

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Name of Governmental Body: Intervention and Treatment Committee of SCAODA			Attending: Roger Frings, Jessica Geschke, David Macmaster, Joe Muchka, Sandra Adams, Amy Anderson, Sheila Weix, Elizabeth Collier, Saima Chauhan, Michael Kemp, Jill Gamez, Anne Larson, Ramsey Lee, Tamara Feest
Date: 2/9/2021	Time Started: 10:06am	Time Ended: 11:40am	
Location: virtual meeting occurred via Zoom platform			Presiding Officer: Roger Frings, Chairperson
Minutes			

1. Roger Frings called the meeting to order at 10:06am.
Comments or Announcements: Quorum confirmed by Saima Chauha.
2. **Review and approval of 1/12/2021 meeting minutes.** The minutes were approved unanimously with no opposition nor abstentions. Move to approve by Joe Muchka; Second by Sandy Adams. No comments. No opposition. Approved unanimously.
3. **Discussion of COVID-19 and considerations for substance use services.**
Sheila Weix shared that there's been a positive response to the vaccine. Her staff are fully vaccinated. Most of the patients served are interested in being vaccinated but not sure when that will be available. Still not sure about when and how to do in person work. Planning to implement onsite groups in February using PPE- due to patient requests. Substance use is up including Meth. A new substance of misuse (Tianeptine) was brought to their attention. It is approved in Europe and Latin America but not US. Michigan classified as schedule 2 drug. It can be found over the counter in herbal remedies and on the internet. It targets the same receptors as opioids but cannot be detected in urine testing. Narcan does reverse Tianeptine overdose.
Ramsey Lee (a guest today) is on the Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities (GCPD) and mentioned that there is a meeting on 2/17 that will address the challenges of the visually impaired in terms of access to the online unemployment system.
Saima noted that DHS has updated their COVID-19 data dashboard.
Jessica Geschke- Wisconsin Voices for Recovery- received private funding from Serve-You Pharmacy to provide a new program called **Nalox-Zone**. The funding supports the placement of Narcan in boxes placed in common community locations such as hotels, stores, MAT facilities, police stations, etc. in Madison area; Milwaukee, West Bend, Grafton, Portage, Beaver Dam, Appleton. So far, 12 boxes have been placed and a Nalox-Zone box at a hotel was accessed to provide Narcan to revive a nearby homeless person experiencing an opioid overdose. Let Jessica know if you'd like to suggest box locations. Boxes are free and can be placed anywhere in the state.
4. **Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS)**, Carl Hampton was not present. –No update at this time.
5. **Cares Act- Buprenorphine Waiver Update** (*Beth Collier*)
The act was rolled out at the end of the Trump administration but never published in the Federal Register. It has been on hold pending action by the Biden administration. The previous rules are still in effect. Will still look at the waiver in the future. Sheila and Sandy are both happy this has been put on hold and the previous rules are still in effect.
RE: Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP): Candidates for national leadership include Wesley Clark (previous CSAT Director at SAMHSA) and Rep. Joseph P. Kennedy.
6. **2020-2021 Legislative Session Update** (*Roger Frings*)

Not much to report- Prevention Committee motion re opposition to SB-22-“Drinks to Go” Legislation. SCAODA Exec will meet on 2/10 to act on the motion. If passed- a letter will go to the Governor and Legislature in opposition of SB-22. Copy of the letter will go out to SCAODA committees

Gov. Evers budget includes support to legalize recreational marijuana. Not likely to receive much support from Legislators. May be more support for a medical marijuana initiative.

Beth Collier mentioned- SB-49- Opioid and Methamphetamine Data system which would house all data under one platform. Was in previous session. Roger added it to the agenda for the next meeting.

Ramsey Lee mentioned the Governor’s 2021-2023 Budget announcement will be available 2/16 at 7:00 PM on Wisconsin Eye.

7. Update on support for Telehealth & Telephonic & discussion on residential SUD treatment rates.

Saima checked with Pam Lano at DMS re “Audio-only” telehealth options. Pam said she understands audio only can reduce barriers-especially in rural areas with limited video options. Sheila and Sandy put together a document covering how telehealth has reduced barriers and enhanced capacity and workforce options. Nice option for enhanced continuum of care and removal of barriers.

