

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

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| 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, Holly Stanelle, Amanda Lake (Holly, Mike and Beth left early for 11:00 meetings) |
| Date: 4/13/2021 | Time Started: 10:08am | Time Ended: 12:22PM | |
| Location: virtual meeting occurred via Zoom platform | | | Presiding Officer: Roger Frings, Chairperson |
| Minutes | | | |

1. Roger Frings called the meeting to order at 10:08 AM.
Comments or Announcements: Quorum confirmed by Saima Chauhan.
2. **Review and approval of 2/09/2021 meeting minutes.** Move to approve by Sandy Adams; Second by Holly Stanelle. 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. They are beginning to transition back to the office from telehealth. In person groups are occurring in Minoqua. Physical space for distancing is a concern so some groups have a max of 4 participants. Some newer clients hadn't been met in person. Increase engagement with in person contacts; Marshfield is still mostly telehealth. Prioritizing in-person appointments for people who are just starting out, struggling or able to come in without hardships to work. Inductions always in person.
The increase in Michigan cases is concerning. Increase in vaccinations. Walk-in clinic at local casino by an FQHC which went really well. Her staff are fully vaccinated. Most of the patients served are interested in being vaccinated but not sure when that will be available. Happy to start fresh- looking at pre-covid processes differently.
Sandy Adams- transitioning to in person- some providers not comfortable coming in. Many consumers are fighting on PPE- masks and distancing. Acting like it's not required. Some people refuse to mask, refuse to vaccinate. Some never want to come back in person. Obsessive Compulsive Disorder is more prevalent.
Jill Gamez- not a lot of push back on masks; toll on staff is significant. Turnover is always an issue but have not been able to fill many clinical positions; especially MH counselors who may be opting to do tele-health in private practice.
Dave Macmaster inquired about professional orgs assisting with workforce issues. Mike Kemp said the priorities have been related to infrastructure such as broadband.

4. Opioid Treatment Update/Announcements (*Beth Collier*)

Opioid newsletter -#HopeActiLiveWI: Responding to Wisconsin's Opioid Epidemic) went out today.

The Opioids, Stimulants, and Trauma Summit is a virtual event focused on highlighting strategies to address the harmful use of opioids and stimulants in Wisconsin. All people interested in building healthy communities are invited to participate.

Three half days: Each day features a keynote presentation followed by three concurrent workshops.

- April 16, 2021 (8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.): This session focused on opioids.
- May 14, 2021 (8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.): This session will focus on stimulants.
- June 18, 2021 (8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.): This session will focus on trauma.

Three continuing education units are available each day through UW-Milwaukee's School of Continuing Education.

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/aoda/opioids-stimulants-trauma-summit.htm>

Grantees May Now Use Funds to Purchase Fentanyl Test Strips-CDC & SAMHSA (SOR & SABG funds can be used) announced today that federal funding may now be used to purchase rapid fentanyl test strips (FTS) in an effort to help curb the dramatic spike in drug overdose deaths largely driven by the use of strong synthetic opioids, including illicitly manufactured fentanyl.

5. Senate Bill 49 Opioid and methamphetamine data system. (Roger Frings)

RFP –DOA- contract with a vendor- The data system will provided access to data in as close to real time as possible. –Database- intro in January.

Sheila- Measuring everything doesn't necessarily make things better. Sheila- many things they want to measure simply aren't tracked in the community. Holly also wondering about the origin of the bill and potential benefit. SB49 passed Senate health committee 2/11-can go to full Senate. Participation is voluntary so won't fully represent capacity. Providers may not have resources to track additional data elements.

Mike Kemp-and Sandy Adams-we need to stress that the "addiction crisis" also includes alcohol. Beth recommends checking with Paul Krupski (DHS Director of Opioid Initiatives) for additional info on the bill. Roger will check with Paul.

Saima- SB49- is there a need for a committee to address this? Look at issues at hand that are affecting providers.

Amanda Lake- Is there a formal process by which SCAODA fulfills the duties in ch. 13.098, Stats., related to review of legislation concerning SUD services, policies, and programs? So that SCOADA representatives have opportunity to weigh in on proposed items such as SB 49?

Discussion regarding SCAODA input on proposed legislation:

Roger -state council shall take up SB49 and offer an opinion. However, legislation is often introduced and moved forward before a SCAODA committee can review and take a position on a given issue. In recent years- Law makers have not reached out to SCAODA for input.

