

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Instructions: [F-01922A](#)

Name of Governmental Body: State Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (SCAODA)			Attending: See below
Date: 3/15/2019	Time Started: 9:30 am	Time Ended: 2:30 pm	
Location: American Family Center, Building A - Training Center			Presiding Officer: Roger Frings, SCAODA Chairperson
Minutes			

Members Present: Sue Shemanski, Dr. Subhadeep Barman, Chris Borgerding, Norman Briggs, Tina Virgil, Thai Vue, Christine Ullstrup, Roger Frings, Julie Willems Van Dijk, Sen. Janet Bewley, Katie Domina, Jan Grebel, Brenda Jennings, Natalie Aicher (Skype), Rep. Jill Billings

Members Excused: Autumn Lacy, Kristi Sullivan, Duncan Shrout, Sandy Hardie, Michael Knetzger

Ex Officio Members Present: Fil Clissa, Jennifer Wickman, Ann DeGarmo, Kenyon Kies, Dr. Mark Wegner,

Ex Officio Members Excused: Katie Wagner-Roberts, Colleen Rinken, Mishelle O'Shasky, Dr. David Galbis-Reig

Staff: Jason Cram, Michelle Lund, Cecilia Culp, Mike Derr, Alex Wright-O'Neil, Allison Weber, Mai Zong Vue, Jason Harris, Joyce Allen, Scott Stokes, Dennis Radloff, Gary Roth, Amanda Lake Cismesia, Kate Rifken, Sarah Coyle, Paul Krupski

Guests: Chris Wardlow, Denise Johnson, David MacMaster, Lindsay Just, Saima Chauhan, Chelsea Wasielewski, Harold Gates, Michael Waupoose, Gail Nahwahquaw, Lorie Goeser, Laura Gebhart, Sarah Bremser, Vaughn Bowles, John Weitakamp, Amy Simonsen, Michelle Wick

Call to Order: Roger Frings called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Introductions: Members introduced themselves.

Approval of December 7, 2018 Minutes: Thai Vue moved to approve the minutes. Christine Ullstrup seconded. The motion passed unanimously, Norman Briggs abstained.

Public input:

No public input was received.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee – Roger Frings reported that when the committee last met on February 19th, members discussed ways to improve SCAODA's presence with the State legislature regarding separate pieces of

legislation as well as the state budget. There were no public comments offered on substance use disorder topics during the meeting.

Diversity Committee – Thai Vue reported that the committee last met on January 25th; at that meeting Roger Frings attended and educated the members on overall SCAODA responsibilities and expectations, as well of those of the committees. Members discussed committee membership, structure, and member recruitment. The committee recently developed an application to recruit new members. Discussion also occurred regarding the Diversity community workshop at the statewide conference.

Intervention and Treatment Committee – Norman Briggs reported that the ITC last met on January 8th. Briggs read a 1/11/19 letter that the committee sent to the Department of Safety & Professional Services (DSPS) in regards to emergency rule EmR1835; he moved that the Council approve and sanction the committee's decision to send that letter. Chris Wardlow seconded the motion. Extensive discussion ensued on the complexity of several issues relating to lack of SUD workforce. Saima Chauhan and Amanda Lake Cismesia explained some of the difficulties surrounding licensure and Medicaid reimbursement. Norman Brings explained the impacts Act 262 that was passed in 2018. ITC submitted a workforce report in the past that was previously approved, and showed that numbers of qualified workers had declined over time, and Act 262 had attempted to address that shortage. Lorie Goeser explained some of the lack of standardization of substance use treatment training in the state. The group returned to the motion. All Council members approved and the motion passed, with Tina Virgil abstaining. Briggs reported that a committee member proposed that the ePDMP data program expand to include naltrexone, Vivitrol, and gabapentin. The committee is creating an ad-hoc workgroup, headed by Joe Muchka, which addresses substance use among the senior population. Dr. Subhadeep Barman noted that methadone, when dispensed for opioid addiction, is technically not prescribed and therefore wouldn't be addressed by the ePDMP. He also added that naltrexone and gabapentin are not controlled medications.

