

**OPEN MEETING MINUTES**

Name of Governmental Body: State Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse		Attending: Members in Attendance: Roger Frings, Subadeep Barman, Christine Ullstrup, Kevin Florek, Autumn Lacy, Chandra Munroe (Office of Rep. Billings), Tina Virgil, Christina Malone, Representative Jesse James, Angela Bins, Ann DeGarmo, Colleen Rinken, Fil Clissa, Kenyon Kies, Mark Wegner, Terry Schemenauer, Brian Dean, Jan Grebel, Sandy Hardie, Mary Ann Gerrard, Nichol Wienkes, Senator Jeff Smith, Julie Willems Van Dijk Guests: Lynn Harrington, Eugenia Sousa, Chris Wardlow, Rick Immler, Dave Macmaster, Amy Miles, Amy Schellpfeffer, Elyssa Kenagy, Jamie Schrandt, Meagan Sulikowski, Michael Kemp, MJ Griggs, Sheila Weix, Beau Stafford, Derek Veitenheimer, Starr Moss, Danielle Long, Denise Johnson Department of Health Services Staff in Attendance: Allison Budzinski, Amy Anderson, Andrea Jacobson, Teresa Steinmetz, Paul Krupski, Maddie Johnson, Allison Weber, Annie Larson, Mai Zong Vue, Raina Haralampopoulos, Gary Roth, Lindsey Emer, Sarah Coyle, Elizabeth Adams, Saima Chauhan, Daniel Bizjak, Dennis Radloff, Jamie McCarville, Katie Behl, Michelle Lund, Thomas Bentley, Wesley Van Epps, Amanda Lake, Tray K (Interpreter), Amy S (Interpreter)
Date: 9/10/2021	Time Started: 9:30am	Time Ended: 12:44pm
Location: Online via Zoom		Presiding Officer: Roger Frings
<b>Minutes</b>		

**1. Welcome and introductions**

Roger Frings introduced himself as chair.

Introductions of new members: Christina Malone, therapist at Meriter New Start; Kevin Florek- reappointed, Micheal Knetzger- reappointed.

Confirmation of a quorum and ability to conduct business.

**2. Approval of June 4, 2021 meeting minutes**

Tina Virgil moved to approve the minutes of June 4, 2021.

Christine Ullstrup seconded the motion to approve the minutes.

All in favor, no abstentions or discussion. Meeting minutes were approved.

**3. Public input**

Michael Kemp, addiction professional in WI, member of SCAODA ITC, active in NAADAC, clinical supervisor, adjunct professor at Fox Valley Community College- In a recent survey of treatment services participants in Washington County—over 75% said that greatest need to enhance recovery is family support; Urging council to support 2021 Family Support Services for Addiction Act (<https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/433>), which has been passed by the house, to provide \$25 million to provide services to individuals and families impacted by addiction; Asking the council to send a letter of support to Senator Baldwin to move it forward. Also requesting support for Medicaid re-entry act for individuals being released from incarceration, as well as reintroducing CARES 3.0; Encouraging contact with Senator Johnson as well; Reminds council September 20th- Addiction Professionals Day- celebrate with coworkers and

people who do this great work; and September is National Recovery Month- please lift up these opportunities to support our addiction workforce and persons in recovery.

Elyssa Kenagy, outpatient SU and MH therapist at Meta house in Milwaukee – Waiting to hear back from DSPS for the past 6 months regarding LPC, sent in March 5th. Have documentation of communications, SAC application was finally posted in May. E-mailed DSPS on July 15th, July 22nd heard nothing, August 11th on hold for 4 hours and had to leave a message, has been over 6 months and am losing wages and benefits, sole breadwinner for my household, can't be utilized to perform services for my agency at this time due to the wait times with DSPS. Seeking support for SCAODA as a last resort to address this problem.

#### **4. SCAODA leadership nomination and approval**

Christine Ullstrup opened nominations for 3 administration leadership positions within SCAODA- president, vice president, secretary.

For President: Roger Frings, nominated by Tina Virgil, second by Kevin Florek.

For Vice President: Sandi Hardie, nominated by Tina Virgil, second by Roger Frings.

For Secretary: Kevin Florek, nominated by Tina Virgil, second by Roger Frings.

