

Notes

**Monroe County Substance Use Disorder Awareness Commission (SUDAC)
May 17, 2024, Noon-1pm at Monroe County Courthouse
Nat U. Hill Meeting Room**

Members present in person: Peter Iversen, Melanie Vehslage, Ashley Collins, Sarah Larsen, Penny Githens, Steve Malone, Patricia Cummings

Members present online: none

Agenda

1. Call to Order (Peter Iversen, County Council)
2. Committee Reports
 - a. 2024 Educational Summit Committee Report (Planning Committee Representative)
 - i. Connected with Convention Center re: AV - budget of around 17k.
 - ii. Finalizing speakers/panels. This will help finalize AV budget.
 - iii. Need conference organizer.
 1. Don't have to put out an RFQ because estimate spending under 50k
 - iv. Shelli Yoder has agreed to be keynote
 - v. If you or your org would like to sponsor the event, be in touch with Peter and/or Erika Oliphant (chair of planning sub-committee)
 - vi. Molly Turner King – see draft agreement for services that (upon approval) would be sent to Commissioners
 1. No need for agreement for services since this is an honorarium vs. payment for services rendered
 2. Auditor's office needs a document to support payment to vendors.
 - vii. Discussion re: draft agreement
 1. Should keynote and final speaker more than \$100 vs. breakout speaker?
 - a. Need to distinguish between main speaker and breakout speaker
 2. All speakers are getting full Summit attendance paid and reimbursement for travel/hotel if out of town
 3. Speakers will be reimbursed – connect with Erika if need payment up front for travel expenses
 4. Add info for keynote speaker 'contractual agreement' – variable rate – could not to exceed amount
 5. Request to clarify difference between keynote and presenter

- viii. Approval of amendments for Honorarium resolution - Molly amended the draft agreement with SUDAC members viewing via screen-share
 - 1. Comm. Githens motioned to approve amendments
 - 2. Nick seconded to approve amendments
 - 3. Unanimous approval of amendments on draft document
 - b. Approval of amended resolution for Honorarium (contingent on Commissioner approval)
 - i. Motion to approve by Nick
 - ii. Ashley Collins seconded
 - iii. No public comment
 - iv. Unanimous approval
 - c. Peter and Erika have a marketing plan and scope of work for Event Planner. Angie Purdie from the Commissioners office will reach out to recommended marketing firms to gauge interest. There will be a deadline, and if more than one group applies there will be a process by which commissioners will vote on a contract if an organization is chosen and Council can then appropriate money.
 - d. Is there a deadline for application? No but ASAP – hopefully by June 1
 - e. Opioid Settlement Committee Report (Peter Iversen, Council)
 - i. [Apply Today here](#)
 - ii. Penny needs to write up formal recommendations to present to Council and Commissioners.
 - iii. There is additional money coming to Monroe County
 - iv. Nick has shared with folks in the community and expects more applications
 - v. Will require approved by Commissioners and Council.
 - vi. Big thanks to auditors department –
 - 1. Funding application on Auditor’s office (can also be found on ‘very important news’ section of Monroe County website <https://www.co.monroe.in.us/departments/index.php?structureid=73>)
 - 2. Funding link has the application, documents describing eligibility and deadlines. There will be rolling deadlines to submit the application – June 30th with another round starting immediately after.
 - 3. <https://www.in.gov/recovery/settlement/> shows abatement strategies
- 3. Integrated Reentry and Correctional Support (IRACS) program and Certified Recovery Community Organization (RCO)
 - a. Jayme Whitaker has had some meetings, waiting for a meeting with city of Bloomington, but has expressed optimism for Monroe County.

