

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Name of Governmental Body: SCAODA prevention committee			Attending: Chris Wardlow, Kathy Asper, Melissa Moore, Meagan Barnett, Felice Borisy-Rudin, Maureen Busalacchi, Kat Becker, Jodie Sorenson, Alex Berg, Danielle Luther, Hannah Lepper, Margarita Northrop, Emily Holder. Staff: Annie Short, Yolanda Candler, Janet Fleege.
Date: 10/19/2023	Time Started: 9:30 AM	Time Ended: 12:08PM	
Location: virtual zoom			
			Presiding Officer: Chris Wardlow, Stacy Stone
Minutes			

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 9:33 by Chris Wardlow. Quorum confirmed to conduct council business.

Members introduced themselves.

Chris proposed to move public comments first as Yolanda wanted to present an item but needs to leave early. It was accepted by members.

Public Input:

Yolanda Candler shared that DHS has received a PDO grant which is focused on addressing prescription drug, opioids, and overdoses among the Tribes. As part of the grant it is required to have an Advisory Board. To avoid duplication Yolanda is proposing to bring members from the tribes into the SCAODA Prevention Committee and adding to the agenda time to share updates and discussions needed for the grant. Yolanda believes we would add four members.

The Committee seemed open to this and Chris stated he would connect with Kevin to determine appropriate procedures to adopt this addition.

Approval of July 20, 2023 minutes:

Kathy Asper moved to approve the minutes of July 20, 2023.

Jodie Sorenson seconded the motion to approve the minutes.

Felice brought forth corrections of spelling and one for clarification. Changes were made.

Meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

SCAODA 2023-2027 Strategic Plan.

SCAODA workgroup met to review the strategic plan for the next five years. The workplan objectives did not change so much, but the language in the document has been updated and thanks to the work of this group the plan is more comprehensive to include a prevention focus. The plan will be presented at the SCAODA December meeting. If approved, then in January we will be able to identify our priority objectives that we will want to focus on in the first year or two.

SCAODA Listening Session at the Prevention Conference.

There were 22 people in attendance. Chris Wardlow led the meeting and Annie Short was present to take notes. Following were some of the key discussions from the listening session and discussion at this meeting:

- **Opioid Settlement dollars.** One participant shared the disappointment that more was not allocated to prevention. Others shared the frustration of the limited dollars and focus on prevention. Chris shared at that meeting the plan for the dollars had to go through the Joint Finance Committee but does not discount that prevention often gets overlooked.
- **YRBS challenges.** It was shared that it has been more difficult to collect and receive the data. Chris shared that at that meeting he knows there has been turnover at DPI. Discussion at the listening session was how to expedite the results and if maybe UW Pop Health would have a greater capacity for this type of data set. Chris mentioned he would bring it before this group and maybe it is an agenda item for our Prevention Committee to keep it on the radar. Kathy A. appreciated that he did bring it to the Prevention Committee and agreed with this decision to keep it on this Prevention Committee agenda. Chris said we may need to look at funding more positions to build capacity for YRBS. Maureen B. mentioned that there are some trying to limit how many schools need to participate. Melissa M. shared that due to the delay in results, some schools are looking to do their own, but this limits our state response. Chris closed by saying there seem to be many concerns and it would be best to try and get representation here in January to better understand the challenges and how this committee can advocate for the things needed.
- **Hemp Derivatives** were another concern and the number of products and ease of access since there is no legislation for these products. Chris shared at the listening session the proposal that was sent to the full SCAODA and the hope to establish an ad-hoc committee to help establish best practices.
- **Prevention vs. Harm Reduction** was also mentioned and it feels as if the lines are again being blurred, some because of federal dollars. Yet the concern was again that there are dollars poured into harm reduction, but the state is not recognizing and supporting the value and power of prevention. Kathy shared her appreciation for this topic to be discussed as her staff also think prevention and harm reduction are the same thing. Kathy felt that one of the keynote speakers at the State Prevention Conference explained it well, by stating, "Prevention and harm reduction are not the same." He explained that if you don't keep doing primary prevention you will have more people using, so we can't quit that and need both. Kathy continued to say it is something that needs to be clarified. Margarita said she explains it using the metaphor of the wave. If we don't address it at the beginning, the wave it is going to hit our treatment and care services in bigger ways. Chris closed by saying this is another discussion we should keep on our radar to determine how to clarify roles and the continued need for funding for prevention.

