

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Name of Governmental Body: State Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse		Attending: Members in Attendance: Roger Frings, Subadeep Barman, Denise Johnson, Christine Ullstrup, Fil Clissa, Ann DeGarmo, Kevin Florek, Jan Grebel, Marry Ann Gerrard, Eric Koch, Autumn Lacy, Angela Bins, Mitch Ohly (Representing Senator Wimberger’s Office), Beth Wikler (Representing Dept. of Health Services), Tony Peterangelo, Collen Rinken, Senator Jeff Smith, Harold Gates, Mark Wegner, Tim Weir, Brian Dean, Sandy Hardie, Thai Vue, Eric Koch (Office of Rep. Billings), Jessica Geschke, Carl Hampton
Date: 6/4/2021	Time Started: 9:30am Time Ended: 1:00pm	Guests: Rick Immler, Dave Macmaster, Alyss Neuser, Amy Anderson, Jamie Schrandt, Husain Bawany, Julia Sherman, Paul Bragoli, Scott Schepers Department of Health Services Staff in Attendance: Ryan Stachoviak, Mike Derr, Mai Zong Vue, Amanda Lake, Anne Larson, Teresa Steinmetz, Raina Haralampopoulos, Michelle Lund, Angie Moran, Beth Collier, Jamie McCarville, Becci Main, Katie Behl, Sarah Coyle, Dan Bizjak, Lori Wiebold
Location: Online via Zoom		Presiding Officer: Roger Frings

Minutes

1. Welcome and introductions

R. Frings announced that Thai Vue and Michael Metzger will not be seeking reappointment to the State Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (SCAODA) and will be leaving the Council. This meeting will be the last SCAODA meeting with M. Derr as staff to the Council. M. Derr is departing the Department of Health Services for a new position at the Department of Justice. Members of the SCAODA thanked M. Derr for his time and service in support of the SCOADA.

2. Approval of March 5, 2021 meeting minutes

T. Virgil moved to approve the minutes of March 5, 2021.

M. Gerrard seconded the motion to approve the minutes.

Motion to approve the minutes carried unanimously.

3. Public input

No members of the public provided comment.

4. Latest Provider Updates on Services during COVID-19

C. Ullstrup provided updates from her Meta House. The agency is still limiting the number of clients in order to adhere to quarantine protocols. The agency does have a waitlist. The agency’s outpatient clinic has started doing some in-person groups recently. Meta House plans to return to full in-person services later in June, though Zoom sessions will still be offered. In the Milwaukee area providers are seeing an increased in overdoses, and overall demand for services is up.

J. Schrandt from Rogers Behavioral Health shared that there still continues to be a need for treatment and that the agency is seeing a waitlist for residential and also seeing a similar increase in ODs. Outpatient clinics were exclusively providing services via telehealth, but are now starting to take people back for in-person visits. The agency will continue to offer telehealth service for people who want or need those services.

5. Committee Updates

Executive Committee

R. Frings announced that Thai Vue and Michael Metzger will not be seeking reappointment to SCAODA and will be leaving the Council. K. Florek is interested in being reappointed to an additional term on the SCAODA. The Executive Committee meeting did meet to discuss this meeting and a few motions from the Prevention Committee. The Prevention Committee decided to bring those motions to this meeting. M. Derr announced that Angela Bins will be the new designee representative from the Department of Workforce Development.

Diversity Committee

T. Vue and H. Gates provided updates on the Diversity Committee. T. Vue discussed his departure from the SCAODA and thanked the Governors who have appointed him over the many years of his service, and wished the members of the SCAODA luck. At the most recent meeting the Committee received an update from Mai Zong Vue from BPTR. The Committee received an update on the Equity & Inclusion ad hoc Workgroup. H. Gates shared that the Equity and Inclusion Workgroup started meeting in February and met most recently in May. The group has identified six main goals to address, including to identify treatment gaps, improving the workforce, improve education, collaboration with law enforcement, engage and collaborate with all standing committees of SCAODA, and to work with the DHS as it relates to these priorities. The workgroup hopes to use SCAODA strategic planning, including at the level of all SCAODA standing committees, to inject equity and including into these strategic plans, using CLAS standards as a framework. H. Gates presented a PowerPoint on the Equity and Inclusion goals to the SCAODA. H. Gates shared a video from DHS on the creation of the Office of Health Equity: <https://youtu.be/QTx9WSDxff8>. R. Frings thanked T. Vue, H. Gates, and the members of the Committee for their work.

