Spokane County Regional Behavioral Health
(Administrative Services Organization) Division, SCRBH (ASO)

Opioid Abatement Council Meeting

Meeting Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024
Location: Zoom Meeting ID: 856 4237 4042
Start Time: 10:00 a.m.
Adjourn Time: 11:00 a.m.

Attendance: X=Present  E=Excused  U=Unexcused

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<td>Jessica Thompson (Facilitator)</td>
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AGENDA / MINUTES:

1) Welcome and Introductions – Jessica Thompson, Facilitator
   a. Roll call by Participating Local Governments (PLG) in attendance.
   b. Reviewed and approved meeting minutes from the March 14, 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.
   i) Will be reaching out directly to those who still need to submit 2023 Annual Expenditure Reports

3) Statewide Opioid Settlement Dashboard Project - Jessica Thompson, Facilitator
a. The Health Care Authority is working to create a statewide dashboard to display incoming opioid settlement dollars and how they are allocated and used throughout the state. The goal is to have one location to report, manage and validate strategies for the use of opioid settlement funding. It is likely that the state would look to the OACs to provide the data needed for the dashboard.

b. Graphics of the dashboard were shared, showing what the state is proposing, OAC members reviewed.

c. Jessica Thompson will continue to attend the meetings related to the Statewide Opioid Settlement Dashboard Project and provide updates to the OAC.

d. Additionally, at the last meeting, there was mention of the King County OAC wanting to create an Opioid Abatement Community of Practice for all OACs around the state to learn from each other and share information. Jessica Thompson inquired if the Spokane Regional OAC would have any interest in participating in something like this.
   i) Ed Dzedzy inquired about the difference between the regional OAC meetings we are currently having, and the statewide meeting being proposed. Concerns related to the Health Care Authority looking at the statewide group versus the regional OAC and the work being done that is specific to the needs of each region.
   ii) Council Member Al Merkel inquired about the costs associated with the statewide Opioid Abatement Community of Practice. Jessica Thompson shared that at the meeting, King County reported that they would be willing to facilitate and take on the costs associated with that. Council Member Merkel shared that there is interest in this, but would like to obtain more information on this before making a decision on participation.

4) 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, Council Member Jacquelyn Belock
     o Council Member Belock shared that she was appointed to the OCA last month and is working to get caught up. Council Member Belock shared that she met with Cheney Fire, Cheney Municipal Court, Eastern Washington University, Cheney Parks and Recreation and the Cheney School District during the last month.
     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 areas of focus include education and prevention, replenishing Narcan supply and other preventative measures such as community workshops. These workshops would focus on education related to how to effectively use and employ these resources.
     o Additionally, Council Member Belock mentioned meeting with individuals with a history of Substance Use Disorder to gain a better understanding of what resources would be most beneficial and to ensure that input is received from all different perspectives.
   • 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 is looking into the resources that are currently available and how to leverage the work that is already being done in the community.
   • 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. The City of Liberty Lake also signed on to
the Johnson and Johnson Settlement which is expected to be a one-time distribution of funds and is looking into a potential capital investment for the use of these funds.

**City of Spokane Valley, Council Member Al Merkel**
- Council Member, Al Merkel shared that the City of Spokane Valley is looking at several different options for the use of the Opioid Settlement Funds. These options include exploring data, related to opioid use, to gain a better understanding of the issues the community is facing to make a more educated investment. Additionally, Council Member Merkel shared that Spokane Treatment and Recovery Services is coming to present to the Spokane Valley City Council on services that they offer, including Car 50, withdrawal management, and inpatient and outpatient Substance Use Disorder Treatment services.

**Spokane County, Justin Johnson**
- Justin Johnson shared that there has been progress this month related to moving forward with the expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds in Spokane County. Spokane County is currently focused on three (3) key areas; 1. Data Analytics through the hiring of an analyst with the Spokane County Sheriff’s Department 2. Expansion of the Spokane Regional Stabilization Center to include 23-Hour Crisis Relief and Sobering services 3. Direct Treatment Services, An immediate expansion to the community to provide Sobering and Triage Services and 3. Spokane County is looking at a one-time investment for housing support for families with children experiencing Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome outside of the housing resources that currently exist. An RFP will be released with an emphasis on providing a safe and stable environment for families to maintain recovery.
  - The expansion of the Spokane Regional Stabilization Center is a long-term investment and Spokane County is seeking other funding supports, including a federal earmark from the legislature to match funding for this project as the goal is to serve individuals throughout the region to ensure better access to necessary services.
  - Additionally, there will still be Opioid Settlement Funds that are not allocated to explore further options.

**Adams County, Vicki Guse**
- 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.
  - Planning for 2024 includes focusing on replenishing Narcan and investing in Substance Use Disorder treatment services.

**Ferry, Pend Oreille and Stevens County, Terrance Robbins**
- Ferry, Stevens and Pend Oreille Counties are utilizing taskforces to create priorities to be presented to the County Commissioners.
  - Pend Oreille County – At a Mental Health Advisory Council meeting, there was an expressed desire to dedicating funding to support women and children in obtaining supportive housing. This is still being explored to see what other grants and providers would be needed to offer these services.
  - Steven’s County – There are weekly meetings to identify priorities and the priorities will be ready to present to the County Commissioners soon. It was also mentioned that Opioid Settlement Funds may be used to support people in gaining access to transportation to substance use disorder treatment services that are available in Spokane, WA.
5) **Open Forum Discussion – OAC Members**  
   a. *Justin Johnson* shared that the City of Spokane has publicly identified two (2) areas for the use of opioid settlement funding which include, expansion of the CARES Program through the Spokane City Fire Department and expansion of the street teams to improve intervention and prevention of opioid use.  
   b. *Justin Johnson* shared that the City of Spokane also supported Spokane County in providing education and prevention in schools through partnership with ESD 101 to ensure collaboration and create a more regional response in this area.  
   c. *Justin Johnson* also reported that Spokane County is still working to create a process for the collection of administrative costs associated with facilitating the Opioid Abatement Council and at this time, Spokane County is continuing to cover these costs.  
   d. *Terrance Robbins* mentioned the importance of employing Mental Health First Aid education and training. Mental Health First Aid focuses on Mental Health and Substance Use challenges as well as the importance of recognizing school violence and bullying can lead to Substance Use earlier. Terrance shared that some of the Tri-County opioid settlement funds may be used to train those working with youth and veterans in the community on Mental Health First Aid.

6) **Open Comment (5 Min)**  
   a. *Stacey Wells* shared that she currently holds a certificate in Mental Health First Aid and took a course through ESD 101 and applauds Terrance Robbins for looking more into Mental Health First Aid as it is extremely beneficial in early detection and prevention of Substance Use Disorder challenges in youth.

7) **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, May 9, 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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