

Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee

Date: 11/16/2022

Location and Time: 2-3 p.m. Via Teams

Present: Chief Shawn Burke, Caroline Butler, Senator Ruth Hardy, Jessica Kirby, Mark Levine, MD, Scott Pavek, Judge Madeline Motta, Rocket, Stacey Sigmon, Heather Stein, MD, Representative Dane Whitman, Deb Wright, Gwynn Zakov, Cindy Seivwright, Kelly Dougherty, David Englander, Stacey, Lex Arthers, Eva Zaret, Javad Mashkuri, MD, Kelly Borgman, Ilisa Stalberg, Nicole Rau, Colin Flanders, Tracy Brannstrom, Dillon Burns, Evan Smith, Ann

Absent: Mayor David Allaire

Meeting Facilitator and Note Taker: Mark Levine, and Sarah Gregorek

Meeting Objectives: Third meeting of the Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee		
Agenda Item	Discussion	Next Steps
Welcome		
Remarks from Dr. Levine	<p>At this time, I do not know if any money has actually entered the state coffers from the settlements, but I raise it only because there will be some tensions. Tensions related to the fact that we know there's money coming, but it isn't here yet, so we can't spend it and there will be lots of ideas generated both within and outside of this committee and some will gain traction, some will not.</p> <p>Like everything we do when we have money available and multiple competing needs for it, we'll need to establish a process understanding that our overall goal is to have a significant impact on opioid use disorder and the opioid epidemic and especially the tragic losses being sustained as part of that epidemic,</p> <p>We know there's an opioid crisis, leading to a sense of urgency, but at the same time we must bring due diligence to that task so we can have the most wisdom to enable sound decision making. There</p>	

	<p>is also a process: this committee makes recommendations VDH and then we go through the budget process with the legislature. So nothing will be instant, but our goal will certainly not to be belaboring points to the degree where we have done nothing and there are still people dying and we have money available to spend. So, I'm just trying to describe that kind of tension that exists.</p> <p>David Englander described the legislative process when we receive the settlement money: It would be the obligation of the department to provide the committee with a proposed spending plan. We would then take that advice into account as we then went through the regular budget process with the legislature. We anticipate that the majority of the funding will be appropriated this legislative session.</p>	
<p>Leftover points from last meeting</p>	<p>Outreach Workers and leave behind Kits – Nicole Rau, Substance Misuse Prevention Manager See PDF Titled Opioid Overdose</p> <p>Prevention ROI, Dr. Levine Evidence-based prevention for individuals with substance use disorder is effective in reducing costs associated at the individual, societal, and national health levels. Research regarding cost-benefits associated with substance use prevention has indicated that for every \$1 spent on substance use prevention there is a yield of \$10 return to long-term savings of treatment costs alone (Hahn-Smith, 2011). School-based prevention research was conducted assessing cost-benefits and found that if effective school-based prevention programs were implemented nationwide, then for every \$1 invested would yield \$18 back in savings (Miller & Hendrie, 2008). Furthermore, the Southwest Prevention Center (2004) completed an intensive literature review of studies</p>	

	<p>conducted regarding the cost-benefits of prevention of substance use. There were significant findings that included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Return on investment of prevention programs included \$2-\$20 for every dollar spent on prevention programs; Every study available at the time of the review consistently found cost-benefits of prevention programs for substance use by at least two to one. <p>Substance Use in Pregnancy and Early Parenting Ilisa Stalberg, Director, Maternal and Child Health Program See presentation titled SU Early Pregnancy/Early Parenting</p>	
Topic areas surrounding OUD in the areas of prevention, intervention, treatment, recovery or harm reduction you would like to see on future agenda?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recovery housing • SUD and Health Equity • School-based prevention, screening and treatment programs 	
Suggested presentations at a future meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Sigmon with UVM Center on Rural Addiction • Kim Owens with Treatment Court Program • Blueprint for Health Hub and Spoke • Municipal program • Dr. Richard Rawson with UVMMC, contingency management 	Does the Committee wish to hear from these groups? If so, please send Sarah Gregorek your feedback by December 2.
Public Input	Central Vermont Prevention Coalition, Javad Mashkuri, MD (see statement titled Statement to the Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee)	
Next Meeting:	December 22, 2022, 2- 4 p.m.	

