

## Notes

### Monroe County Substance Use Disorder Community Awareness Commission (SUDAC) November 17, 2023 Noon-1pm at Monroe County Courthouse

Members present in person: Melanie Vehslage, Kathy Hewett, Penny Githens, Peter Iversen, Patricia Cummings, Steve Malone, Nick Voyles

Members present online: Sarah Larson

### Agenda

1. Call to Order (Peter Iversen, County Council) 12:05
  2. Member Announcements and updates for any item not on the agenda
    - a. Steve – CARES board – have officially received applications for 6 new members
- [Due to sound/recording issues in Zoom, paused meeting and resumed at 12:28 pm.]***
3. **Opioid Settlement Grant** (Penny Githens, Commissioner)
    - a. County council and commissioners approved spending money out of opioid settlement grant as a match to support the purchase of a building for IRA along with an outreach vehicle.
  4. **Opioid Settlement monies** (Penny Githens, Commissioner)
    - a. A Committee was formed to make recommendations on how to spend the settlement money in short and long term. Met once already and will be meeting again soon.
    - b. Separately – PG has been in touch with downtown Bloomington Inc – they are open to having Narcan in the facilities and would like for someone to do a short training video for their staff.
    - c. If you have questions about the Opioid Settlement fund balance or working group, be in touch with county commissioners.
  5. Integrated Reentry and Correctional Support (**IRACS**) program and Certified Recovery Community Organization (**RCO**) – Tabled due to tech issues
  6. Community Health Improvement Plan (**CHIP**) Update (Melanie Vehslage, Health Department) – tabled due to tech issues
  7. **2024 Educational Summit** (Peter Iversen, County Council)
    - a. Update on issuing a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a summit facilitator, see attached.
      - i. See attached document for a compilation of material from the last three summits from documents consolidated at MCHD
      - ii. Opioid Crisis is still with us but there are other crises related to SUD that are not encompassed in the title Opioid Summit – any suggestions from the room?

- iii. Working title/focus area suggestions?
  - 1. Building Recovery through Connections dedicated to the work of Greg May?
  - 2. Working title: Paths to Recovery Summit?
- iv. Messaging areas of focus: Harm reduction works, recovery is for everybody, together we create new paths in the community.
- v. Guest speakers – Too early to declare guest speakers, but if there is a dynamic speaker that you know of, bring up to SUDAC.
- vi. Will have community resource tables
- vii. Programming team:
  - 1. Co-chairs show support from County Commissioners and Council
  - 2. DMHA (Tony Toomer) would like to co-host along with MCG
  - 3. Programming team will be thinking about the intended audience. This team would be directed by the programming chair. Prosecutors office has tentatively said they are interested in providing a programming chair but need more information.
  - 4. Programming team in the past would have their own subcommittees
    - a. Session tracks
    - b. Sponsorships
    - c. Marketing
  - 5. There is no limit on number of people on programming team members. The only caveat is that since this is a subcommittee of SUDAC, if there are 6 SUDAC members that show up, it is a quorum and the meeting must be noticed. It is Peters intention to not to attend those meetings to avoid quorum.
  - 6. How do people make recommendations to programming committee?
  - 7. Review 'scope of work for programming committee' – need:
    - a. People that can work on sponsors
    - b. People that know speakers
    - c. People to work on small session planning
    - d. People that know people who can lead sessions that would be of interest to the audience
    - e. Overall message for the summit, and identify if it will be educational, practical, and who is it for? That focus needs to be identified by the planning team, which will help to define the breakout panels.
    - f. Interest in educating attendees about things that are working in the community for broad spectrum buy-in.

8. One recommendation is to keep it to 1 day in 2024 with potential to expand to 2 days in 2025.
9. Recommendation to contract out some of the work to an event planning firm – they could work on AV, programming print and design, CEU creation, pre-event, mid-event and post-event marketing (including digital invites etc.), researching apps that allow for better attendance and networking etc..
10. Note that this (attached) is a draft document
11. January 2024 will begin working meetings. Planning team needs to identify a day that is available with the Convention Center. Penny has reached out but will need to connect back to the planning team.
12. Before December SUDAC will solidify a programming chair, identify committee members, clarify roles to bring to December SUDAC
13. Notes on next steps/to-dos.
  - a. Need to ensure Commissioners office is up to speed on what this committee is doing.
  - b. Talk to Legal about structuring planning committee to adhere to Indiana Code
  - c. Confirm with potential chair of Planning Committee
  - d. What do we know about event planners?
    - i. Have had initial meeting to discuss what Summit looked like in the past, but no contracts signed
  - e. Interest in having as many hired staff being people with lived experience
  - f. PG to reach out to Tony Toomer to identify next steps



14. Approval of Minutes – Nick moves to approve, Kathy to second
  - a. Unanimous approval
15. Adjourn

**Next meeting:** December 15, 2023

- Meeting location: Monroe County Courthouse  
Quorum needed *in person*: 6 people
- Virtual Attendance: Find the link on the calendar at <http://co.monroe.in.us>.