

Tennessee Opioid Abatement Council Meeting		
Date	October 2, 2023	
Time	10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. EST	
Location	The Mill ETSU University Advancement Building Johnson City, TN	
<p>Council Members Present in Person: Stephen Loyd, Mike Flynn, Karen Pershing, Charme Allen, Brian Buuck, Casey Cox, Wayne Wykoff, Shayne Sexton, Lisa Tipton</p> <p>Council Members Present via Microsoft Teams: Armando Fontes, Clay Jackson, Thomas Farmer, Stephanie Vanterpool, Timothy Fournet, Ken Moore</p> <p>Guests in Person: Shawn Berry, Kay Meyer, Parker Barthalomew, Dottie Green, Robin Garner, Ben Turner, Jeremy Davis, Justin McMillen, Brandon Fender, Ande Hall, Bob Garrett, Kevin Lee, Tony Earl, Tammy Albright, Chris Ford</p> <p>Guests via Microsoft Teams: There were over 65 virtual guests who joined this meeting.</p> <p>Staff: Mary Shelton, Ella Reding, Elizabeth Rickman-Vaden, Sam Boukli, Matt Yancey</p>		
Presenter	Topic	Discussion
S. Loyd	Welcome, Introductions & Check-in	<p>This meeting was called to order and S. Loyd welcomed guests, presenters, and members.</p> <p>S. Loyd called for a moment of silence for Tennessee families who suffered from addiction and/or opioid use disorder.</p> <p>S. Loyd invited each Council member to introduce themselves.</p>
S. Loyd	Review & Approval of August 22, 2023 Minutes	There were no edits proposed for the minutes. Minutes were approved.
S. Loyd	Ideas for OAC Trust Fund Disbursement & Motion	<p>Meharry Rise: Narcan Distribution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Loyd discussed the purchase, outreach, and distribution of Narcan by collaborating with Meharry Medical College. • The proposal ask was \$7.5 million. • Sam Boukli advised he could review the proposal and follow up.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Vanterpool advised that she had questions about the monitoring and reporting that was not listed in the proposal. • Meharry representative advised that they do have a way to monitor by working with Harbor Path • C. Jackson advised he did not see that we have a pathway of funding at this point and deferred to S. Boukli • S. Boukli agreed there is no specific process for what Dr. Loyd has proposed other than the Council has created their own RFP process. • M. Stahl, Attorney General’s Office agreed with S. Boukli to discuss later. • C. Jackson proposed that there be a meeting held with the Attorney General’s Office offline to determine the legality and then move forward to discuss the merits of the program. • C. Jackson further advised that the SAS proposal has the same concerns because it also falls into the same category of emergency funding. • S. Sexton advised the Council should use discretion due to the process, but felt the proposal seemed notable. He felt there should be a process created. • L. Tipton agreed with S. Sexton and did not feel the Council should go around the process. • M. Yancey questioned if the Meharry Rise Project would be in collaboration with the prevention coalitions already in place. • Meharry representative advised that there would be collaboration with local government, harm reduction organizations, treatment centers, etc. • Meharry representative advised they plan to develop an individualized plan for each county. • T. Fournet agreed Council should not give preferential treatment. <p>Bed Board/Bed Matching</p> <p>Dr. Loyd Introduced Jarrod Koski, Chief Technology Office/Co-Founder of Addiction Abatement.Org and Mr. Koski delivered a presentation of what his organization could offer the OAC.</p> <p>System Predictor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rayford Etherton gave an overview of System Predictor
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S. Loyd	Expedited Review Process	<p>S. Vanterpool made a motion for what constitutes an expedited review:</p> <p>Expedited Review with three criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be able to start program within 30 days • Council view on the urgency • Score must be 85% or greater to be reviewed by Council <p>C. Jackson moved that the Council institute a policy of a potential expedited review of any grant proposal that the Council members and/or OAC staff deemed to meet the following three criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Proposal is of an urgent nature in the opinion of the Council 2) Proposing agency represents that they can engage patients or clients within 30 days 3) Overall score of proposing agency must be 85% or greater. Such proposal will be nominated for expedited review by any OAC member or member of the OAC staff. <p>Motion carried.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C. Jackson mentioned all proposals will still have to go through the scoring process • L. Tipton mentioned that the project still will have to go through the contracting process. • She further stated that possibly may need to have an expedited contracting process as well.