Planning and Funding Committee – Christine Ullstrup reported that PFC last met on 1/16/19. (The 2/20/19 scheduled meeting was postponed and rescheduled for 3/20/19.) The committee seeks to establish action plan priorities and determine how they fit with the SCAODA Strategic Plan as a whole. One action plan priority is to inform Wisconsin citizens on the negative financial impacts of substance use disorders. The committee is currently reviewing available needs assessments and staying informed of activity at the state level. By end of 2019, the Committee seeks to compile a concise document that summarizes those reports and findings. Committee members also want to advocate for adequate funding and infrastructure for outreach activities, as well as for prevention, treatment, and recovery programming. At the March 20th meeting the committee will discuss the governor's budget and legislative proposals, and address planning/implementation of Medicaid SUD reimbursements, residential facilities, etc. The Committee will also look at relevant information about how neighboring states fund SUD treatment, especially residential treatment, and have that information as the state starts implementing the Section 1115 waiver. Ullstrup noted that she is still seeking new committee members, and that the Committee has extended meeting times to address the new plans.

Prevention Committee – The Prevention Committee last met on January 17th. Chris Wardlow reported that Wisconsin, as of 2018, is no longer an ICRC state, which brings about concerns about prevention specialist training and licensure. There are significant communication issues between DSPS and DHS. Wardlow noted a lack of accountability in license renewal for continuing education. Wardlow extended thanks to the DHS prevention staff for their support. The Healthy Wisconsin team is looking to identify data gaps on alcohol burden in the state. Wisconsin still leads the U.S. in adult alcohol consumption. The Committee is interested in consequence data. Members have identified stakeholders at the state level that collect that data and they are invited to future community meetings to share information. Recently, Kate McCoy from DPI presented the Youth Risk Behavior Survey, which measures risk behaviors for mental health and substance use concerns in adolescents. DPI obtained new data collecting software to create a pool of state data and draw comparisons to federal data. Julia Sherman is helping the Committee draft a proposal to form an ad-hoc group to study

alcoholic environments and form recommendations, and will bring the proposal to the June SCAODA meeting. They may also bring the Workplace Prevention Ad Hoc Committee's final report to the Council meeting. The next Prevention Committee meeting is on April 18th.

Legislative and Budget Update:

Roger Frings gave an update. The 2019-21 biennium budget was introduced on Feb. 28 by Governor Evers. The legislative fiscal bureau is currently analyzing the budget. Public hearings will likely be scheduled in the near future. Julie Willems Van Dijk, the DHS Deputy Secretary, presented high level information on the DHS 2019-2021 Budget Proposal. Additional information is available on the DHS website.

Cecilia Culp presented a legislative tracking document to the Council. The link to the document will be posted on the SCAODA website with view-only access. It contains bills and rules related to mental health and substance use, their authors, brief descriptions, relevant lobbyists/sponsors, and relevant links.

Presentations:

Medications for Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder – Dr. Subhadeep Barman gave a presentation to the council on the opioid epidemic and medication-assisted treatment (MAT) strategies. Norman Briggs asked what drugs are contributing to the increases of opioid deaths. Dr. Barman replied that non-opioid drugs such as benzodiazepines and cocaine taken in combination with opioids have increased death rates. Sarah Bremser asked how old a patient must be to receive MAT for opioid use disorder. Dr. Barman replied that patients as young as 16 have been prescribed it. David MacMaster asked how tobacco addiction plays into treatment. Dr. Barman replied that tobacco cessation is always included in treatment plans when applicable. Dr. Barman also discussed generic forms of buprenorphine which brings down the cost for low-income patients, but acknowledged that access to MAT is still difficult for them. Paul Krupski added information about the Governor's Council on Substance Use Disorder Treatment report that went out in 2018 about access to MAT services. Thai Vue asked about diversity in Barman's populations, and Barman acknowledged that minorities have difficulty accessing services in Wisconsin.

