Spokane Regional

OPIOID ABATEMENT COUNCIL

Facilitated by:
Spokane County Regional Behavioral Health
(Administrative Services Organization)
Membership & Introductions

Per the SR OAC MOU the Spokane Regional Opioid Abatement Council is made up of representatives from six counties and four cities, including:

- Adams County
- Ferry County
- Lincoln County
- Pend Oreille County
- Spokane County
- Stevens County
- City of Cheney
- City of Liberty Lake
- City of Spokane
- City of Spokane Valley
On October 2, 2022, the Washington State Attorney General announced that Washington will receive $18 million under the Opioid Settlement. This funding is to be utilized to combat the opioid epidemic plaguing our state.

According to the One Washington Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), prior to any distribution of Opioid Funds within any allocation region, participating local governments must establish an Opioid Abatement Council (OAC) to oversee the funding distribution, expenditures and dispute resolution. The Spokane Regional Allocation Region consists of the following counties: Adams, Ferry, Lincoln, Pend Oreille, Spokane and Stevens. The OAC must be comprised of representation from participating cities and towns within the above listed counties. All persons serving on the OAC must have work or educational experience pertaining to the approved uses.
The Spokane County Regional BH ASO

The CSD SCRBH provides behavioral health services including behavioral health crisis services, Involuntary Treatment Act services, Mobile Crisis Response, and inpatient treatment services for the six (6) county region as well as additional projects and programs as directed by the Health Care Authority and the Spokane County Board of County Commissioners.

The role of the OAC facilitator per the One WA MOU & SR OAC MOU includes:

- Scheduling and meeting facilitation.
- Monitor programs and services funded with the Opioid Funds within the Spokane Regional Service Area for approved purposes.
- In conjunction with the OAC, develop and maintain a centralized public dashboard for the publication of expenditure data (to be updated annually).
- If necessary, require and collect additional outcome data to evaluate the use or Opioid Funds.
Expectations of OAC Membership

What we need from you

1. **Requisite Education and/or Experience:** “All persons who serve on the OAC must have work or educational experience pertaining to one or more Approved Uses” One WA MOU Section C. Regional Agreements, subsection 4 (i).

2. **Time Commitment:** Have the time and ability to meet at minimum quarterly to achieve the stated goal and purpose of the OAC.

3. **Conflict of Interest:** Be free of any potential conflict of interests pertaining to the award or selection of Opioid Abatement Funding.

4. **Information Sharing:** Reporting on the use of Opioid Settlement Funding for your jurisdiction
Purpose & Intent of the Opioid Abatement Council

WHY WE ARE HERE

Oversight of Opioid Funds to ensure programs and services are within Approved Purposes

Complete annual review of expenditure reports for compliance with Approved Purposes and MOU

Reporting and making publicly available all decisions - including a centralized dashboard for expenditure data

Hearing complaints regarding alleged failure to use Opioid Funds for Approved Purposes or comply with reporting requirements

In the cases where Participating Governments chose to forego their allocation of opioid Funds:

- Approving/denyng proposals for the use of Opioid Funds
- Directing the Trustee to distribute Opioid Funds for use when approved
- Administering and maintaining records of all OAC decisions and distribution of Opioid Funds
Purpose & Intent

Local Governments/Participating Municipalities will maintain full discretion over the use and distribution of their respective allocation of Opioid Funds (provided the funds are used solely for Approved Purposes) unless otherwise designated by respective Local Government/Participating Municipality in a separate MOU or interlocal agreement.

At your discretion, you may utilize the OAC for determining priorities or receiving feedback for their allocation of funding, and or receiving information as to the needs within the region or their community.

Enhance and promote the regional response to the Opioid Epidemic and resulting needs impacting our communities.
Opioid Settlement Funding Approved Purposes

- Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder
- Support people in treatment and recovery
- Connect people who need help to the help they need (Connections to Care)
- Address the needs of criminal-justice-involved persons
- Address the needs of pregnant or parenting women and their families - including babies with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome
- Prevention of over-prescribing and ensure appropriate prescribing and dispensing of opioids

Please refer to the One Washington MOU for additional detail on the approved uses.
Opioid
Settlement
Funding
Approved
Uses

Continued

- Prevent misuse of opioids
- Prevent overdose deaths and other harms
- First Responders
- Leadership, Planning and Coordination
- Training
- Research

Please refer to the One Washington MOU for additional detail on the approved uses.
Future Meetings & Questions

- Meeting cadence
  - Monthly, Quarterly?

- Meeting location
  - In-person versus Virtual?

- Questions?
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