In agreement votes: Kevin Florek, Brian Dean, Sub Barman, Roger Frings, Tina Virgil, Jan Grebel, Julie Willems Van Dijk, Christina Malone, Christine Ullstrup, Autumn Lacy, Terry Schemenauer

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion for one year terms for Roger, Sandie, Kevin is approved.

Congratulations and thank you from Roger.

#### **5. Latest provider updates on services during COVID-19**

Julie Willems Van Dijk- had hoped we'd be in a different place; WI and nation seeing surge in COVID cases, majority of cases seeing are in people that are not vaccinated; delta variant is a further complication, much more infectious than original- if you had original COVID you'd spread to 2 people, Delta- each person spreads to five, multiple by hundreds and see why we surged so quickly. Variants – look very effective at finding most susceptible, 16% of WI pop are children and have no choice of their exposure, sitting with highest rate of infection to date, highest age group currently being infected, Gives me great pause, as some children are hospitalized and may die. We don't know impacts of long COVID. 1. Wear a mask. 2. Get vaccinated. 3. If you are sick, stay home and get tested. Those of us who are vaccinated can spread Delta virus. 4. Maintain physical distancing as much as possible.

Julie Willems Van Dijk also shared with the council regarding her retirement from DHS, as today is her last day with the department. Julie's replacement will be Deb Standridge, who begins work with the department on Monday. DHS has also hired Paula Tran as the new state health officer. Julie thanked SCAODA for their work and service.

Christine Ullstrup asked about mandated vaccines for Medicaid providers: CMS mandated vaccines for Medicaid providers- any healthcare entity that receives Medicaid/Medicare; basic workforce shortages, level playing field so that one provider cannot hire people who don't want to be vaccinated.

Denise Johnson recommended ASL video to explain COVID and Delta. Denise also asked about COVID booster shot information and updates: White House indicated in last month that they were preparing for nation to receive booster shots, 8 months after you received your second shot. FDA, CDC's advisory board, process under way, ACIP meeting Sept 17th to look at further data, make booster decision based on science, relying on emerging science throughout pandemic and respects what they are doing. Studies she has seen, Immunocompromised and older adults might have waning immunity, further evidence of younger people, highly anticipate a booster recommendation.

## 6. Committee Updates

### *Executive Committee*

Roger Frings: Met on August 9<sup>th</sup> to set agenda for today, we usually meet about month before SCAODA to set agenda, as FYI if there are items you'd like to see, send to Roger, Kevin, or Sandy to get them beforehand for December council meeting.

### *Diversity Committee*

Sandy Hardie: No report on equity and inclusion, no meetings recently, looking to get that going again. On August 27<sup>th</sup> – diversity committee got together for strategic planning; what will they do, good direction and input for those in attendance and came up with some positive steps for those in the next year.

### *Intervention and Treatment Committee*

Saima Chauhan: ITC continues to have discussions around COVID and accessibility to individuals in rural areas. Internet connectivity in rural areas continues to be an issue. Discussion of gaps in youth SUD treatment, how to support CYF subcommittee. Amy Miles, from medical college, speaking at upcoming meeting to provide better understanding of delta 8, kratom, and cannabis.

### *Planning and Funding Committee*

Christine Ullstrup: PFC conducting survey of RSUD providers about impact of new benefit to be shared with SCAODA in December. Seeking new members. Hope to hear from DHS about opioid settlement funds at an upcoming meeting- especially room and board funding. Want to continue to push for the need for Medicaid room and board coverage for residential treatment providers. Thank you Michael for Addiction Action Act and will bring to PFC's upcoming meeting.

### *Prevention Committee*

Chris Wardlow – PC last met on July 29<sup>th</sup> Members discussed updating the 2021-22 work plan to include some new goals and objectives:

- 3(d) Continue supporting and advocating the use of SBIRT models throughout schools and communities.
- 3(f) Increase the excise tax on fermented beverages to meet the average tax of all states, and increase the portion of excise tax revenue apportioned to SUD programs.
- 1(a) Reduce public stigma attached to seeking and obtaining SUD treatment and mental health services.
- 4(b) Expand focus beyond services targeting needs of cultural/ethnic population groups to include the needs of socio-economic groups and geographic areas.