SAMHSA Tribal-State Policy Academy – Michael Waupoose and Vaughn Bowles gave a presentation to the council. Waupoose asked the Council to help bring tribal representation to the Council, and treat this as more than just a token seat. He emphasized the need for cultural humility when pertaining to tribal issues. He also urged members to educate themselves about privilege, oppression, and Native communities instead of relying upon those communities to educate them. Also, every subcommittee should have diversity goals on their annual plans and hold themselves responsible for achieving them. Council members should advise the governor on strategies for improving the lives of Native Americans in the state. Bowles emphasized that in small communities, such as the Menominee tribe, the statistics are not as telling as the information given by the community members themselves, and that personal connection goes a long way. Christine Ullstrup asked how the Council should go about recruiting Native members. Waupoose responded that first, the committee has to emphasize building meaningful relationships with tribes. Thai Vue noted similarities between Native American and Hmong cultures. Sen. Bewley asked if Waupoose was seeing Native languages used as a tool to connect with each other and promote recovery, and Waupoose said that it is essential.

Healthy Wisconsin State Health Improvement Plan – Dr. Mark Wegner gave a presentation to the council on the Healthy Wisconsin's initiative for prioritizing reduction of alcohol and opioids abuse as a key strategy for improving health statewide. This initiative is coordinated by DHS' Division of Public Health. David MacMaster asked why tobacco is considered a separate category from substance abuse. Wegner assured him that tobacco prevention and cessation is a high priority, and that it is essential integrate tobacco cessation efforts with those

to reduce alcohol and drug abuse.. Thai Vue asked whether the Healthy Wisconsin initiative has a future plan for addressing disparities in health equity. Dr. Wegner replied that they work closely with the Minority Health Funding Program, and that social determinants -- especially in minority communities -- play a huge role in those gaps.

Agency Reports:

Department of Health Services – No additional reports and updates provided.

Department of Revenue – Ann DeGarmo noted two proposed upcoming tax policies that would impact tobacco.

Department of Public Instruction – Brenda Jennings reported that grant competitions are currently being held for school districts to fund AODA and mental health, and there is more information on this program on the DPI website. The Social and Emotional Learning Symposium and the Growing School Mental Health Summit are coming up shortly

Department of Safety and Professional Services – No report provided.

Department of Veterans Affairs – No report provided.

Department of Justice – Tina Virgil announced the approaching drug takeback program in April. Under Act 261, DOJ was awarded a grant for opioid, meth enforcement efforts.

Department of Corrections – No report provided.

Wisconsin Technical Colleges – No report provided.

UW System – Jennifer Wickman noted that the university is putting together a directory for experts. She gave a brief update on the university's efforts to track alcohol and substance use consumption and disorders on the various campuses.

WI Board for People with Developmental Disabilities – Fil Clissa reported that the Board is reviewing the Governor's Budget. The Board has identified a transportation issue for non-drivers and how it affects treatment access.

Bureau of Prevention Treatment and Recovery Update:

Joyce Allen and Jason Harris gave brief updates on the State Opioid Response Grant program and recent awards to counties and tribes.

UW-PHI is currently working with Bureau staff to develop and implement its behavioral health gap analysis, which will inform the FFY 2020-21 block grant plan and needs assessment. A survey and targeted interviewing will be the primary methodologies for collecting data and feedback.

Scott Stokes introduced Amanda Lake Cismesia as the new DHS 75 coordinator. He also announced some upcoming trainings and events.

Report from Wisconsin Council on Mental Health:

Mike Derr shared a letter on behalf of Mishelle O'Shasky from the WCMH. He will forward a copy to SCAODA members via email.

June 7, 2019 Meeting Agenda Items:

Roger Frings and attendees referenced several potential topics for the next meeting, including: presentations from representatives of grant-funded prevention programs; a presentation on urine drug testing services; an update on the 2020-21 SABG Plan and priorities; and preliminary findings of the 2019 updated MHBG/SABG Needs Assessment.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Prepared by: Michael Derr on 6/20/2019.

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