Sheila- law making- the process isn't – Doesn't hurt to have the discussion and go on record- may be useful to address issues that may come up. Processes have changed- more issues are polarized and not following a structured review process.

Roger-agree we should discuss pertinent legislative issues- even after the proposal has been considered by lawmakers.

Mac-discussing these proposals in SCAODA provides recorded opinions from the field. SCAODA position may or may not change how the proposal proceeds but the process is still important.

Joe-Is there an opportunity to pull together an Emergency subgroup with members from all SCAODA committees that could quickly review time sensitive proposals? How do we keep subcommittees up on issues so they are able to quickly offer input?

Roger-There is a way to use the Executive Committee to quickly respond to urgent issues. For example, we sent timely opposition to the recent bill on "Cocktails to go". The bill was ultimately passed but our opposition is on the record.

Mac- I wonder if there is a record of the voting SCAODA members. I think each SCAODA committee that represents one of the standing 4 committees has a lot on all resolutions so these votes may be informative of how all of our committees have this opportunity to support or abstain from the issues being considered. One way of knowing the issue under consideration has been considered by all our committees at one time in one place; establishes what we support and don't.

6. Cross reference other SCAODA committees strategic plan priority's for 2021 (Saima Chauhan and Joe Muchka)

Prevention- common priorities- We want to design services to be inclusive and meet community needs. We should preplan rather than fix.

Saima- We should look at items we have in common across committees- getting a baseline measure of progress on issues from each committee. We can look at the current Ad hoc Equity and Inclusion Committee as an example of efforts to recruit and address priority areas and identify common themes.

The Tobacco initiative is also an example of how committees can work together

Mac- disparity populations- is the idea inclusive of populations most impacted by certain issues or substances. (E.g. Hmong in Lacrosse)

Are we looking at Youth-adolescent care and treatment- is addressed across all committees?

7. **Update on support for Telehealth & Telephonic**

Sara- Curious about future payment for telephone visits.

Some consumers only have access via phone (no video/internet). Will Medicaid pay less or deter phone visits by denial of payments?

Saima reports there have been no updates to DMS policies/procedures at this time. Current contracts are being maintained.

Sandy noted that crisis codes are being used more this year. Some private insurers are questioning the volume of certain codes. There has been an increase in billing related records requests by private insurers.

8. **SCAODA Ad Hoc Equity and Inclusion workgroup** (*Roger Frings and Joe Muchka*)

The committee has agreed on goals and objectives- mission statement

Mission Statement: To provide leadership, guidance, and advocacy to ensure that appropriate substance abuse services are culturally appropriate, evidence-based, and made available to all who need them anywhere in the state of Wisconsin.

Goals:

- Identify Treatment gaps, focusing on who has needs, what those needs are, where those needs occur, and when. (We can utilize information from the GAPS analysis to further drill down and identify this)
- Improve workforce recruiting for racially diverse providers (How do we improve and advocate for more individuals to enter the treatment provider field with emphasis on ethnic diversity) (We could refer to the GAPS analysis, Workforce Report and the ATTC Road Map)
- Improve education and collaboration with Law Enforcement emphasizing cultural competence (Perhaps invite local law enforcement to the WG, enlisting a discussion with them regarding diversity training and how we might help)
- Continue and further work with drug free community coalitions to enhance funding opportunities which embrace cultural competence within prevention efforts.
- Engage and collaborate with all Standing Committees of SCAODA towards improving substance use services with emphasis on Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS Standards).
- Collaborate with other DHS bureaus as they relate to these priorities including the Secretary's Office as well as other state agencies.

Objectives:

- Co-ownership of the Goals with the Division of Care and Treatment Services to make them actionable using the following tools generated by the Division. (For example, 2019 Wisconsin Behavioral Health System Gaps Report, 2019 Wisconsin Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Needs Assessment and the Workforce Report).
- Align the work of the SCAODA Equity and Inclusion Ad Hoc Work Group with the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion work tied to every State of Wisconsin Department via the Governor's Executive Order # 59. (A working retreat of SCAODA Members and could serve to incorporate the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Work Group into the role that SCAODA plays across the state in championing Equity and Inclusion).
- It is the goal of the Work Group to meet monthly, via Zoom.
- The Work Group requests membership and participation representing all 4-standing committees of the full State Council as well as other individuals with expertise in diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- The Work Group shall report back to the full State Council with its preliminary work and findings by June 2021.

Next work group meeting on 4/20- focus on prioritizing deliverables. Always looking for more participants. Work will not conclude by June- will go throughout 2021- probably into 2022.