Beth mentioned monthly Telehealth Workgroup. Next meeting March 8th.

Ramsey brought up the need to support hearing impaired. He offered support of this initiative.

Joe also noted telehealth support for visually impaired.

Roger mentioned SCAODA member Denise Johnson is a strong advocate and would be good on these workgroups.

8. RSUD survey results & discussion on residential treatment rate.

Saima- the report is in draft format. Topics included the impact of treatment, revenue, staffing levels, service quality, youth day treatment.

- Of 58 certified providers, 37 responded (64%). 1 Day Treatment and 1 Residential program has permanently closed. 3 Residential programs temporarily closed. Capacity has decreased by 19%; 10%; 4 more at risk of closing by 6/30/2021.
- Revenue- Some programs received Federal COVID-19 funds which mitigated the impact on those programs.
- 55% residential providers responded –findings 43% decreased capacity; 24% furloughs; 1 site permanently closed; 13% layoffs; 20% decrease in hours; 55% health related staff leave/absences due to COVID-19 outbreak.
- Specialized services had the greatest reductions. Individual OP and MAT most likely to be maintained.
- Screening daily for symptoms but testing is not universal. Most reported they have adequate PPE but it had a negative impact on their budget.

Saima plans to organize the information and add data related to the Child and Adolescent Day Treatment for a discussion at the next ITC.

Saima- What would you recommend to support providers? How can we support programs at risk of closure?

Roger- Telehealth approval and acceptance;

Jill Gamez- it is 100% funding. Reduced occupancy due to need for social distancing. Can’t fill all beds but fixed costs don’t change. Payment of testing and PPE helps but little impact. The residential benefit payments by MA are inadequate. Not all counties are willing or able to pay for room and board (which is not covered by MA). Need subsidies for an infrastructure that supports treatment providers.

Tamera Feest- County perspective- County Levy doesn’t provide funds for the room and board fees.

9. ITC strategic plan progress and priorities.

Priority #5: ITC will collaborate with the SCAODA Ad Hoc Equity and Inclusion workgroup towards a unified objective to provide leadership, guidance, and advocacy to insure that appropriate substance

use disorder services are culturally appropriate, inclusive, evidence-based, and made available to all who need them anywhere in the state of Wisconsin

Committee agreed the new language represents the intent of the committee. The revised priority list including #5 was motioned for approval by Joe Muchka, 2nd by Michael Kemp. All in favor, no opposition. Approved unanimously.

10. **DHS 75 Revision.** Amanda was not present to give an update. Saima noted that the revised version with public comment has now been posted to the clearing house.

11. **Public comments.** There were no public comments.

Sheila Weix- question re SCAODA website. Saima clarified that DHS has moved all councils and committees to the DHS site to eliminate multiple web platforms. The new SCAODA page on the DHS site should provide access to relevant reports. Saima will let the committee know when it is updated.

Mac offered an update on Priority #4. Tobacco use disorder is also being prioritized by the Tobacco Prevention. He also noted 3 significant training opportunities highlighted on his written update which was provided to the committee.

Ramsey Lee- Survey to look at the impact of COVID-19 on people with disabilities. Survey available on GCPD webpage (link provided in chat)

12. Future meeting dates, agenda topics, and other announcements

Agenda topics: Budget update; Equity and Inclusion workgroup; Subcommittee work plans; Continue discussion of COVID-19-19; DSPS update by Carl; DHS 75 status update; update from MAC re tobacco/nicotine initiative; strategic plan progress; add 2020-21 legislative session.

Future ITC meetings dates have been shared. Next meeting 3/5; March 5th SCAODA meeting. Next ITC meeting in April 13th

Saima announced- Andrea Jacobson was promoted to Deputy Director of the Bureau of Prevention, Treatment and Recovery and Amanda Lake has filled her position as the Section Chief for the Substance Use Section

Additional agenda items should be forwarded to Saima Chauhan.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 AM, following a motion by Joe Muchka and a second by Sheila Weix.

Prepared by: Anne Larson on 2/15/2021.

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