

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Name of Governmental Body: State Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse		Attending: Members in Attendance: Kevin Florek, Jessica Geschke, Tina Virgil, Jennifer Stegall, Autumn Lacy, Jan Grebel, Subhadeep Barman, Deb Kolste, Christine Ullstrup, Nichol Wienkes, Representative Dave Considine, Senator Jesse James, Senator Jeff Smith, Ann DeGarmo, Fil Clissa, Elizabeth Salisbury-Afshar, Faith Price, Denise Johnson, Christina Malone Guests: Chris Wardlow, Chrissy Barnard, Linda Van Tol, Maureen Busalacchi, Hannah Huffman, Emily Thomas, Jenna Flynn, John Achter, Lakesha J, Latisha Spence-Brookens, Melissa Xiong, Travis Landry, Jessica Barrickman, Adrienne Hurst, Diana Kumar, Michael Kemp, Ellie Thorman, Anne Jaworska, Laura Fabick, Sara Rhode, Sarah Johnson, John Fournelle, Jacci See, Judi Munaker, Sydney Hocker, Beth Collier Department of Health Services Staff: Heather Carlson, Ryan Stachoviak, Allison Weber, Yolanda Candler, Michelle Larson, Katie Behl, Hannah Foley, Holly Audley, Jennifer Beer, Julie Nalepinski, Sarah Coyle, Teresa Steinmetz, Leilani Nino, Tiffaney Nielson, Saima Chuhan, Jamie McCarville, Cindy Matz, Annie Short, Sarah Valencia, Caitlin Murphy, Tom Bentley, Leilani Nino, Annie Vulpas, Micah Nickey, Jamie McCarville, Andrea Jacobson, Amy Pulda, Chantel Wiedmeyer (ASL Interpreter), Sue G (ASL Interpreter)
Date: 12/1/2023	Time Started: 9:30 a.m. Time Ended: 1:01 p.m.	
Location: Online via Zoom		Presiding Officer: Kevin Florek

Minutes

1. Call Meeting to Order

K. Florek, SCAODA Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:30am.

Review and approval of the minutes of September 8, 2023

T. Virgil moved to accept the minutes. C. Ullstrup seconded the motion. Motion carried, minutes approved.

Public Comment

Michael Kemp from the National Certification for Addictions Professionals provided comment to the Council. He asked the Council to consider writing to members of Oneida County to address underlying stigma on substance use. Comments were made in response to a resolution on a proposed substance use rehabilitation center in the Town of Cassian: [Resolution 2023-01 Resolution opposing the construction of the proposed drug and substance abuse rehabilitation center in the Town of Cassian - Town of Cassian.](#)

2. Updates from the Wisconsin Council on Mental Health

C. Barnard from the Wisconsin Council on Mental Health provided updates on that Council's activities.

3. Approval of SCAODA Strategic Plan

K. Florek introduced the strategic plan that the SCAODA has developed, reviewed, collected comments, and made edits to the plan throughout 2023 and the SCAODA is now at the point of taking a vote to approve the strategic plan. C. Ullstrup moved to approve the updated SCAODA Strategic Plan. T. Schemenauer seconded the motion. Motion carried, strategic plan approved.

4. Updates from Vital Strategies

Diana Kumar provided a presentation on the Overdose Prevention Initiative from Vital Strategies. These include in Milwaukee, the Sixteenth Streets SSP services, a North side harm reduction working group, and radio ads in Milwaukee to reach the black community on where to access harm reduction resources. Efforts continue to partner with DHS to optimize funding and programming to reduce overdose deaths, including public health vending machine community of practice, and increasing community mobilization to help reduce overdose deaths.

Adrienne Hurst provided an update on the VOICES Study, a survey about the health of people who use drugs in Milwaukee, to learn directly about people's lived experiences and needs and wants. The effort is to learn about the health of people who use drugs in Milwaukee, and identify gaps in access to harm reduction resources. A total of 498 respondents participated in the study. A. Hurst provided recommendations based on the results of the study.

5. Presentation: Psychedelics for Substance Use Disorders

Dr. Nicholas and Dr. Brown provided a presentation on the use of psychoactive for substance use treatment and detailed the therapeutic potential of psychedelic-assisted therapy for substance use disorders. The psychoactives being utilized for this treatment are currently classified as Schedule I narcotics. However, there are some efforts to FDA approve psilocybin-AT for major depressive disorder. Dr. Nicholas discussed the clinical approach, and how the drugs could be used in combination with other therapies. Clients go through a comprehensive screening beforehand, and a set of preparations. At least half the work is afterwards to work through the experience. There is also some work being done looking at group models of treatment, looking at ways for more real-world use of the treatment. Members of the SCAODA asked about how this could be utilized in a more real-world application, and how some of the challenges of implementing this treatment, given potential challenges with reimbursement for this type of services. This type of therapy is still early in the field of looking at the safety and mechanism piece of the therapy, and hoping continued research to support this learning.