- b. What are the next steps? Jayme Whitaker is looking to talk with New Leaf New Life and Heather Rodriguez at MHA in coming weeks. Expect a more concrete update in June.
4. Changes to the Sheriff's Department (Peter Iversen, Council)
- a. Council worked with Sherrif's department who is working to hire (or has hired) substance use related positions in the jail through medical contract.
 - i. Reentry Specialist – currently hired.
 - ii. A third Qualified Mental Health Professional – currently hired.
 - 1. (2 already in the jail)
 - iii. A Substance Use Disorder Specialist housed inside the jail - being interviewed but is not yet hired
 - b. Questions/Comments
 - i. Q: Who is the re-entry specialist, do they have lived experience with incarceration?
 - 1. A: The understood intent is to work with folks as they come in the jail and will work until the individual leaves the jail based to reduce recidivism
 - ii. Average stay is around 7 days ?
 - iii. Q: Does the re-entry specialist do anything for folks when they leave jail?
 - 1. Peter's understanding is that the specialist can work with the person until the person leaves jail.
 - iv. Q: Can the reentry person meet with agencies outside in the community to build stronger connections with community partners? How can SUDAC or other community providers connect/meet with these staff?
 - v. Comment: Description of position as re-entry comes across differently knowing that they are based entirely in the jail versus a program like New Leaf who works with folks to transition and also outside of the jail.
 - vi. Q: Could SUDAC get these hires to attend a meeting to talk about their job and meet the commission?
 - vii. Q: How effective can such a position be in the jail with such a small amount of time with folks in jail (average time as 7 days).
 - viii. Clarification about positions from Molly Turner King - The three provided are due to an amendment with Advanced Correctional Health contract. Unsure if hiring is done by Sherrif of ACH. In the contract amendment it doesn't refer to re-entry, it refers to a discharge planner who would be responsible for planning mental health, coordinating medical needs, and community resources etc.
 - 1. To Do: Molly to send job description to SUDAC

- ix. To Do: Peter will reach out to invite staff to speak to SUDAC
 - c. This will stay on the agenda for next time
- 5. Community Health Assessment Update (Health Department)
 - a. Continuing focus groups – if you are interested in participating, please reach out to Melanie or Kathy ASAP. Hope to wrap up mid-June
 - b. Fill out the Community Health Needs Survey <https://bit.ly/MoCo2024CHNA>
 - c. Please print out survey flyer and share within your networks (or ask Melanie/Kathy to print for you to disperse)
 - d. Follow Monroe County Health Department on Facebook
- 6. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Motion to adopt March meeting minutes by Penny Githens
 - b. Patricia seconded
 - c. No public comment
 - d. Unanimous approval
- 7. Member Announcements and updates for any item not on the agenda
 - a. Courts – CARES board did grant scoring Tuesday and working to get out allocations of funding. Specialty courts doing well. Drug screens through the courts are all free of charge. Hope for free saliva weekend tests in the future.
 - b. Comm. Githens – Announcing Wearing Orange Day to honor victims of gun violence on Friday June 7th this year
 - c. Ashley – Centerstone has a mobile crisis unit that can be used by anyone in crisis with mental health, substance use disorder, suicidal ideation etc.. Call 877-463-6512 and they are available 24/7/365. Being utilized now and could be used even more if folks are aware of it. They are fully staffed.
 - i. Q: Does police dispatch have info on this line – believe they do
 - ii. 988 is aware of it, but 988 isn't working to full capacity as intended.
 - iii. Sometimes 988 calls are forwarded to wrong place due to area code of calling line, so have been sharing the direct line for the crisis unit
 - d. Health Department – Please fill out the Community Health Needs survey. It informed the last round of CHIP groups. Out of the last CHIP groups came the SOFR CAT team where participants are actively working to increase access to Narcan and building targeted resource guides and sharing them appropriately. Steady small positive change.
 - e. IRA – Moving towards moving into the new building – will have a soft opening at some point hopefully by end of June 2024. In transition to new building presently and hope to start a second phase in the next year.
 - i. In Indiana for the first time since opioid crisis, numbers are down for fatal overdoses according to CDC provisional data. Reminder that harm reduction

works. Note that methamphetamine and overdoses by other substances are up.

- f. Council – Approaching budget season. For all county departments, think of ways to get substance use prevention in our budgets to budget our values.

8. Adjourn

Next meeting: June 21, 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>.