Intervention and Treatment Committee

R. Frings provided a briefing on the Committee. The Committee recently had a presentation from D. Macmaster on tobacco integration. The Committee also discussed the impact of COVID-19 on treatment centers. The group also looked at the ITC strategic plan and are working toward collaborating with other standing committees to see where work overlaps among the committees so that there is not duplication of efforts. The Committee received an update from Beth Collier with DHS.

Planning and Funding Committee

C. Ullstrup provided an update on the Planning and Funding Committee. The Committee has been working on a survey for the residential for substance use disorder, DHS 75.11 and 75.14 licensed facilities. Starting in February the Medicaid residential benefit was introduced. The Committee is hoping to collect information on how the rollout is going for the providers and gather information on if providers opted in or out of the Medicaid billing for this benefit. The Medicaid

residential benefit does not cover room and board the Committee is also asking about how providers are getting support for those services.

A proposal was also submitted to the annual Mental Health and Substance Use Conference for a SCAODA event. The proposal was not selected, however the SCAODA was given the opportunity at the end of the virtual conference to hold a forum. In consult with Executive Committee it was decided to skip the conference this year and the group will revisit it the coming year.

At the April committee meeting the group met with Andrea Jacobson, Deputy Director of the BPTR. The committee asked to learn more about how federal dollars are awarded for substance use treatment services. The Committee had expressed that funding is not always available private intuitions through state funding opportunities.

Motion supporting equivalency of Tobacco Use Disorder and SUD treatment

C. Ullstrup introduced motion from the Planning and Funding Committee. The motion asks SCAODA to resolve to support a standard of care for Tobacco Use Disorder treatment, as well as reimbursement rates, that are equivalent to standards of practice for current substance use disorder practices incorporated in Wisconsin treatment policies and practices. SCAODA also supports the allocation of funding for training and technical support initiatives in the treatment of Tobacco Use Disorder.

C. Ullstrup moved.

S. Barman seconded the motion.

Motion carried. B. Wikler (DHS), R. Frings, M. Ohly on behalf of Sen. Wimberger, B. Dean, T. Virgil, J. Grebel abstained.

Motion supporting proposed expansion of BadgerCare

C. Ullstrup introduced the motion from the Planning and Funding Committee. The motion asks the SCAODA to express its support for the proposed BadgerCare Expansion under Governor Evers' 2021-23 budget to the Joint Finance Committee (JFC), via a letter sent to its members, and encourage JFC members to support BadgerCare expansion.

C. Ullstrup moved.

Sen. J. Smith seconded the motion.

Motion carried. None opposed. T. Virgil, M. Ohly on behalf of Sen. Winberg, R. Frings, J. Grebel, B. Dean abstained.

Prevention Committee

J. Sherman provided updates on the Prevention Committee. The Committee discussed seven specific ways that the Committee could integrate CLAS standards into the Committee's work. Priorities for the alcohol section of healthy Wisconsin will not change. These include underage drinking, binge drinking, and heavy drinking. The hope is to illustrate through Healthy Wisconsin the high rates of binge drinking and what communities can do to address it.

J. Sherman provided updates from the Alcohol Prevention ad hoc workgroup. The group is looking at 2010 recommendations, and updates over the course of the year. The workgroup has held seven panels of expert testimony

including healthcare, law enforcement, and municipalities, to look at where they viewed Wisconsin's problems and solutions regarding alcohol. The workgroup is reviewing those 2010 recommendations, many of which need to be updated. The workgroup plans to bring forward recommendations to the Committee in July, and then the group will create a report of actionable recommendations by October.