6. SCAODA Committee Updates

Executive Committee

K. Florek discussed at the recent committee meeting, the majority of the discussion centered on planning this SCAODA meeting.

Diversity Committee

D. Johnson provided an update on behalf of the Diversity Committee. For the last year and a half, there wasn't a meeting of the committee, and the committee is now meeting again with many new, passionate members.

Intervention and Treatment Committee

S. Chauhan provided an update as staff to the committee. The committee is still looking to identify a new chair for the committee.

Planning and Funding Committee

C. Ullstrup provided update. The committee is doing work on feedback received on the Residential Substance Use Tx Disorder. Common themes are that rates don't cover expenses, and the authorization process is time consuming. The committee planning to develop a white paper on this topic and present feedback on what may help address the challenges. The committee is also working to update the committee's strategic plan. Membership has also been a

challenge for the Planning and Funding Committee, with challenges meeting quorum for a few meetings, and the group is interested in any new members that may be interested in joining.

Prevention Committee

C. Wardlow provided updates from the Committee. The state prevention conference occurred in September, and members held a SCAODA listening session as part of the conference. Among those in the listening session, there seemed to be some confusion on how the opioid settlement dollars process, and how dollars were allocated. Another challenge that was identified was getting YRBS data lag, which seems to be related to staff turnover at the Department of Public Instruction. Hemp derivatives were also discussed at the listening session.

7. Agency Reports:

Department of Health Services (DHS)

P. Krupski provided updates on behalf of DHS. DHS will soon be planning the state fiscal year 2025-2027 budget. The SCAODA and committees are encouraged to start thinking of any budget proposals that would be recommended. A rough timeline would be for recommendations to be received by DHS by May of 2024. The DHS along with the Department of Justice (DOJ) is holding a series of round tables on opioid settlement funding, starting next week. The purpose is to bring community partners together who are grantees of DHS, to hear how the funding will impact work and impact communities, and what more the two state departments can do to impact the opioid epidemic. On April 1 the next Opioid settlement plan will go to legislature.

The Crisis Now legislation has passed the senate, and currently waiting on assembly action. P Krupski provided information on the Good Samaritan law in Wisconsin. When passed in 2017, Act 33, some of the language that came along with legislation was scheduled to sun-set. Legislation has been introduced to put that sunset language back into the law. There was a hearing on the legislation through the assembly, and a companion bill has been introduced in the senate.

P. Krupski is still the acting Director of Opioid Initiatives, but is hopeful that a new person will be starting in January, once that recruitment process is complete. P. Krupski will stay on the SCAODA as the DHS representative.

8. Updates from the Bureau of Prevention Treatment and Recovery (BPTR)

T. Steinmetz provided updates on behalf of the BPTR. The BPTR has worked to reclassify some vacation position to unit supervisors to allow for more supervisory capacity. Currently 4 of 6 sections have been implementing this reorganization. The Bureau will be able to provide updates on these changes in the near future. T. Steinmetz, announced that the new Substance Use Services Section Supervisor is Dan Bizjak. He had been serving in the role of the State Opioid Treatment Authority prior to taking this role. Shana Martindale has been hired as the new Children Youth and Family Supervisor in the BPTR.

T. Steinmetz briefed the SCAODA on DHS 72, the administrative rule on Medicaid reimbursement and certification of peer recovery coaches. A final advisory committee meeting has been held, and the team is getting close to submitting a final version for department review.

K. Bright, Integrated Services Section Supervisor with BPTR, provided an update on Peer Specialist efforts. DHS partners with Access to Independence to support these efforts. There currently are 1361 Certified Peer Specialists in Wisconsin. There are also Parent Peer Specialists which is a newer certification. With block grant funding BPTR was able to fund 15 trainings statewide. Agencies that are interested in getting trained can also coordinate training through Access to Independence. There were also opportunities for train the trainers opportunities held this past year in Wisconsin. There has also been trainers developed through the Department of Corrections to develop trainers that train Certified Peer Specialists in prison settings. This coming year, the BPTR hopes to support the training of up to 22 individuals at a time, increasing the per training numbers. Not planning any additional train the trainers. The DHS peer services website is:

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/peer-services/index.htm>. Includes information on Peer Run Respite, Peer Recovery Centers, Peer Specialists. Another resource is the ATI site: <https://www.wicps.org/>.

T. Steinmetz provided updates on current American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) efforts in the BPTR. All ARPA funded efforts are up and running or in the process of implementation. Some of the ARPA funded initiatives were directed toward items that were not included in the state budget. Addressing crisis throughout the state has been a key focus of this funding. Additional funding was directed toward primary prevention in underserved.

9. Call for future SCAODA agenda items

No future items were noted.

10. Adjourn

T. Virgil moved to adjourn, D. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 1:01pm.

Prepared by: Ryan Stachoviak on 12/1/2023.

Council reviewed and approved these minutes at its meeting on: 3/8/2024