

final minutes

Opioid Advisory Commission (OAC) Meeting

10:00 a.m. • April 17, 2025

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

Members Present:

Dr. Amy Bohnert

Ricardo Bowden

Judge Linda Davis

Sheriff Chuck Heit

Katharine Hude

Patrick Patterson

Dr. Cara Poland

Dr. Sarah Stoddard

Members Excused:

Dr. Chad Audi

Mona Makki

Jamie Stuck

Representative Mary Whiteford (fmr.)

Christina Hawkins serving as Data Administrator to the Commission was in attendance.

Jennifer Dettloff serving as ex-officio to the Commission was in attendance.

Representative Thomas Stallworth serving as a designee of MDHHS was in attendance.

Dr. Audi and Representative Whiteford (fmr.) joined the meeting virtually; therefore, was unable to be counted 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 10:02 a.m.

II. Roll Call

The Chair asked the clerk to take roll. The clerk reported a quorum was present. The Chair asked for absent members to be excused. The Chair welcomed Dr. Bohnert and Sheriff Heit to the Commission.

III. Approval of the July 11, 2024 Meeting Minutes

The Chair directed attention to the proposed minutes of the July 11, 2024 meeting and asked if there were any changes. **Judge Davis moved, supported by Mr. Patterson to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2024 meeting minutes. There was no further discussion and the Chair asked for a roll call vote. The motion failed and the minutes were not approved.**

IV. Approval of the March 6, 2025 Meeting Minutes

The Chair directed attention to the proposed minutes of the March 6, 2025 meeting and asked if there were any changes. **Judge Davis moved, supported by Mr. Bowden to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2025 meeting minutes. There was no further discussion and the Chair asked for a roll call vote. The motion failed and the minutes were not approved.**

V. Public Comment

The Chair asked if there were any comments from the public. There were none.

VI. DHHS Presentation: Representative Thomas Stallworth

The Chair recognized Representative Stallworth for an update from DHHS.

Representative Stallworth provided an update on funding for substance use disorders, investments from the opioid settlement dollars, harm reduction efforts, recovery programs, housing initiatives, education, and employee retention strategies.

The Commission recessed for break at 11:08 a.m.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:20 a.m. The Chair asked the clerk to take roll. The clerk reported a quorum was present. The Chair asked for absent members to be excused.

Members Present:

**Dr. Amy Bohnert
Ricardo Bowden
Judge Linda Davis
Sheriff Chuck Heit
Katharine Hude
Patrick Patterson
Dr. Cara Poland
Dr. Sarah Stoddard**

Members Excused:

**Dr. Chad Audi
Mona Makki
Jamie Stuck
Representative Mary Whiteford (fmr.)**

VII. Key Activities of the Opioid Advisory Commission (OAC)

- General Updates

The Chair directed attention to Ms. Hawkins for an update.

Ms. Hawkins reported she met with DHHS and noted she will be attending Opioid Taskforce meetings.

- Legislative Engagement

The Chair reported she will be speaking at the Appropriations Subcommittee on Medicaid and Behavioral Health scheduled for Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.

The Chair reported she met with leadership to include staff members from the offices of Speaker of the House, Senate Majority Leader, and Senate Republican Leader noting positive feedback and engagement.

- 2025 Report Update

The Chair reported continuing work on the quarterly report and noted the report will be finalized and distributed this month.

The Chair asked members to provide further feedback to her and Mr. Hawkins.

VIII. Quarterly Report Discussion and Approval of the April 2025 Quarterly Report.

The Chair directed discussion surrounding items to be included in the quarterly report.

No vote was taken to allow members the opportunity to provide additional feedback.

IX. Commission Member Comment

The Chair asked if there were any comments from Commission members. There was none.

X. Next Meeting Date: Thursday, May 8, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

The Chair announced the next meeting is Thursday, May 8, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the Legislative Council's conference room.

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Commission the Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:03 p.m. with unanimous support.