

LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE ACT 88:

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HEROIN AND OPIOID PREVENTION AND EDUCATION

Date: May 15, 2018
Time: 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Location: Louisiana Department of Health
628 North 4th Street, Bienville Building, Room 118
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Minutes

1. Call to Order – Chair Dr. James Hussey called the meeting to order at 1:35pm
2. Roll Call –
Present
Dr. James Hussey (Co-chair), Department of Health
Matt Adams (Co-chair), Board of Regents
Michael Comeaux, Department of Education
Keetsie Gunnels, Department of Justice
Absent
Linda Theriot, Veterans Affairs
Sheral Kellar, Workforce Commission
Mona Michelli, Department of Children and Family Services
Troy Prevot, LCTA Workers' Comp, House of Representatives
Judge Jules Edwards, 15th JDC, Drug Court
Thomas Travis, Department of Insurance
Dr. Susan Tucker, Department of Corrections
Major Bob Brown, State Police
Senator Regina Barrow, Senate
 - No quorum reached
3. Approval of new agenda – New agenda was reviewed without comment or addition; No approval due to lack of quorum
4. Approval of minutes of the February 9, 2018, Advisory Council Meeting - No comments on meeting minutes; No approval due to lack of quorum
 - Chair Dr. Hussey asked all attendees in the audience to introduce themselves. He explained that the low attendance of Council members was most likely due to the Legislative Session taking place at that time.
5. Workgroup Breakouts – Advisory Council members and public attendees divided into workgroups for updates and discussion.
6. Workgroup Updates
 - a. Interagency Coordination Plan Workgroup – Michael Comeaux (group Co-Lead) reported
 - i. Act 88 Deliverables
 1. Determine progress of current initiatives in the state relating to the heroin and opioid epidemic

2. Determine specific impacts to agencies in addressing education and treatment including the use of medication-assisted treatment (MAT), prevention, overdose and recovery
- ii. Review of scope and expectations
 1. Catalogue current initiatives in the state relating to the heroin and opioid epidemic and the progress of these initiatives
 2. Share specific impacts to agencies in addressing education, treatment, prevention, overdose and recovery
 3. Prepare report for submission annually on the established online location to drug policy board, Governor, President of the Senate, Speaker of the House and Chief Justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court at the end of each calendar year.
- iii. New Membership (if any) – Membership reviewed;
 1. Two new members recently joined:
 - a. George Lovecchio with Board of Drug and Device Distributors
 - b. Dr. Jose Calderon with United Healthcare, Optum
- iv. Survey progress/website update –
 1. Members identified questions to include in an online survey
 2. Survey was posted on OBH page - <http://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/newsroom/detail/4574>
 3. Surveyed 19 stakeholder agencies included in the legislation and also expanded the list
 4. Not all agencies have responded; Workgroup members continue to make calls to obtain responses
- v. Website prototype demo – Brad Wellons provided website demo and reported on survey progress:
 1. Survey respondents were divided into 10 different categories
 2. 84 completed surveys received – responses were received from agencies that were not included on the original list
 3. Survey results are broken down by agency and initiative
 4. Types of initiatives divided into 6 categories – Prevention only, Treatment only, Other only, Prevention and Treatment, Prevention and other and Treatment and other
 5. Preliminary review of data demonstrated using the Survey Data Collection Tool and Survey Data Analysis Tool
- vi. Next Steps
 1. Determine impact (outcomes) of agency initiatives
 2. Coordinate with data workgroup
 3. Prepare progress report for July/August publication
- vii. Questions/Discussion – Chair Dr. Hussey will convene with workgroup leads to further discuss how to conceptualize and report impact of MAT, prevention, overdose and recovery.
- b. Data Surveillance Workgroup – Co- Chair Matt Adams (group Lead) reported
 - i. Act 88 Deliverables
 1. Identify parish-level data on opioid overdoses and the dispensing of overdose-reversal medication

