OPIOID RESTITUTION FUND

ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

June 5, 2023

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Public Listening Session 3:00 p.m. - 3:50 p.m.

Break 3:53 p.m. - 4:03 p.m.

Regular Session 4:05 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

I. Welcome and Introductions

ORF Council Chair, Tiffinee Scott, welcomed advisory council members and those viewing the meeting as members of the public.

Members present: Emily Keller, Special Secretary of Opioid Response OOCC, Brian Edmunds, Designee for the Attorney General, Senator Dawn Gile, Maryland Senate, Lauren Levy, Maryland Association of Counties, Ryan Moran Deputy Secretary of Health Care Financing and Medicaid, Tiffinee Scott, Chair, Howard Ashkin, Marcus Webster, Kristin Thomas

Members not in attendance: Delegate Samuel Rosenberg, Maryland House of Delegates, Dr. David Myles, Maryland Municipal League, Meghan Westwood, Carlos Hardy

II. Listening Session

Melissa August, Outreach Coordinator: Maryland needs adolescent SUD treatment options

Jason Martin, Sheppard Pratt, Director of Addictions: Contingency management
https://www.dynamicarehealth.com/contingency-management#number_of_CM_studies
https://www.jsatjournal.com/article/S0740-5472(21)00151-3/fulltext
https://store.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/pep20-06-01-001.pdf

Deborah Steinberg, Senior Health Policy Attorney, Legal Action Center: Priority to expand access to opioid use disorder treatment of senior citizens. Peer Recovery programs for older adults, treatment in homes, harm reduction, naloxone in senior citizen centers, etc.

Info about CHAP:
https://www.lac.org/resource/advocating-for-the-consumer-health-access-program-sb460-hb517-in-maryland

Amanda Latimore: The war on drugs over the last 50 years has been the issue. Nearly 75% of incarcerated individuals for drug related offenses are people of color even though they are only 25% of the population. What do we do about that? I encourage the council to think about how to use the funds to help communities of color those who have been impacted by the war on drugs. Has recommendations on how to engage in a restorative justice approach.

Ju Park: Innovations in harm reduction with fentanyl and other stimulants. A Lot of policy needs changed in Maryland. Articles are below that she has written:
https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamapsychiatry/fullarticle/2804353?casa_token=DKESy74ve2EAAAAA:wyPMkBOWWS_uUrzzYGj7Th8vDfBFljeFjc4FWMQ0P0tcWnawSWEGra3ZGTqwaIuOr6cts1qzZis
Overdose Detection Technologies-A New Frontier in Preventing Solitary Drug Overdose Deaths
https://www.researchgate.net/publication/370298944_Overdose_Detection_Technologies-A_New_Frontier_in_Preventing_Solitary_Drug_Overdose_Deaths
JAMA Psychiatry piece. Here is a related paper:
https://www.mdpi.com/1660-4601/20/2/1230

Debbie Santini: Funding for grassroots nonprofits, support for families who have lost their lost ones, public awareness, harm reduction.

April Babcock: Funding for youth prevention programs.

Jessie Dunleavy: Healthcare and Legislators need to work together. Big priority is educating the public.

Gabby Knighton: Homeless Outreach

Howard Ashkin: Transportation for limited periods of time. This pilot program in D.C. and has positively impacted those getting treatment.
https://livelong.dc.gov/page/ForProviders

Tricia Christensen - Relatedly, WV's Jobs & Hope recently funded this program to pay folks to give rides to others for tx appointments. This is primarily for rural areas and for appointments that don't qualify for medicaid transport. (This is not currently funded with settlement $$, but theoretically could be.)

https://jobsandhope.wv.gov/get-paid-to-pay-it-forward-offers-incentives-to-combat-transportation-barriers-in-substance-use-treatment/

Jill Rathburn - A Smartphone-Smartcard Platform for Implementing Contingency Management in Buprenorphine Maintenance Patients With Concurrent Stimulant Use Disorder - https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC8688352/

III. Motion to Approve May 22nd Minutes

ORF approves minutes

IV. Discussion on Tabled Topics

- Recovery high schools - recommendation to invite presenter from Phoenix Academy to a future meeting
    - Secretary Keller – making the connection for next meeting for a presentation
- Discussion on grant period – no discussion
- Discussion of services offered in local detention centers
    - Howard Ashkin, Baltimore County Treatment Center HB116 is incredibly expensive whether it is a detention center or not. Being able to help other jurisdictions afford MOUD. Treatment is crucial when incarcerated. We need to take a look where we can strengthen this so it is spread to all of our detention centers.
- Crisis services - 988, youth treatment, etc
    - Secretary Keller, it is important to have prevention in schools but to have more education in schools you have to get buy-in. Can Phoenix be the model?
    - Marcus Webster, Harford County has various education programs in their schools, for example HCC.

VI. Motions

Tiffinee motioned to have a one year grant period with the possibility of approval of multiple years (1 year at a time review) based on if the grant is operational and still a need based on our priorities in future years. Kristin Thomas seconded. Council approved.

Lauren Levy motioned to move multi-year grants, Tiffinee Scott seconded, Council approved.

Tiffinee Scott motioned to introduce both services at local detention centers and reentry, Howard Ashkin seconded. Council approved.

Emily Keller moved to make crisis services available to youth. Kristin Thomas second. Motion was approved by the council.

Kristin Thomas motioned that we have a person come and speak to us about recovery who are in recovery in high schools and collegiate recovery at a future meeting. Lauren Levy seconded. Approved.

Kristin Thomas Motion to advise and prioritize to expand access to non gender normative services. Promote safety in recovery services. Emily Keller seconded. Motion was approved by the council.

Emily Keller recommended a data tracking mechanism for ORF spending and outcomes.

Next step is to create a draft document for the Governor's Office

VII. Motion to Adjourn

- Next meeting Tuesday, June 20, 2023