The Committee has also been monitoring current legislation. J. Sherman provided updates on SB57 which allows both for retail delivery of alcohol, and third party delivery. Early adopting states of similar legislation have had problems, including concerns regarding the potential increase in underage drinking, as well as increases in binge drinking. J. Sherman continued to discuss AB70, regarding restrictions on municipalities' abilities to control curbside sales of alcohol. J. Sherman discussed AB242, regarding sales tax exemptions covering alcohol sales. The Committee has concerns regarding the lack of funding for enforcement and training on the changes put in place through this legislation. J. Sherman introduced a proposed motion and letter that would be sent to the Assembly and Senate from SCAODA regarding this legislation.

Motion opposing AB 242 – Sale Tax Exemption covering Alcohol Sales

C. Ullstrup motioned to approve the letter and send a letter from SCAODA indicating the Council's opposition to AB242 confirm the Council's opposition to SB57/AB71 and SB56/AB70.

S. Barman seconded the motion.

Motion carried. M. Ohly on behalf of Sen. Wimberger, Sen. J. Smith, T. Virgil, J. Geschke, B. Wikler, B. Dean, J. Grebel, E. Koch on behalf of Rep. Billings, R. Frings abstained.

6. Presentation on Digital Therapeutic Services in Substance Use Disorder Treatment

S. Barman, Paul Bragoli, and Paul Schepers provided the SCAODA with a presentation on Digital Therapeutic Services in substance use disorder treatment.

7. State Agency Reports

B. Wikler provided updates from DHS. In regards to the COVID-19 response, the 7 day average positivity rate is 1.6%, and state is at medium disease activity level. DHS is seeing some variants in Wisconsin. Continue to provide 10's of 1000s of vaccines per week. Nearly 50% of Wisconsinites have received at least one dose of vaccine. The position posting is currently open for the Director of the Office of Health Equity.

No other agency updates were provided.

8. Bureau of Prevention Treatment and Recovery (BPTR) Update

T. Steinmetz provided an update on DHS 75, the Substance Use Rule. The rule is currently with the Joint Commission on Rules and Regulations. If approved by this commission it will then be promulgated. T. Steinmetz provided a briefing on supplemental funding that is being received from SAMHSA through the block grant programs. Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplement Appropriations Act of 2021 (CAA) funding has been provided from March of 2021 through March of 2023. Through the Substance Abuse Block Grant (SABG) Wisconsin will receive roughly \$25.5 million and through the Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG) Wisconsin will receive approximately \$14 million. A large amount of the funding is planned to be provided to the counties and tribes to address their unique needs. The grants must still follow set-aside

requirements and be used in accordance with the rules that apply to the block grants. T. Steinmetz walked through a high level funding plan that was submitted to SAMHSA for the CAA funds. The BPTR is still waiting on plan approval from SAMHSA for these awards. The State is also anticipating another round of supplemental funding that will be received through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. That funding cycle will be September 1, 2021 through September 30, 2025. Wisconsin will receive an additional approximately 25 million through each block grant program over the course of the grant award.

H. Gates suggested the BPTR look to the Great Lakes Addiction Treatment Center as a resource for providing supports for COVID-19 related behavioral health needs. T. Vue discussed the needs of the Hmong community and the benefits of working within existing structures that would be well suited to be able to provide supports dynamically and quickly to those communities in need.

9. Report from Wisconsin Council on Mental Health (WCMH)

R. Immler, Chair of the WCMH provided a brief update on the WCMH's activities including ongoing efforts to address diversity, equity, and inclusion.

10. Agenda Items for September 10, 2021 Meeting

The following agenda items were noted by SCAODA members. Officer elections will need to be held in September, those who are interested in being considered should reach out to the Chair. At an upcoming meeting the SCAODA the Council will have a presentation on Equity and Inclusion. Members also suggested having a presentation from the BPTR on CLAS implementation at an upcoming meeting.

11. Meeting Adjournment

T. Virgil moved to adjourn.

T. Vue seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Prepared by: Ryan Stachoviak on 6/4/2021.

State Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse reviewed and approved these minutes at its 9/10/21 meeting.