L. Tipton	Residential Recovery Court	L. Tipton delivered a presentation over Residential Recovery Court.
M. Shelton	OAC Office & Council Updates & Motion to Continue with Current Operations	<p>OAC Office Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sejal West has been hired as the Deputy Director for the Council • M. Shelton discussed the current tasks and activities for the Council. • M. Shelton discussed the quarterly meetings schedule from July 8, 2022 to current date to show the grand regions covered and requested feedback from Council to see if there were any changes needed. • M. Shelton provided quarterly expenses. • Discussion was to determine if the Council Office wanted to continue with the current operations. • S. Sexton made a motion to leave operations as status quo. • C. Allen seconded the motion • S. Loyd advised motion carries.
M. Shelton	Opioid Abatement Trust Fund	M. Shelton advised the current fund balance is \$95,147,777.87.
S. Boukli	Public Comment Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Boukli advised that effective July 2023 that if you have a meeting that is subject to the Open Meetings Act you must reserve public comment. • S. Boukli also noted that if public comment will be limited there must be certain parameters.
S. Loyd	OAC Legal Support & Motion	<p>S. Loyd advised that the Attorney General’s Office is offering to advise the OAC on high-profile, complex legal issues</p> <p>Options for Day-to-Day Legal Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TDMHSAS DGC Attorney is assigned to the OAC and will work in the OAC’s best interest or OAC may hire an attorney who reports to the Executive Director. • S. Loyd asked which option for OAC Legal Support does the Council approve. • S. Sexton questioned who S. Boukli represented and M. Shelton advised S. Boukli represents the Council. • C. Jackson made a motion that the OAC continue to use the services of the TDMHSAS DCG Attorney assigned provided the attorney continue to report to the Attorney General’s Office of the State of Tennessee.

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M. Shelton	Community Grants	<p>M. Shelton gave an update on the community grant status as of 9/29/2023:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizations registered: 255 • Draft applications: 260 • Views of the training video: 546 • Submitted applications: 10 • Technical assistance inquires:55 • Technical issues:1
E. Rickman-Vaden	Council Member Training	E. Rickman-Vaden updated the Council that all Council members have been trained on how to score in the Smart Simple grant portal.
S. Sexton	Grantee Payments & Motion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Sexton wanted to explain to the Council the process behind grantee payments. • K. Pershing recommended a minimum of monthly invoices. • S. Vanterpool made a motion that Council make the payments quarterly at the beginning of the quarter and require a reconciliation prior to the distribution of the third payment. • She further explained this would be the reconciliation of the first quarter funds within the second quarter before the 3rd quarter funds are paid. • C. Allen seconded the motion • Motion carries.
M. Shelton	Scoring Percentage Miscalculation	<p>Updated Scoring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M. Shelton advised the Council of the miscalculation of the scoring percentages on the application and notified them that this error has been corrected. • C. Jackson advised that the scoring did not match the percentages that the Council voted on. • He also advised that the sustainability and integration sections were updated. • Mary has updated the Council and Proposers were notified via email.
Jeremy Davis	Data Vendor Proposal: SAS Institute	<p>Jeremy Davis & other SAS staff provided a presentation of what data they would offer to the OAC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Loyd mentioned the possibility with SAS to see if they can get everything in one space even if they will need to subcontract with another company.

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S. Loyd	Public Comment	The floor was opened for public comment and there were three speakers.
S. Loyd	Next Meeting	The next meeting will most likely be in Knoxville and Council possibly will be able to vote on Community Grants.
S. Loyd	Meeting Adjourned	There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.