Alcohol Prevention ad Hoc Workgroup provided updates:

- Continued to meet monthly. In August, the Workgroup reviewed the tabled recommendations and were able to vote on them. There are over 60 recommendations that will be broken out by the "implementing agency" – the agency that would implement the recommendation. Some examples are School Districts, WI Legislature, State Departments, Health Care Field, Law Enforcement etc. They are then sorted a second time by the recommendation's goal and some examples are "availability, regulation, surveillance".
- The workgroup has been discussion a dissemination plan of the recommendation report. After October it is their intention to meet with members of SCAODA to discuss recommendations so members will be comfortable voting at the full Council meeting in December. Also, they will be meeting with state agency leaders so they are aware of the recommendation ahead of time. This is a timely report given the recent media about alcohol taxes and we are anticipating updated alcohol use and consequence data to be included in the report.
- Chris expressed thanks to Raina and the department for supporting the work.

## **7. Presentation on Wisconsin OFR Project and PDMP Data**

Derek Veitenheimer, Starr Moss, and Danielle Long from WI Department of Justice presented on Wisconsin OFR Project and PDMP Data:

OFR: Joint project with DHS and DOJ, funded through DHS-OD2A grant and BJA-COSSAP grant; training and TA provided by MCW; Goals: use data to understand nature of OD fatalities, develop proactive responses, focus strategic interventions on identifiable risks. 14 participating counties (one tri-county area). OFR team share information regarding OD fatalities, housed in Redcap at DHS, identify themes to prevent future OD deaths. DHS provides teams with PDMP data and hospital data to identify additional opportunities.

Statewide OD death data: Starr shared data related to trends in OD death from 2017 to 2020, by substance identified. Frequency of substances, substances used in combination. How PDMP data is used: Local teams enter care, DOJ sends case info to DHS, DHS cross-references data and shares back to DOJ/team. Plotting PDMP data along timelines for teams to identify opportunities for intervention. Prescription Behavior Surveillance System (CDC)- measures prescribing behavioral at local level, over-arching goal to track inappropriate prescribing behavior. 58% of OFR cases have records in PDMP, 58% received Rx opioids within 2 years prior to death, 30% received MAT medications prior to death. Opioids and benzodiazepines were the most frequent medications (1 in 5 OFR cases had overlapping OPI/BZO prescribing within 2 years prior to death).

Created OFR advisory group to promote OFR to local communities, address data-sharing barriers, receive/promote/and implement recommendations from local teams and state agencies.

Future goals: linking with criminal justice and state crime lab data to identify relationship between drug seizures and overdose fatalities.

Question from Amy Miles from state lab- how do you normalize the toxicology results compare the various OFRs when counties are not sending samples to the same lab? Not all labs are testing the same things – wide range of what is collected, polysubstance general categories, make due with what we have, but some of it seems very detailed.

Danielle Long – Using PDMP data to look at policy related to substances involved in OD deaths. 2021 Senate Bill 352- aligns possession and distribution penalties for fentanyl and analogs with stricter penalties for heroin and other illegal opioids. Seeing a decrease in law enforcement alerts submitted into PDMP. Working with DSPS to present on PDMP for LE groups. Working with AG on letter to LE agencies to promote use of PDMP. Also manage WI Drug Take Back program- exploring ways to increase collection locations in northern and rural areas of the state. Entire box of fentanyl patches collected at recent DTB day. 60,000 lbs of medications collected and transported for disposal. Dose of Reality- search for drug drop boxes online as well as events in your area for DTB day. National DEA stats- WI has the highest number of WI LE agencies participating. WI continues to rate as #1 or #2 in the country for medications collected. WI DOJ received a grant for Inst. For Inter Gov Research drug disposal. Purchased 16,400 drug disposal products and distributing to agencies and services across WI. Updates coming soon to Dose of Reality campaign- partnership with DHS- expansion to include other substances, updated information and messaging.

## **8. State Agency reports**

DHS – Paul Krupski:

Updates on governor's budget- strong investment in BH and SUD services, increased investment in crisis system of care (\$10 mil), CIT for LE (\$1 mil per biennium), psychiatric hospital bed tracker (\$80k increase, expands to respite and crisis

stab beds), MAT initiatives (higher reimbursement 5%, mobile MAT, \$500K in FY22 and \$1 mil in FY23), methamphetamine treatment (\$300K for treatment platform), Children and adolescent day treatment services and outpatient MH and SUD services (15% increase in reimbursement). DHS must request funds through JFC.

