Spokane County Regional Behavioral Health
(Administrative Services Organization) Division, SCRBH (ASO)
Opioid Abatement Council Meeting

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AGENDA / MINUTES:

1) Welcome and Introductions – Jessica Thompson, Facilitator
a. Roll call by Participating Local Governments (PLG) in attendance.
   o Introduced Dawn Kinder as the representative for the City of Spokane.
b. Reviewed and approved meeting minutes from the February 8, 2024, meeting.

2) Annual Expenditure Reports – Jessica Thompson, Facilitator
a. Reminder that 2023 Annual Expenditure Reports are due to be posted on the OAC website.

3) Opioid Settlement Spending Updates – OAC Members
a. Process Updates – Each participating local government present was asked to give a brief update on current use, process update, and their areas of focus for opioid funds in their jurisdiction.
   • City of Cheney, Mayor Chris Grover & Council Member Jacquelyn Belock
      o Cheney is still in the planning phase and is working to gather community input. No Opioid Settlement Funds have been spent at this time. Currently the priority is on connecting with schools and first responders in hopes of providing training resources.
   • Lincoln County, Ed Dzedzy
      o Lincoln County is still in the planning stages and is working with community partners, county departments and schools to generate ideas on how to best utilize the funds. Lincoln County has not expended any Opioid Settlement Funds yet. Lincoln County had their second Opioid Workgroup Meeting yesterday and is still compiling data and developing strategies. The priority areas currently are supporting jail transitions work and deferred prosecution to emphasize treatment versus jail time when appropriate.
   • City of Liberty Lake, Mark McAvoy
      o The city of Liberty Lake received a minimal amount of funds thus far and is utilizing the money to continue to purchase Narcan. Mark McAvoy shared that Liberty Lake is also currently in the process of signing on to the Johnson and Johnson Settlement to obtain more funding to support local efforts in combating the opioid epidemic.
   • City of Spokane Valley, Council Member Al Merkel
      o Council Member, Al Merkel shared that he met with Spokane County Commissioner Josh Kerns to discuss potential partnership. The City of Spokane Valley has only received about $16,000 in Opioid Settlement Funds and is looking at support Spokane County efforts.
      o Council Member Al Merkel asked Justin Johnson if they could meet to discuss opportunities for partnership related to Opioid Settlement Funds.
      o Council Member Al Merkel also inquired about hearing more information from the City of Spokane regarding the Emergency Declaration and how that impacts this work.
   • Spokane County, Justin Johnson
      o The key areas for one-time funding include expansion of substance use treatment services and long-term housing support for pregnant and parenting women with babies struggling with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome.
      o For substance use treatment services, Spokane County is looking at both immediate as well as long-term resources. For immediate support, Spokane County is looking into partnering with a local substance use disorder treatment provider to expand sobering and withdrawal services. In addition, to further expand services, Spokane County is looking at an expansion of the Spokane Regional Stabilization Center to include 23-Hours Crisis Relief and Sobering Services.
      • Ed Dzedzy inquired about what a 23-Hour Crisis Relief Center is. Justin Johnson shared that this is a new facility license type that was passed under Senate Bill 5120 during the 2023 legislative session. 23-Hour Crisis Relief Centers provide voluntary crisis stabilization and coordination services. This facility type serves as both a first responder drop-off location as well as
accepts walk-ins and community-based referrals.
  o Spokane County is also looking into tracking and reviewing overdose data in partnership with the Spokane County Sheriff’s Office. Overdoses that result in death are not immediately identifiable, making it difficult to have accurate data on the scope of the issue facing Spokane County. This project would include the hiring of an analyst to collect data and provide information to all municipalities related to overdose deaths so that all municipalities have a more accurate picture of the scope of the opioid epidemic.

- **Adams County, Vicki Guse**
  o Adams County has no new updates related to opioid settlement funds at this time. Still working on the previously shared priority areas and spending the funding to support those efforts.

- **Ferry, Pend Oreille and Stevens County, Terrance Robbins**
  o Ferry, Pend Oreille and Stevens Counties are working to ascertain what Opioid Settlement Funding is currently available and what is expected moving forward and create budgets to better strategize on the best use of funds. **Terrance Robbins** also reported that he has reached out to county commissioner clerk to inquire about signing on to the Johnson and Johnson Settlement.
  o **Terrance Robbins** shared that he is working on a presentation to County Commissioners and local City Mayors on Opioid Settlement Funds and a plan for the usage of funds. Once the presentation is complete, there will be more information and direction provided on how to move forward with the use of Opioid Settlement Funds.
  o **Terrance Robbins** shared that he participated in several events over the last month related to this work, including; the Spokane Re-Entry Simulation, an event in Nine Mile Falls, the Youth Taskforce Coalition and also plans to attend the Stevens County Healthcare Roundtable next week.

- **City of Spokane, Dawn Kinder**
  o **Dawn Kinder** shared that as a new member of the Opioid Abatement Council, she is catching up on what work has been done thus far and that she will have more of a detailed update at the next Opioid Abatement Council Meeting. It was noted that the City of Spokane is looking forward to looking into more ways to partner with other PLGs on this work.

4) **Open Forum Discussion – OAC Members**
   a. **Al Merkel** inquired about the City of Spokane’s Emergency Declaration and how that will affect Opioid Settlement Funds that this work.
      i) **Dawn Kinder** shared that she will look more into this and have more information to report back at the next Opioid Abatement Council Meeting.
   b. **Ed Dzedzy** expressed that it has been challenging as a smaller jurisdiction to understand the lawsuit payouts and deliverables. It was also shared that it can be difficult to establish and create strategies with small amounts of funding and unpredictable payments.
      i) **Justin Johnson** shared that he could reach out to the Spokane County Grants and Legal Team for more information on the lawsuit payments but is unsure how much clarity that can provide to other PLGs. **Ed Dzedzy** noted that someone, maybe at the state level, has to have a better picture of the lawsuit payments.
      ii) **Stevens County Commissioner Wes McCart** expressed he has made several attempts to reach out to the State Attorney General’s Office for more information but has yet to receive any assistance. Additionally, when he reached out to the Health Care Authority on this topic, they too
responded with uncertainty of what funding is to be received and when it will be received. This creates challenges in strategically planning for programs, projects and services to be funded through Opioid Settlement dollars.

iii) Justin Johnson reported that the Health Care Authority receives an allotment of Opioid Settlement Funds and that at the state level, the National Opioid Abatement Trust (NOAT) is through how to distribute funds and which jurisdictions will receive funding.

iv) Terrance Robbins shared that he received an email from the State Attorney General’s Office on Opioid Settlement Learning Collaborative Meetings. This email and registration link will be shared with Opioid Abatement Council members.

5) Open Comment (5 Min)
   a. No open comment during the March 14, 2024, Opioid Abatement Council Meeting.

6) Next Meeting – Jessica Thompson, Facilitator
   a. Jessica Thompson inquired with the group if the monthly meeting cadence is preferred. All members agreed that a monthly meeting cadence is preferred at this time and can look into quarterly meetings at a later date. The next OAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 11, 2024.

Meeting was adjourned.

**ACTIONS:** Each PLG is asked to send their opioid settlement spending updates, via email to Jessica Thompson. That information will be uploaded to the website per the One Washington MOU agreement.

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