

final minutes

Opioid Advisory Commission (OAC) Meeting

10:00 a.m. • July 11, 2024

Legislative Conference Room • 3rd Floor Boji Tower Building

124 W. Allegan Street • Lansing, MI

Members Present:

Judge Linda Davis (Ret.)

Katharine Hude

Mona Makki

Scott Masi

Patrick Patterson

Dr. Cara Poland

Kyle Rambo

Members Excused:

Dr. Sarah Stoddard

Jamie Stuck

Representative Mary Whiteford (Fmr.)

Representative Thomas Stallworth III (Fmr.) serving as a designee of MDHHS was in attendance.

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.

III. Approval of the May 23, 2024, Meeting Minutes

The Chair directed attention to the proposed minutes of the May 23, 2024, meeting and asked if there were any changes. **Judge Davis moved, supported by Ms. Hude to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2024 meeting minutes. There was no further discussion and the Chair asked for a roll call vote. The motion prevailed and the minutes were approved.**

IV. Public Comment

The Chair asked if there were any comments from the public.

Ms. Deborah Smith, representing the Michigan Association of Recovery Community Organizations, expressed opposition and concerns that the Commission's recommendations for funding use of the opioid settlement dollars were not included in the FY2025 budget.

Mr. Bryan Wolf, representing Passenger Recovery in Hamtramck, Michigan, expressed opposition and concerns that the Commission's recommendations for funding use of the opioid settlement dollars were not included in the FY2025 budget.

Mr. Dominick Gladstone expressed opposition and concerns that the Commission's recommendations for funding use of the opioid settlement dollars were not included in the FY2025 budget.

Mr. Christian Powell, business owner and serves on the Opioid Commission for the Ingham County area, expressed opposition and concerns that the Commission's recommendations for funding use of the opioid settlement dollars were not included in the FY2025 budget.

Mr. Dan Meier, representing the Mid-State Health Network, expressed opposition and concerns that the Commission's recommendations for funding use of the opioid settlement dollars were not included in the FY2025 budget.

Representative Christine Morse, Chair of the House Appropriations subcommittee of Health and Human Services, recognized the disappointment heard from previous comments noting items that were funded. In response, the Chair noted the Chair has spoken with Representative Morse, Representative Green, and other members of the House DHHS appropriations committee. The Chair recognized Representative Morse and Representative Green have been engaged with the Commission's work and expressed appreciation for their advocacy on behalf of the OAC and expressed the need for funding to perform the Commission's statutory requirement to conduct a needs assessment. In response, Representative Morse noted that could be an item to advocate for to potentially be included in a supplemental bill.

V. Community Engagement and Planning Collaborative (CEPC) Updates

The Chair directed attention to Ms. Amy Dolinky for an update of the Health Equity Subcommittee.

Ms. Dolinky attended the meeting virtually. Ms. Dolinky encountered technical difficulties and was unable to provide an update at this time.

The Chair directed attention to Mr. Dominick Gladstone for an update of the Community Engagement & Planning Committee.

Mr. Gladstone provided materials for his report of the Community Engagement & Planning Committee.

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

- General Updates
- Legislative Engagement

The Chair noted continuing efforts are being made in search of an OAC Program Coordinator. In response, Mr. Patterson asked members to continue their efforts in searching for candidates.

Commission members expressed appreciation for the public comments.

Ms. Makki inquired on direction for next steps. In response, the Chair noted meetings have been requested with leadership with minimal or no response.

Representative Stallworth expressed appreciation for public comments noting the importance of moving forward proposing a meeting with the focus on constructing next steps in collaboration with governmental entities involved in order to have a cohesive unified effort. In response, the Chair agreed noting logistics for the meeting date and time will be confirmed separately.

The Commission recessed for break at 11:07 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:
Judge Linda Davis
Katharine Hude
Mona Makki
Scott Masi
Patrick Patterson
Dr. Cara Poland
Kyle Rambo

Members Excused:
Dr. Sarah Stoddard
Jamie Stuck
Representative Mary Whiteford (Frm.)

The Chair summarized discussion prior to break noting the importance of developing a plan to collaborate with MDHHS and the Opioid Task Force to align the work of the OAC and MDHHS towards shared decision-making goals. The Chair noted continuing efforts will be made on outreach in meeting with leadership and committee chairs.

Upon further discussion, the Chair noted efforts to release an abbreviated interim report in October asking Commission members to submit their updates to the Chair for a draft construction of the interim report that will be discussed at the next OAC meeting.

VII. Workgroup Member Comment

The Chair asked if there were any comments from workgroup members.

Mr. Gladstone expressed the importance of setting politics aside and collaborating to support communities in need of funding. Mr. Gladstone expressed the importance for members of the Community Engagement and Planning Collaborative (CEPC) to be included in future conversations.

VIII. Commission Member Comment

Commission members expressed appreciation for efforts made in moving forward to next steps.

IX. Next Meeting Date: Thursday, September 12, 2024

X. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Commission the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:52 a.m. with unanimous support.

July 10, 2024

Community Engagement and Planning Committee – REPORT

From: CEPC

To: OAC

Ref: CEPC Ongoing Work

The CEPC did not meet in June or July for our regular monthly meeting. Without a current Commission Coordinator, we are moving very slowly, as we wait for a new coordinator to onboard. The Commission Coordinator is a key position with great value and great responsibility, and needs to be filled soon.

Our group is working on the following –

- The CEPC submitted a comprehensive list of key terms to the OAC for adoption. The key terms will provide clarity in our reports, findings, and recommendations. We are waiting to hear approval that we all agree on the key terms and their use moving forward.
- We will continue to identify barriers to communication and collaboration.
 - One common thread in this process is feeling seen and heard, with those in authority acting on our recommendations.
- We will continue identifying opportunities that could assist us in breaking barriers to communication, better identifying the current landscape and gaps, leading us toward proposed solutions.
- Our work plan is still in development and will continue to be a “work in progress” as we move toward our “findings and recommendations” report.

We plan to reconvene in August, and we appreciate the opportunity to be of service.

Respectfully submitted,

Dominick Gladstone