Hub and Spoke: Using Medicaid health home model to provide services for individuals with SUD and one other health disorder. Shift from episodic approach to care to long-term care approach. Benefit includes 6 core services: comprehensive care management, care coordination, health promotion, individual and family support, referral to community services. Increased access to MAT, better coordination of BH and physical health, improved care coordination. Excited about pilot project- 3 locations: Oneida Nation (Oneida nation, Brown County and Outagamie County), FHC Marshfield/ Alcohol and Drug Recovery Center in Minocqua (serving Forest, Iron, Oneida, Price, and Vilas counties, and Forest Co Potawatomi, Sokaogon Chippewa), and WCS Milwaukee (Milwaukee county). RFA last fall received 17 applications. Diversity of sites should give good perspective on outcomes of sites.

Opioid Settlement Information: A lot of information in the news about opioid settlement funds. McKinsey settlement has been announced- DHS press release details 4 initiatives: covering room and board for residential treatment, harm reduction response teams, housing costs for recovery residences (DOA housing voucher program), prevention programming directed at African American and Native American communities. Additional opioid settlements are still ongoing- there is no finalized information about these settlements at this time. Interested in hearing from stakeholders and partners about needs related to possible future opioid settlement funds.

DWD- MJ Griggs, policy and program analyst, manager for DOL grant Support to Communities: Fostering Opioid Recovery through Workforce Dev. 5 regions participating have already achieved greater than 50% of enrollment- seeking to address opioid and SUD's through establishing relationships with employers and treatment providers, provide career training and employment services for enrolled individuals. Eligibility criteria- individual that has been impacted by SUD through themselves or family member/friend- seek to serve those that want to transition into professions with SUDs. Expand training list for degree programs for certification.

No other agency updates were provided.

## **9. Bureau of Prevention Treatment and Recovery (BPTR) update**

Teresa Steinmetz: BPTR will be re-organizing and adding 9 additional positions utilizing ARPA funding, 5 permanent and 4 project positions. Bureau will increase to 75 staff and add a sixth section focused on Prevention, Intervention, and Recovery services.

Amanda Lake: Wes Van Epps joined the bureau as the Harm-Reduction and Treatment Coordinator, Elizabeth Adams joined the bureau as Prevention Outreach Specialist, and Lindsey Emer joined the bureau as State Opioid Response Analyst. The new SUD women's treatment coordinator will be coming on board soon.

Andrea Jacobson: Substance Abuse block grant planner, Sarah Boulton, will be coming on-board soon.

Teresa Steinmetz: Substance Abuse block grant – submitted, ARPA supplemental started Sept 1<sup>st</sup>, ends Sept 2025. Majority going to individual counties and tribes, couple million dollars focused on crisis, harm reduction, 3.5 million on primary prevention activities, data needs.

Andrea Jacobson: DHS 75 has been completed- assembly committee, senate committee on health and joint committee on rules have all moved forward. The rule is currently with the legislative reference bureau for publication. No date on when it will be published, expect it coming in next month or two. Rule does have delayed effective date.

#### **10. Report from Wisconsin Council on Mental Health (WCMH)**

Rick Immler- support for Medicaid expansion, outreach to diverse communities, focus on MHBG- letter to SAMHSA with application, looking at data and areas where WI underperforms compared to neighboring states- attention to BIPOC individuals being underserved, disparate crisis and hospitalization data, and co-occurring disorder identification and treatment. BPTR under-funded with MHBG and requirements to focus on SMI and FEP limits funding for mental health promotion and prevention. Next meeting on 9/16 for DCTS to provide facilities update.

#### **11. Agenda items for future SCAODA meetings**

David Macmaster: change in leadership at WI Voices for Recovery, presentation of new website for WVFR.

Roger Frings: presentation from Amy Miles of WI crime lab.

Saima Chauhan: DSPS representative.

Paul Krupski: staff to present on hub and spoke

COVID-19 updates and service impacts

#### **12. Meeting adjournment**

Sandy Hardie moved to adjourn.

Terry Schemenauer seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:44pm.

Prepared by: Amanda Lake and Elizabeth Adams on 9/10/2021.

TState Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse reviewed and approved these minutes at its 12/3/2021 meeting.