

Monroe County Substance Use Disorder Community Awareness Commission (SUDAC) Notes

Date: December 15, 2023

Time: Noon-1pm

Location: Monroe County Courthouse County Council Conference Room

Facilitator: Peter Iversen (president)

Notes: Melanie Vehslage (secretary)

Members present in person: Melanie Vehslage, Kathy Hewett, Whitney Meeks, Penny Githens, Patricia Cummings, Sarah Larsen, Karen Wrenbeck, Steve Malone, Nick Voyles

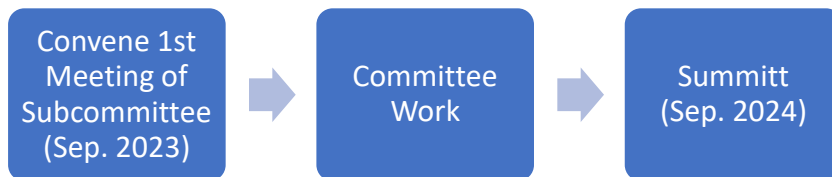
Nonmember in person: Ashley Collins, Erika Oliphant

Nonmembers online: Marcus Whited, John Simmins, Lori Terrel, Amy Meek

Agenda

1. Call to Order (Peter Iversen, County Council) 12:03
2. **2024 Educational Summit** (Peter Iversen, County Council and Erika Oliphant, Prosecutor and Summit Programming Chair)
 - a. Introductions of all in person and online participants
 - b. Note that the planning document is sourced from previous Opioid Summit documents
 - c. Theme: Building Recovery through Connections, dedicated to the work of Greg May
 - d. See attached 'Opioid Summit Planning Document' for further specifics.
 - e. No external or guest speakers have been chosen
 - i. Internationally renowned speaker – [Bernice Pescosolido](#) works at IU covers topics of stigma, mental health etc. Has done a lot of work with [Bring Change 2 Mind](#) campaign.
 - ii. Note that we would need to select a date before we could work on speakers
 - iii. Last time it has been in conflict with other major events in Bloomington – would like to avoid that if at all possible.
 - f. Anything to add before talking programming team? None noted
 - g. DMHA was interested in co-hosting
 - i. To do: PG to need to reach out to Tony Toomer to get more specifics on what DMHA co-hosting looks like.
 - h. Erika/Prosecutors office will be programing chair. She will oversee Programming members (listed on planning document). Historically this group has broken out into three sub-committees.
 - i. New item added to contract out marketing through an outside vendor to alleviate some of the additional burden on the planning team.

- j. Q: revenue streams – is there \$40,000 in the fund? Will need to check on current balance. Note that the sponsorship levels in Opioid Planning Document were historical, and not expected future values.
- k. Add to Vendor: Pre-event marketing, Eventbrite or other sending, day of marketing
- l. Programming Committee does not have to notice meetings so long as there is not a SUDAC quorum
- m. If there is a name that isn't on the Programming Subcommittee that should be there let Erika know.
- n. Q: Do we know how much money we have for this (and what we need)? 27k reported in SUDAC line.
- o. To do: send meeting document to non-members that were present.



- 3. Member Announcements and updates for any item not on the agenda
 - a. KH – SSP was renewed for 2 years. We are one of only 8 counties providing this service in Indiana
 - b. PG – Looking to move forward on RCOs
 - c. MV - Alyson Grider, LCSW is interested in doing a lunch and learn next month on harm reduction therapy – any interest from SUDAC? Room indicates to move forward with planning, MV to schedule and send information.
 - d. AC from Centerstone put information regarding overdose response on cards – shared with the room
 - e. SM – grant proposals for problem solving courts will get nearly 90k for transportation, eliminate costs of drug testing (20k nearly for that program), money for a process evaluation (hope to get someone from IU).
 - f. NV – IRA purchased building at 1701 W 3rd Street. Working on appropriations for other costs. Started on getting pre-approval for construction and anticipate working in the building by May 2024. Redoing one side of the building and plan to work on a capital campaign to address the other portion of it later. Hope to use the space to incubate an RCO, build more connections and community. First of scholarships for Peer Coaches coming through PATCH.
- 4. **Opioid Settlement Grant** (Penny Githens, Commissioner)
 - a. Will need to come back to Council for purchase of a vehicle.
- 5. **Opioid Settlement** (Penny Githens, Commissioner)
 - a. Working group to provide recommendations for how to spend the money

- b. Suggestion to work on peers scholarships, help pay for some of the fees (unsure if allowed), see if there is more money that could be used for Amethyst, drug take back baggies etc.
 - c. Note that not all companies have reached an agreement yet so there could be additional monies coming. This is a rolling situation rather than a time bound one related like ARPA.
6. Integrated Reentry and Correctional Support (**IRACS**) program and Certified Recovery Community Organization (**RCO**)
 - a. IRA is going to be a passthrough for an RCO – looking to have all people in recovery rather than it being just Nick/IRA leading.
 - b. New Leaf New Life is interested in also forming an RCO – might have slightly different focus.
 - c. County won't have time to apply for IRACS in January, but there's another application timeline in June/July.
 - d. Have a meeting scheduled with Heather Rodriguez from mental Health Americato understand more about RCO with NLNL
 - e. Re-entry is something that we care about in MoCo – last council meeting heard from probation about re-entry grant for \$60,000 with Centerstone
7. Community Health Improvement Plan (**CHIP**) Update (Melanie Vehslage, Health Department)
 - a. Working on report and wrap-up of CHIP group. Will be working on action items as recommended from Suicide and Overdose Fatality Review team in 2024 while Community Health Needs Assessment is underway.
8. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Any changes to the minutes? None noted.
 - b. Unanimous approval
9. Anything else?
 - a. PG – Street Medicine Institute presentation with HealthNet recently highlighted the power of getting people care where they are. They have one of the few Psych NPs in the area.
 - b. Will hear back form first meeting of Planning meeting at next SUDAC meeting.
10. Adjourn (12:55)

Next meeting: January 19, 2024

- 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>.