

# final minutes

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## Opioid Advisory Commission (OAC) Meeting

10:00 a.m. • Thursday, September 8, 2022

Legislative Conference Room • 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Boji Tower Building  
124 W. Allegan Street • Lansing, MI

### Members Present:

**Ms. Kelly Ainsworth**  
**Mr. Brad Casemore**  
**Judge Linda Davis**  
**Ms. Katharine Hude**  
**Ms. Mona Makki**  
**Mr. Scott Masi**  
**Mr. Mario Nanos**  
**Mr. Patrick Patterson**  
**Dr. Cara Anne Poland**  
**Dr. Sarah A. Stoddard**

### Members Excused:

**Mr. Kyle Rambo**  
**Dr. Cameron Risma**

Mr. Rambo joined virtually; therefore, was unable to be counted present for the purposes of quorum or act on voting items before the Commission per the Open Meetings Act.

#### **I. Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

#### **II. Roll Call**

The Chair asked the clerk to take roll. The clerk reported a quorum was present showing ten Commission members in attendance. The Chair asked for absent members to be excused.

#### **III. Approval of the August 31, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

The Chair directed attention to the proposed minutes of the August 31, 2022 meeting and asked if there were any changes. Mr. Casemore identified grammar and spacing corrections. Mr. Rambo identified date correction for the January 2023 meeting. **Judge Davis moved, supported by Ms. Ainsworth, to approve the minutes of the August 31, 2022 meeting with edits. There was no further discussion and the Chair asked for a role call vote. The motion prevailed and the minutes with edits were approved.**

#### **IV. OAC Program Coordinator Position**

The Chair recalled the discussion had at the August 31, 2022 meeting citing the job description for the Commission's Program Coordinator was discussed and approved by Commission members. The Chair indicated the Legislative Council Administrator's office confirmed the posting went live on September 1, 2022 with a closing date of September 15, 2022 at 5:00pm. The Chair confirmed once the posting is closed applications will be sent to Commission members for review and discussion at the next meeting date. The Chair proposed to expedite this process and in following with procedures that has been done in other Commissions within the Legislative Council Administrator's office for the interview panel to include the Commission Chair, the Legislative Council Administrator, and a representative from the Legislative Council Administrator's Human Resources.

The Chair opened for discussion. Ms. Ainsworth noted seeing the job posting on several public facings through social media. Dr. Stoddard noted sharing the job posting with colleagues at University of Michigan. There was no further discussion.

**V. Financial Interest Disclosure/Conflict of Interest**

The Chair recalled the discussion had at the August 31, 2022 meeting citing Mr. Casemore spoke to this item for consideration. The Chair noted there was agreement amongst Commission members and directed attention to the disclosure form the Legislative Council Administrator's office utilizes as a sample for the Commission to reference. Mr. Casemore proposed for continued discussion at the next meeting date at which time Mr. Casemore will present proposed language utilizing the sample provided. There was no further discussion.

**VI. Commission Outreach**

The Chair recalled the discussion had at the August 31, 2022 meeting citing Judge Davis's idea for each Commission member providing a 10-minute presentation and called on Judge Davis to expand on that suggestion. Judge Davis suggested to go around the room for each Commission member to express why serving on the Commission is important and what to hope to accomplish on the Commission. There was agreement amongst Commission members.

Mr. Nanos asked for clarification regarding the Open Meetings Act referencing proper protocols if meeting with Commission members outside of Commission meetings, given an example of having a coffee or emailing Commission members. Mr. Casemore suggested the Legislative Council Administrator attend and address questions regarding FOIA and Opening Meetings Act for confirmation and noted he believes FOIA requests would come through the Legislative Council Administrator's office and noting to comply with the Opening Meetings Act to ensure there is no quorum of Commission members present outside a public meeting setting. Mr. Casemore expressed emailing Commission members is acceptable noting to avoid having discussions on Commission business over email amongst Commission members indicating Commission business is to be addressed at Commission meetings.

Mr. Patterson expressed desire to be included for agenda item to give his formal presentation as a follow up to Judge Davis's suggestion. The Chair asked if others would like to be included on the September 22, 2022 meeting agenda for formal presentations. Volunteers included Ms. Ainsworth, Mr. Patterson, and Dr. Poland.

Ms. Hude expressed the Commission's need to gather reports from various entities and invite guest speakers to come before the Commission. Ms. Hude suggested guest speakers. There was agreement amongst Commission members. Mr. Patterson noted additional guest speakers. Further discussion was had amongst Commission members citing logistics on drafting invitation letters. The Chair asked the clerk to draft letters.

The Chair directed attention to the information Mr. Nanos shared for discussion from The Lancet Commissions. The Chair called on Mr. Nanos to initiate discussion. Mr. Nanos noted a lot of good information in the document citing what other like-minded Commissions are doing or have done. Mr. Nanos suggested the possibility of inviting the author of this report to speak to the Commission. The Chair agrees the information in the report is helpful to the Commission.

Mr. Masi asked if the Commission was allowed to have a social media presence to be able to connect with communities and share information. The Chair asked the clerk to confirm with the Legislative Council Administrator.

Further discussion was had amongst Commission members citing gathering reports from various entities.

**VII. Subcommittee Updates**

a. **Current Funding and Programmatic Impact (Rambo)**

Mr. Rambo referenced existing reports from various sources to start compiling information for discussion on recommendations. The Chair asked Mr. Rambo to share reports with Commission members for further discussion at the next meeting date. The Chair asked if the subcommittee requires assistance in coordinating a meeting time and location or would the subcommittee rather hold to allow time to go through the reports for discussion. Dr. Stoddard cited the subcommittee needs time before meeting to compile information noting it would be helpful for the Commission to send letters to various entities requesting information.

**VIII. Recommendations of Additional Subcommittees**

The Chair recalled at the August 31, 2022 meeting indicating specific areas the Commission wished to start compiling information from. The Chair indicated this item was discussed under previous agenda item and asked if there was further discussion. There was no further discussion.

**IX. Commission Member Comment**

The Chair followed up to Judge Davis's suggestion for a roundtable giving each Commission member time to express why each member is here and what each member looks to accomplish on the Commission. There was agreement amongst Commission members. The Chair directed the roundtable to begin. Ms. Ainsworth passed out copies of a strategy plan from her work on the Genesee County Substance Use Prevention Project. The Chair stopped the roundtable due to time restriction indicating the roundtable will continue at the next meeting date starting with Ms. Makki.

**X. Public Comment**

The Chair asked if there were any comments from the public. Mr. John Klein shared his experience with opioid addiction and recovery. Mr. Klein expressed concern regarding the stigma placed on him in searching for gainful employment due to his past. Mr. Klein asked the Commission to consider addressing this stigma in the Commissions work. The Chair indicated the Commission will do its best to address the issue. Mr. Nanos extended an invitation to Mr. Klein to join the next meeting date on September 22, 2022.

**XI. Next Meeting Date: Thursday, September 22, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.**

The Chair announced the next meeting date for Thursday, September 22, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. The Chair reminded Commission members a majority of seven Commission members in attendance is required to conduct Commission business and instructed Commission members to let the clerk know if availability has changed.

**XII. Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Commission the Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:01 p.m. with unanimous support.