2. Coordinate a central online location to disseminate information and resources, including the Interagency Heroin and Opioid Coordination Plan
- ii. Review of scope and expectations
 1. Advise the HOPE Council on inclusion of data on opioid overdoses and dispensing overdose-reversal medication for inclusion in the coordination plan
 2. Determine which data is the most valid and appropriate for inclusion on the public-facing website and in the coordination plan
 3. Inventory available data
 4. Consider public-facing website design, development and maintenance
 5. Consider format for contribution to mid-year and annual report
- iii. New Membership (if any) – Membership reviewed; no new members reported
- iv. Progress
 1. Compiled list of data sets and identified information necessary for LA public-facing website
 2. Developed draft website map based on other states
 3. LA Opioid Data and Surveillance Dashboard demo – Jay Besse of Office of Public Health (OPH) reported that OPH Bureau of Informatics (BHI) is completing the development of an OPH, CDC funded, dashboard to highlight trends over time, quarter-to-quarter, by region, by parish and identified by specific populations and demographics. It focuses on health data and uses internal (BHI managed and other OPH data) and external data (Emergency Department discharges, Emergency response/transport) sources. A printable report may be created on the dashboard to track trends over time, etc. He hopes to refresh the site and add new indicators as needed so the site does not become stale.
 4. Public-facing website map presented/reviewed
 5. National data list sample presented/reviewed
- v. Next Steps
 1. Coordinate with the Interagency Group
 2. Narrow focus to align with program activities/goals to gather and publish necessary data for July/August publication
- vi. Questions/Discussion – Chair Dr. Hussey stated Act 88 requires, at a minimum, parish-level data on opioid overdoses and dispensing of overdose reversal medication, progress of current initiatives, and impacts to agencies. Chair Dr. Hussey will convene with workgroup leads to further discuss how to conceptualize and report impact of MAT, prevention, overdose and recovery. Discussion continued with 1) Chair Dr. Hussey noting that the Act doesn't restrict data to Medicaid 2) Question by Melwyn Wendt of Medicaid on how to get data on dispensed naloxone 3) Kristi Murray of BCBS stated BCBS is able to obtain data on dispensed naloxone from pharmacy claims and only a few were identified in their last review. Chair Dr. Hussey asked if BCBS could share their information, and she said she would look into that. 4) George Lovecchio stated that he can get distribution data and it may help in identifying gaps. Chair Dr. Hussey invited workgroup members from both workgroups to cross-pollinate with the group they are not currently participating in.
7. Grants Update – Dr. Janice Peterson reported LDH has secured nine federal grants with an award total of \$23,670,954; a list of the grants and status of each was reviewed; Per 2016 data, the highest

- overdose-related deaths occurred in Orleans and St. Tammany parishes, so efforts are concentrated in those areas.
8. Updates from other members – Michael Comeaux reported BESE is now requiring opioid-specific instruction in schools; Keetsie Gunnels reported the AG announced a partnership that provided 30,000 pouches for opioid destruction and the DOJ is working with the Hospice Association to have hospice RNs destroy opioids after the death of a hospice patient.
 9. Public Comment and General Discussion – Dr. Binder of Woman’s Hospital reported building resources and increasing substance use screening by OB/GYNs; Morris Hawkins of ACER reported expanding their treatment footprint and developing guidelines that follow ASAM criteria.
 10. Review of HOPE Advisory Council and Workgroup Next Steps
 - a. Integrate workgroup efforts –
 - i. Chair Dr. Hussey can host a call to convene the workgroup leads
 - ii. Brad Wellons can make survey results available
 - iii. Co-chair Matt Adams can share data
 - b. Reporting – Chair Dr. Hussey stated the mid-year report is not required by Act 88; the actual report is due December 31, 2018; he requested the council to consider revising mid-year report due date from July to August to coincide with the next meeting. Michael Comeaux suggested submitting a status report of progress (e.g., how many times workgroups have met, work so far, barriers to reaching target date of Dec 31) in lieu of a mid-year report. Dr. Parhem Jabari of Office of Public Health indicated that the mid-year report should include an emphasis on partnerships, each workgroup and work accomplished so far, barriers, diversity of stakeholders, and next steps. Chair Dr. Hussey stated a website mock-up would be expected no later than Nov 1, so the Council will need to know by August if that goal can be met. Chair Dr. Hussey also recommended including a DDS representative in the workgroup meetings so that perspective is covered. Catherine Peay shared that a survey was sent to the Dental Association.
 11. Date, time, place of next Council meeting – Catherine Peay suggested several dates and will provide tentative dates via email to members for consensus.
 12. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 3:23pm.