looking at adding this as a controlled substance, because they had started seeing the over-prescription of it, and it's being used with opioids.

Roger Frings reported that Jessica Geschke is no longer able to serve on the committee due to work constraints.

**12. Adjourn-** Michael Kemp moved to adjourn; Amy Anderson seconded. Unanimous approval to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 AM