

Tennessee Opioid Abatement Council Meeting		
Date	September 30, 2022	
Time	12:00pm-3:00pm ET	
Location	University of Tennessee Medical Center in Knoxville Cherokee Trail Building, Bernard Bernstein Boardroom	
<p>Council Members Present in Person: Stephen Loyd, Armando Fontes, Clay Jackson, Thomas Farmer, Karen Pershing, Charme Allen, Casey Cox, Wayne Wykoff, Timothy Fournet, Ken Moore, Commissioner Marie Williams. ADDED 5/28/2024 Stephanie Vanterpool, Shayne Sexton</p> <p>Absent: Mike Flynn, Brian Buuck</p> <p>Guests: Julia van Zyl, Vicki Cowell, Melissa Moon, Aakash Patel, Charlene Hipsher, Laura Brown, Christy Cooper, Leann Hilliard, Chris Thomas, Paul Fuchcar, Jennifer Tourville, Josh Wienczkowski, Janey Keaton, Emily Chavis, Joe Bond, Sharon Reid, David Connor, Senator Richard Briggs</p> <p>Staff: Mary Shelton, Matthew Parriott, Taryn Sloss, Wes Geminn</p>		
Presenter	Topic	Discussion
S. Loyd	Welcome, Introductions & Check-in	S. Loyd asked the Council members to introduce themselves.
S. Loyd	Review & Approval of July minutes	There were no edits proposed for the minutes. Minutes were approved.
S. Loyd	Opening Words	S. Loyd reviewed the number of overdose deaths in TN for 2021 which is 3,302 and shared a story of a patient he treated, whose overdose death illustrates how gaps in the system of care affect patients.
Commissioner Marie Williams	Opening Words	Commissioner Williams spoke about high staff vacancy rates, but she was grateful for the legislature, Attorney General’s Office and the provider network serving Tennesseans.
S. Loyd	Review the Settlement Remediation List	<p>S. Loyd asked the Council to review the <i>“Exhibit E, List of Opioid Remediation Uses”</i> found in their binders.</p> <p>Commissioner Williams stated that TDMHSAS gave input as the national administrator was developing this list.</p> <p>S. Vanterpool suggested modifying the list to add “the latest best practices” and the CDC prescribing guidelines of 2022</p>

		<p>C. Jackson offered to include our own Department of Health chronic pain guidelines</p> <p>S. Vanterpool suggested to combine the chronic pain and CDC guidelines</p> <p>C. Jackson questioned if the Opioid Abatement Council’s purview included chronic pain.</p>
Council	Discussion on the application process	<p>S. Vanterpool asked if we would have a scoring metric to guide the applications</p> <p>S. Loyd gave an overview of wraparound needs, CON applications process, ensuring that it fits into the care that exists, wondering what the application looks like and asked whether applicants would be allowed to present to the Council</p> <p>Commissioner Williams suggested the Council look at TDMHSAS’s Announcement of Funding process and the HSDA Certificate of Need Process.</p> <p>C. Jackson suggested that we try to use existing state processes; it doesn’t make sense for each council member to dive into the details of each application; we should group broad categories of applications and create subcommittees from the board to review the applications, then present a recommendation to the full council</p> <p>S. Vanterpool suggested forming a small workgroup to develop the application process with an application template, rubric scoring, and benchmarks for success</p> <p>S. Loyd stated the subcommittee needs to be diverse with multiple specialties</p>

		<p>S. Sexton offered that through his experience, presentation weakens the application process and he cautioned allowing presentations.</p> <p>S. Vanterpool named the subcommittee the Application Process Workgroup</p> <p>S. Loyd asked these members to serve on the subcommittee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Vanterpool • S. Sexton • K. Pershing • C. Jackson
S. Loyd	Discussion and Motions to Vote	<p>S. Loyd called for a motion to create the Application Process Workgroup?</p> <p>T. Farmer moved to create the Application Process Workgroup with the aforementioned four members</p> <p>W. Wykoff seconded the motion</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>S. Loyd asked the Workgroup to present a draft application process at the December 2022 meeting.</p>
S. Loyd	Discussion and Motions to Vote	<p>S. Loyd called for a motion to approve the document titled “<i>Exhibit E, List of Opioid Remediation Uses</i>” as the strategies the counties may support with their Opioid Abatement funds.</p> <p>C. Jackson moved to approve, with the addition of an updated CDC guideline (2022) and the addition of the TN Department of Health Chronic Pain Guidelines</p> <p>T. farmer seconded the motion</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>

<p>S. Loyd Commission Williams Council</p>	<p>Discussion on the Counties' 35%</p>	<p>S. Loyd stated we need to make sure there is accountability and documentation of the processes.</p> <p>Commissioner Williams stated that TDMHSAS is working with the Attorney General's Office on steps that need to occur including the application process and certifying that the programs are appropriate. A process needs to be developed for the counties to receive their funding.</p> <p>S. Vanterpool and C. Jackson asked for clarification as to whether the counties get 35% of the funding without applying, then they just have to spend it on the strategies outlined in Exhibit E and certify that the funds were spent appropriately. The Chairperson and Ms. Williams confirmed that the process as we currently understand it is: the Council decides what the 65% is spent on, but for the counties, as long as that use the strategies in <i>Exhibit E</i>, they may spend the funds on what they would like.</p> <p>S. Loyd responded that's how we understand the process as of today.</p> <p>T. Farmer stated that ideally, outcome metrics for the awarded programs and the county programs should be the same.</p> <p>S. Vanterpool offered that the counties don't have to show progress or efficacy, they just have to use the funding on the approved programs.</p> <p>S. Loyd pointed out that the counties may be willing to follow metrics, because they will want to know if the programs funded are making a difference.</p>
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S. Loyd	Discussion and Motion to Vote	The Chairperson called for a motion to allow an application or certification process for counties to apply for an exemption to fund

		<p>an initiative not on the council’s list of approved programs.</p> <p>K. Moore so moved. C. Cox seconded the motion.</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>
M. Shelton S. Loyd	Visioning for the Opioid Abatement Council	Word clouds showing the Council member responses to how the Council will work together and the impact the Council wishes to have with the Opioid Abatement dollars were shared. A draft vision was shared. This will be emailed out to the Council for further discussion.
M. Shelton	Administrative Updates from Executive Director	Discussed the OAC Binders, future OAC staff positions, W-9’s, Travel expense form, OAC Website
S. Loyd	Work of the Council	Reviewed the direction given from Attorney General Slatery and discussed the public talking points for the council members.
S. Loyd	Overview of the Treatment Eco-System	S. Loyd gave an overview of the substance use disorder treatment eco-system
Dr. Maranda Williams	Dr. Maranda Williams: Overdose Fatality Review Team	M. Williams presented data from the Knox County Health Department, and shared her personal story of childhood trauma, risk factors for substance use disorder, and her personal investment in seeing helping more Tennesseans to follow a path of success, rather than tragedy
S. Loyd	Next Council meeting	The next meeting will be held in Jackson, TN on Dec 5 with lunch starting at 11:30 and the meeting starting at 12:00CT.
S. Loyd	Public Comment	<p>S. Loyd asked the guests if there were any public comments and there were none.</p> <p>S. Loyd asked the Council members if there were any additional statements and there were none</p>
S. Loyd	Meeting adjourned	S. Loyd adjourned the meeting at 2:40p.m.