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Statewide Council on Opioid Abatement

Virtual Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2023

1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. EST

1:00 P.M. - Welcome and Call to Order

John Guard, Chief Deputy Attorney General

Attendance Summary:

Amy Ronshausen

Major Todd Shear

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Roll Call

1. Approve September 27, 2023 Meeting Minutes

John Guard, Chief Deputy Attorney General

Motion to approve minutes was approved by Council.

2. Overview of Permissible Uses

John Guard, Chief Deputy Attorney General

The purpose of this presentation is to provide information on permissible uses and support the best-informed decisions. Attorneys joined together to review the settlement agreements and developed the language on approved purposes. Approved purposes include evidence-based strategies like naloxone distribution, medication-assisted treatment ("MAT"), and SBIRT (Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment). Prevention activities include media campaigns related to the dangers of opioid misuse, school related programs, drug take back kiosks, and outreach to doctors regarding proper prescribing. Other approved uses include peer recovery support services, employment training or educational services, transportation to treatment or recovery programs. Capital outlays are expected and can be used for multiple purposes if it directly relates to opioid recovery. Funds for staff should be allocated appropriately to support opioid recovery.

3. Overview of Data Collection and Performance Measures

Erica Floyd Thomas, Assistant Secretary for the Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health

John Guard, Chief Deputy Attorney General

The department is actively creating a website and will be updating the site monthly with data. Data will be collected in a phased approach. Phase 1 is collecting data from providers that are able to submit standard 837 file format, which means an electronic health or medical record is being utilized and they are electronically billing. The website will offer self-training options. Phase 2 is for providers that do not have standard file formats. This phase and Phase 3 are still under development. Phase 3 is for nonstandard/atypical data collection, such as prevention and workforce development activities. A data dashboard will provide an array of information broken down by county.

4. Financial Template Overview

Erica Floyd Thomas, Assistant Secretary for the Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health

A Financial Template is how the fiscal information is collected. All financial information will be submitted through the Florida Opioid Implementation and Financial Reporting System (FOIFRS) webpage. The FOIFRS will allow for expenditures to be submitted on a quarterly basis with drop downs to collect information on fund type and balances. In an effort to offer transparency and because this agency is required to report on things during state, federal and calendar fiscal year, collecting information quarterly was most befitting to ensure at all times we are able to have the most up-to-date information. Additionally, the plan is to have the financial and data information feed directly into the State Opioid Dashboard.

5. Statewide Council on Opioid Abatement Annual Report

Jeffrey Cece, Office of Recovery

The Statewide Council on Opioid Abatement Annual Report is due by December 1st per Florida Statute section 397.335. This is first year of submission. Statute states that the report must address how the funds were spent during the previous fiscal year and any recommendations to the governor, legislature, and local governments for how funds should be prioritized and spent in the coming fiscal year. The report will also have additional details regarding the process for submitting plans, financial reports, and service records. Any recommendations can be submitted to HQW.SAMH.Opioid.Settlement.Inquiry@myflfamilies.com.

6. Public Comments

Chief Deputy Attorney General John Guard

Floor was opened for public comments and questions.

7. Closing Remarks