State Health Improvement Plan /Alcohol Action Team

The Alcohol Implementation Report is still being reviewed by their Communication Team and waiting for full approval. So we continue to be hopeful to have this soon. The Report will have strategies featured around substance prevention and treatment and show how this is prevalent in so many priority areas such as mental health and safety. We also have hired a new support staff member to assist with community engagement and engagement with partners and will bring her to the next meeting to meet each of you and to see what kind of support can be offered.

WisAPP

- The Alcohol Age Compliance manual is now completed. They had 91 collaborators. The manual will be available online and we are hoping for it to be live on November 1 or close to that. We had coalitions assist with this but also law enforcement. We will now be working on how to roll this out to the communities. Our thought is to start with an internal roll-out through groups like the SCAODA Prevention Committee, and Alliance for Wisconsin Youth. We will also host a few trainings both on the tech side and how to implement. It is part of the alcohol data inspector, which we are excited about as that will be made available statewide for no cost. This was funded through a DHS grant so how to sustain this will be of consideration. Then for the external roll-out to expand this so we can get more communities doing the data collection. The hope would then do a survey of all the counties and in particular the Sheriff's departments so that in six to nine months we could have the data showing the results. We are gathering endorsements from coalitions, public health, and Human Service departments. Chris recommended that the SCAODA Prevention Committee endorse it. Maureen appreciated that and will prepare an overview of the report for the Committee to know what they are endorsing. This can be presented for approval at the January meeting.
- WisAPP is also working on a logic model to have a better plan of how we will reduce excessive alcohol. Maureen proposed to present this at the January meeting for input and feedback to ensure it aligns with the Prevention Committee and the Alliance for WI Youth efforts.
- The Alcohol Policy Seminar Planning Committee will kick off in early December and has had a great response in terms of volunteers.
- Legislative updates – AB 127/SB130 (Home Delivery) has not moved. AB260/SB262 (Open containers for ATV) can be scheduled in the senate, but there hasn't been movement in the assembly. AB286/SB479 (14-17 year old ability to serve alcohol) has not moved from the State Affairs Committee nor a public hearing.

Tobacco 21

No one in attendance to present.

Ad-hoc on hemp-derived, psychotropic cannabis products

SCAODA did approve for the Prevention Committee to form an ad hoc committee to explore and then make recommendations for evidence, informed policies to regulate the hemp-derived Cannabis products. This committee will be unstaffed because of staffing shortages. If anyone is interested in being a part of the committee reach out to Chris Wardlow and copy Annie Short in on the email.

We did also put forth a motion to SCAODA to urge agencies and association to urge legislators to pass an age restriction of these products. This was approved, so we will have to determine how or if that has impact in the ad hoc work.

It is important to not that there was a new bill introduced (SB486 and AB506) to legalize marijuana. The bill was just read and referred to committee and right now partisan lead.

Danielle shared that she had heard of potential talk to close some of the loop holes in the hemp farm bill which would include age restrictions to the products. No more details but something to watch.

Equity and Inclusion.

No action as committee has not been meeting. However DHS has staff focused on this and may be valuable to include them for updates.

Member/Agency Updates

- Emily Holder shared that about 23 school districts and private schools received funding for AODA curriculum and 46 projects received funding. We also have the AODA mini-grants available again this year and will hopefully be awarded before the end of the year. Plus we have the Stronger Connections grant which is out for competition and due November 15. A reminder of the Heart of Successful School Conference with pre-conferences beginning December 6.
- Meagan Barnett shared that the Alliance for Wisconsin Youth Regional Prevention Centers have been announced for the next five years. Marshfield Clinic will serve the Western and Northern regions; Northeastern WI Area Health Education Center will serve the Northeastern and Southern regions; Community Advocates will serve the South East region.
- Danielle Luther shared that the Family Health Center is now independent of Marshfield Clinic Health System and is a Federally Qualified Health Center. They also have a Trauma-Informed Workplace 2-part session available in November and will send out a flyer. ‘
- Melissa Moore shared that Taylor County has been doing some great training and recording them and are available for viewing. Their Latino Community Sessions have been going over well and are also available for viewing.
- Janet Fleege shared continued transition and open staff positions. DHS hired a treatment coordinator. Plus a unit supervisor in the substance use services section. Jason Cram has been named the new Deputy Director for the Bureau of Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery, replacing Andera Jacob. We also just closed Narcan Direct applications. We are also starting Fentanyl test strips.
- Annie Short shared that more resources are available on the Dose of Reality and Real Talks websites including information on distributing Nasal Naloxone.

Meeting Adjourned.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:23.

Prepared by: Annie Short on 11/22/2023.

These minutes were approved by the governmental body on: 1/18/2024.