



Kentucky Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission

Meeting Agenda

July 29, 2024, 9:00 a.m. ET

Capitol Annex, 702 Capital Ave, Room 171, Frankfort, KY 40601

MINUTES

Members Present: Christopher Evans, Chair (in person), Darren Allen (in person), Karen Butcher (in person), Patricia Freeman (Zoom), Secretary Eric Friedlander (in person), Representative Chris Fugate (in person), Van Ingram (in person), Karen Kelly (in person), Treasurer Mark Metcalf (in person), Von Purdy (in person), Jason Roop (in person).

Staff Present: Jessie Halladay, Alison Chavies, Andrew Denham (intern), Michelle Lopez (intern), Brenna Staser (intern)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Evans called the Kentucky Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission (KYO AAC) meeting to order at 9:13 a.m. on Thursday, July 29, 2024.

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Secretary Friedlander moved to adopt the July 29, 2024, agenda. Treasurer Mark Metcalf seconded, and the motion carried.

III. BUSINESS MEETING SCHEDULE

1. September 10, 2024, 1:00 p.m.
2. November 12, 2024, 1:00 p.m.

**** All business meetings will take place at Capitol Annex, 702 Capital Ave, Frankfort, KY 40601. Room to be assigned based on availability.**

IV. MINUTES

1. June 4, 2024, Business Meeting

Karen Butcher moved to approve the June 4, 2024, minutes. Von Purdy seconded, and the motion carried.

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATES

Executive Director Evans recognized the Speaker of the House, David Osborne's appointment, Rep. Chris Fugate, and Senate President, Robert Stivers' appointment, Ms. Karen Kelly. Both Rep. Fugate and Ms. Kelly expressed their gratitude and excitement to join the Commission.



Executive Director Evans updated Commission members regarding a Request for Information being prepared related to a research and innovation grant opportunity that has previously been discussed and will be forthcoming. Once the Request for Information is complete, staff will use the information gathered in that process to finalize a notification of funding opportunity (NOFO).

Executive Director Evans also informed the Commission that site visits with 2023 Awardees began this summer and will continue through the next several months.

VI. PRIORITY SETTING PRESENTATIONS

1. **Best Practices & Principles for the Use of Abatement Funds** -- Sara Whaley, Senior Practice Associate, Johns Hopkins University and David Lucas, Senior Technical Advisor for Overdose Prevention Programs, Vital Strategies
2. **Trends and Data related to Overdose Deaths in Kentucky** - Dr. Dana Quesinberry, Associate Director of the Kentucky Injury Prevention and Research Center and Dr. Peter Rock, Director of Biomedical Data Science, University of Kentucky Rapid Actionable Data for Opioid Response in Kentucky
3. **Current Principles and Best Practices in Substance Use Prevention Efforts** – Captain Chris Jones, Director, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, the U. S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
4. **KORE Funded Programs and Projects and Identified Resource Gaps** – Dr. Katherine Marks, PhD, Commissioner – Department for Behavioral Health, Development & Intellectual Disabilities
5. **ODCP Funded Programs and Identified Resource Gaps** – Director Van Ingram, Kentucky Office of Drug Control Policy

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Kay Combs expressed her opinions about the need for more support and funding for transportation, career services workers, childcare, nutritional needs, and other family-oriented needs.

BREAK FOR LUNCH

Executive Director Evans announced recess for lunch at 12:15 pm. The meeting resumed at 12:55 pm.



VIII. COMMISSION PRIORITIES DISCUSSION

Members engaged in a discussion about what to prioritize for the 2025/26 grant solicitations. Executive Director Evans led members through a discussion that covered the following questions:

- *What are your top priorities for the next funding round?*
- *When reviewing grant applications, what do you think the priority considerations on whether something is funded?*
- *What restrictions on funding would you like to prioritize/consider?*

Each member shared their thoughts in these three areas over the course of the discussion. Staff members took notes on the discussion and will prepare a summary of findings for further consideration by the Commission.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

2:30 p.m. Darren Allen moved to adjourn the scheduled business meeting of the KYOAAC. Treasurer Mark Metcalf seconded, and the motion carried.