9. DHS 75 revision-(Amanda Lake Cismesia)

Amanda- DHS 75 is still with Committee on Health in senate and also with assembly committee- Input provided by the WI Hospital Association and OTOG.

Some changes to the rule order- 10 day extension to make revisions and then submit to Joint Committee of Admin Rules (review 30-60 days).

Sheila- will there be public hearings after edits?

Amanda will communicate when it is posted again after Admin review of Rules-

So far, no one has challenged the new tobacco language.

The Department will provide significant training and TA to implement new rule- Dept of Quality- to address conversion and implementation steps.

Amy- has language changed to be destigmatizing ("Substance Abuse")? Yes, the language changes to "Substance Use Disorder"- only exception is in the professional titles RE: Substance Abuse Counselor" since the language aligns with DSPS language.

Proposal to extend implementation 12 months after rule is published (currently 6 months) Email Saima and Amanda with questions.

10. Update on Tobacco Integration- (David "Mac" Macmaster)

3/24 email-April progress report distributed to the committee- assume the revisions of 75 will be approved so tobacco integration is a real possibility. Assessing what action steps need to happen proactively to be ready for implementation. Contact fiscal bureau re costs. Funding Committee- equivalent funding request?

BPTR- agency responsible for TUD/SUD would be asked to implement any changes. Q and A issues- WINTIP- rely on provider expertise in how to implement in community. Request for BPTR to start an implementation process using the same standards of practice currently used (eg ASAM and DSM5). Don't know what this will mean in terms of workload and resources. Strategic planning process-so all stakeholders are invested in this initiative. NY State- model to look at re planning for sustainability. No resistance so far but this isn't the highest priority for some stakeholders.

11. Public comments

No public comments

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

Announcements:

- Summit- dates-4/16, 5/14, 6/18- half day sessions <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/aoda/opioids-stimulants-trauma-summit.htm>
- 2021 HOPE Consortium Conference
August 5 - 6, 2021: Virtually Via Zoom \$25 for 2 days of training
- DCTS 2020 Annual Report has been published <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p00568-2020.pdf>
- DCTS Strategic priorities published <https://dhsworkweb.wisconsin.gov/dcts/news/strategic-priorities.htm>
- Covid-19 vaccine- any over 16 available (J and J halted today)
- BPTR positions available-
- 4/30 ASAM meeting to discuss potential cases. Friday, April 30th, from 9-10:30 AM DCTS will hold ASAM COP training. The COP training is an interactive training, working through ASAM case examples.
- The original ECHO Project now known as UW Project ACCEPT: Addiction & Co-morbid Conditions: Enhancing Prevention & Therapeutics <https://www.fammed.wisc.edu/echo/>

- Housing/Sober Living: Leah.Ramirez@dhs.wisconsin.gov-Housing resources: You would contact the COC in the county you are currently in or the county in which the member would like to live. Sober living resource list for the state: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/regulations/aoda/recovery-registry.htm>
- The original ECHO Project now known as UW Project ACCEPT: Addiction & Co-morbid Conditions: Enhancing Prevention & Therapeutics <https://www.fammed.wisc.edu/echo/>
- Overarching site with multiple opportunities AND Wisconsin Women's Treatment ECHO <https://www.wisconsinconnect.org/>

Update from Jill on the ITC CYFC Sub-committee: will create a report on Youth (Ages 12-25) treatment and recovery in Wisconsin. It will be important to include youth voice on all committees and have the E and I Committee integrate into this process and report. Vision- Brainstorm and potential participants- Timeline- recruit for participants between April – June. Email Jill or Anne Larson if you'd like a draft copy of notes from our brainstorming session. Annep.larson@dhs.wi.gov

Dave Macmaster: WINTIP Mini-grants- are back – funded again for another year 7/1; Bruce Christiansen retiring in October- recruiting for a replacement.

Future Agenda Items-

Ongoing Legislative Topics SB 49; 2020-21 legislative session.

Request by Joe-When draft agenda is sent out- provide a heads up about hot topics a couple of weeks before the meeting.

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

Sheila- SCAODA- govt heavy -19 state agencies- only a handful of citizen members; want to add members to represent minority-underrepresented groups- Governor is aware of the issues.

Additional agenda items should be forwarded to Saima Chauhan.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:22 following a motion by Jill Gamez and a second by Joe Muchka; no opposition, approved unanimously.

*Next scheduled ITC Meeting: May 11, 2021 &
SCAODA: June 4, 2021

Prepared by: Anne Larson on 5/10 /2021.

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