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Statewide Council on Opioid Abatement

Virtual Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2024

2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. EST

2:00 P.M. – Welcome and Call to Order

Aaron Platt provided the welcome for the Statewide Council on Opioid Abatement meeting. The meeting was called to order by Chair Designee Sheriff Dennis Lemma. Roll call was taken by Aaron Platt.

Attendance Summary:

Sheriff Dennis Lemma, Chair Delegate

Secretary Shevaun Harris

Major Todd Shear

Sheriff Robert Hardwick

Commissioner Chris Dougherty

Commissioner Lee Constantine

Approve August 1, 2024, Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved by the Council.

Annual Legislative Report

Chair Lemma discussed the creation of the council in 2023 and the charge to provide oversight and recommendations on developing and coordinating state and local efforts to abate the unintended consequences of the opioid epidemic. Chair Lemma also discussed the legislative requirements for the annual report which is due December 1, 2024. The target date for completion of the final draft is October 15, 2024. The focus of the annual report is to evaluate and analyze the previous year's spending of opioid settlement funds. The council will provide recommendations on how funding should be prioritized, data collection and strategies for improvements. Chair Lemma also discussed the template distributed to Council members to submit their recommendations for incorporation into the report.

Data Overview

Nikema St. Fleur, Ph.D., Department of Children and Families

Dr. St. Fleur presented on the roles and responsibilities of the State and municipalities regarding the opioid settlement funding and the importance of data reporting. Dr. St. Fleur reviewed the deadlines that counties and municipalities must adhere to when planning and expending opioid abatement funds. Data should be submitted through the utilization of the established data management system. Assistance with submitting data can be obtained by emailing HQW.SAMH.Opioid.Data.Access.Support@myflfamilies.com

Secretary Harris stressed the importance of data submission.

Chair Lemma asked council members representing the League of Cities and the Association of Counties to reach out to members of their respective associations to ensure timely data reporting.

Lee Constantine requested a list of counties who have not reported. The Department of Children and Families will send the list of counties and cities who have not reported data by the close of business.

Statewide Drug Policy Advisory Council Update

Jeff Cece, Department of Children and Families, Liaison on the Drug Policy Advisory Council



Statewide Council on Opioid Abatement

Mr. Cece discussed the 2023 recommendations from the Drug Policy Advisory Council and the Council of Opioid Abatement's requirement to coordinate with, provide information to, and receive information from the Statewide Drug Policy Advisory Council. The recommendations from the 2023 Drug Policy Advisory Council related to opioid abatement activities.

Recommendation Template and Next Steps

Chair Lemma requested council members utilize the recommendation template to propose any positions or recommendations to be included in the Council's report. Members are being asked to submit their recommendations by the close of business Friday, September 27, 2024. The draft report will be sent to council members before the next meeting and a vote to approve the report will be conducted.

Public Comment

No public comments

Closing Remarks

Chair Lemma provided closing remarks.

Meeting adjourned approximately 2:50pm