

Opioid Settlement Funds Advisory Group
Meeting Minutes
 May 14, 2024, 3:30pm

Present	Judge Beth Ann Gibson (Z) Christine Thrasher (Z) Nick Adams (Z) Dr. Tim Hoffmann	Kristen Christiansen (Z) Amy Dolinky Dr. Robert Currier (Z) Karen Cheeseman	Richard Pershinske Jodie Becker Debbie Lull Judy St. Louis-Scott
Guest(s)	N/A		
Absent	Al Mitchell Amy Lester Andrew Alvesteffer Ashley Allison Bob Marchand Christine Bawol Bryan Hookana Cara Kuenzer Christy Sibbald Emily Duncan Dr. Loretta Leja Joe Nolan	Holly Bishop, J. Stuart Spencer Kevin James Melissa Tominac Paula Mayer Rachel Bommarito Regina Frazier Ronald Umbarger Samantha Warner Sara Loiselle Tanya Brandt	Tanya Winberg Traci Krino Edward Wilk Tara Belonga Leuna St. Andrew Kari Visnaw Kelly Champion Ben Larson Paula Nelson Jessica Barnes Najor
Minutes by	Melissa Jerzykowski		
Next Meeting	Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 3:30pm in the MSHS Boardroom		

Topic	Discussion	Action Item
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 3:30pm by Judy St. Louis-Scott	
Roll Call	Roll Call was taken. "Z" represents those who attended virtually by Zoom.	
New Business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Budget update <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Judy stated that the fund currently has \$74,701 available 2. Survey Construction <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Debbie stated that the survey has already been developed b. Amy to resend draft of survey to the group c. Amy will let MSU know that Mackinac County is ready to roll out the survey <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. The survey will be rolled out via Qualtrics but Mackinac County will be responsible for distribution ii. A final draft will be sent to the Committee for final review and edits before being released to the community <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This draft will be presented in the same format as how the participants will see it 3. Survey Distribution <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Amy stated that the survey could be virtual or by hard copy 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Amy to resend draft of survey to the group 2. Amy to let MSU know that Mackinac County is ready to roll out the survey and having a final draft ready by Sept 10

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. She suggested providing both formats at community events c. Mr. Pershinske indicated that outreach is an important component for this project so ensure that the community is aware of the survey and its availability d. Amy mentioned that MSU suggests avoiding social media platforms due to financial incentives for survey completion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. If social media is chosen as a distribution route, then extra time should be built in to filter out “bot” responses ii. Amy stated that the state pays the survey completion incentives out of a separate budget than from the County’s settlement fund budget e. Judy asked about the ideal sample size <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Amy stated that it depends on the population ii. The survey should target those with lived-experience – either loved ones, those who currently use, or those who identify as in recovery iii. Amy indicated that most counties are using census data to determine their appropriate response rate and sample size iv. Amy indicated that the Committee should start to discuss which groups and populations the survey should be sent to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Pershinske feels strongly that it should go to school counselors 2. Dr. Hoffmann stated that middle school age (7th and 8th grade) kids are also an important group to reach v. Amy agreed to send a list of ideal survey populations to the group <p>4. Survey Participation/Data Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Amy indicated that initially, the survey will be available for 4 weeks, then MSU will use this initial data to create a quantitative analysis report based on Mackinac County’s desired metrics and delivery style <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The report will include a “recommendations” section that highlights the largest gaps and areas of need <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Amy mentioned that many counties use the recommendations as the year’s priorities and work those into Requests for Proposals (RFPs) ii. Amy indicated that the Committee should start to consider how to best distribute the funds, how the data will be used, and how the results will be prioritized <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is the county looking to keep the funds going for the full 18-year period? 2. Is the county looking to use larger amounts up front to build 	<p>3. Committee to determine which groups to send the survey to</p> <p>4. Amy to send a list of ideal survey populations to the group</p> <p>5. Committee to start discussions regarding a timeline for funds distributions, how the survey data will be used, and how the results will be prioritized</p>
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	<p>infrastructures and programs that will be substantial over time?</p> <p>3. Does the county want to use the funds to help supplement other funding sources?</p> <p>iii. Amy stated that the group should start to consider how long the survey should be available and timelines for check-ins and reassessments with MSU</p>	<p>6. Committee to determine how long the survey will be open and timelines for check-ins and reassessments with MSU</p>
<p>Roundtable</p>	<p>1. Mr. Pershinske expressed concern regarding where the community will be referred for counseling services as Helen Newberry Joy is no longer offering these services</p> <p>a. Jodie stated that Tele-Health is not a viable option as they typically do not accept Medicaid, MET, or substance use/abuse cases</p> <p>b. Dr. Hoffmann stated that he has been sending his substance use/abuse patients to a clinical psychologist out of Kinross. This provider has been willing to do ADD/ADHD testing and evaluations as they are highly linked with substance use/abuse issues</p> <p>i. Dr. Hoffmann will reach out about the possibilities of this provider assisting with the establishment of an AA-style program in Mackinac County</p> <p>c. Karen expressed an interest in learning more about the counseling services available through Sacred Heart</p> <p>ii. What might be available at Sacred Heart that might be an untapped resource for the community, what populations would it serve, does one have to be in active treatment with Sacred Heart to receive some of those services?</p> <p>iii. Dr. Hoffmann stated that they currently do not accept private insurance but Medicaid is accepted</p> <p>2. Amy hosts a local government learning community with the Michigan Township Association and Michigan Municipal League</p> <p>a. These are private meetings for local government officials and steering committee members that want to know more what other communities are doing</p> <p>b. This month 2 counties will discuss how they listened to their community</p> <p>i. One used town halls or other community forums</p> <p>ii. One used listening sessions</p> <p>c. There is a different topic every month</p> <p>i. Next month will be about the RFP review process</p> <p>d. These meetings are strictly for opioid settlement funds</p> <p>i. This is a space for local government officials to talk about questions, concerns, struggles, and successes</p> <p>e. Amy will send the schedule over to group</p>	<p>7. Dr. Hoffmann to touch base with the clinical psychologist in Kinross regarding the possibilities of assisting with the establishment of an AA-style program in Mackinac County</p> <p>8. Amy to send the Local Government Learning Community meeting schedule to the group</p>
<p>Action Items</p>	<p>1. Amy to resend draft of survey to the group</p> <p>2. Amy to let MSU know that Mackinac County is ready to roll out the survey and having a final draft ready by Sept 10</p>	

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Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 4:30pm	