

LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE ACT 88:
ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HEROIN AND OPIOID PREVENTION AND EDUCATION

Date: December 9, 2021
Time: 9:00 am– 11:00 am
Zoom Meeting

1. Call to Order at 9:04am
2. Roll Call

Present:

- Chair Dr. James Hussey
- Lori Miller
- Michael Comeaux
- Blake LeBlanc
- Captain Heath Guillotte
- Monica Taylor
- John Ford
- Judge Timothy Marcel
- Dr. Allison Smith

Absent:

- Linda Theriot
- Sen. Regina Barrow
- Elsie Joanne Brown
- Sheral Kellar

A quorum was met.

3. Introduction/Welcome New Members
 - No new members
4. Review and Approval of December 9, 2021 Agenda
 - Michael Comeaux made a motion to approve the agenda; Lori Miller seconded. Agenda approved.
5. Approval of October 22, 2021 HOPE Minutes
 - Lori Miller made a motion to approve; Michael Comeaux seconded. Minutes approved.
6. Presentation:
 - James Hussey, MD presented a Review of Working Draft of HOPE 2021 Interagency Coordination Plan, including Early Draft Recommendations (End of Year Report)
 - Comments:
 - i. Dr. Williams stated that the HOPE report should include all local data available
 - ii. Judge Edwards – informed the group that the State Police may be able to provide data on drug detections, if not this year, maybe next year. Heath Guillotte will check into that.

- iii. Blake LeBlanc explained that the decreased in arrests during the COVID pandemic has also impacted the number of convictions and releases.

7. Public Comment

- Trudy Wickham asked what the deadline is for accepting additional data from local groups. Dr. Hussey responded that we usually try to get the data by October. Since the report will not be finalized until the end of January, he will accept data through the beginning of January 2022.

8. Discussion of Impact and Recommendations

- Dr. Hussey reviewed the summary of recommendations and current draft of each of the following categories:
 1. Person-Centered Recommendations
 - Judge Edwards suggested keeping the current information and added gender specific treatment related recommendations.
 - Monica Taylor agreed that gender specific treatment should be included and added the trafficking is another cause for concern about mixed gender treatment groups.
 - Judge Marcel strongly approved inclusion of assessment and treatment of PTSD as a co-occurring disorder and suggested consideration of ‘culturally informed’ approaches to treatment
 2. System-Centered Recommendations
 - Discussion: Transcranial Brain Stimulation may need to be moved to a broader category for alternative treatment. Members believe that is approved by Medicare.
 - Discussion: Alternative and integrated models for pain management has been a training emphasis for OBH. Consider a recommendation about insurance covering these treatments.
 - Discussion: Targeted education for those who can provide MAT under SAMHSA’s new certification
 - Discussion: Shift focus to Recovery-oriented system of care approach which would include Coaching. Judge Marcel suggested: using ‘Peer Support’ rather than ‘Coaching’. Include development of criteria, on-going training of peer support specialist. Judge Edwards suggested defining Recovery Coaching in the glossary at the end. Chat agreed with emphasizing ROSC.
 - Discussion: Specialty SUD/OD ER’s like CA Bridge Program – is this too specific? Judge Edwards suggested editing to recommend that the HOPE council study this to learn what medical schools are teaching and what is the knowledge and skill in ERs. Kisha Davis noted that the ER near her has policies and procedures regarding this. Kristy stated that this might be noted as an example or model.
 3. Special Population-Centered Recommendations
 - Louisiana Mental Health Perinatal partnership (LAMHPPP)
 4. Administrative/Executive/Legal Recommendations

- Recommendation to add State Board of Nursing and LSBME to HOPE Council. Monica Taylor suggested being cautious because adding members increases the number required for a quorum. Maybe just invite and encourage them to participate rather than an amendment that would be required to make them voting members. Kristy stated that the Drug Policy Board has created “Of Council Members” category for individuals to provide subject matter expertise without requiring an amendment.
 - Michael Comeaux stated that there may be other groups who should be added as well.
5. Data-related Recommendations
 - New data to consider adding to the report either this year or next:
 - a. ODMAP enrollment trend recommendation.
 - b. Telemed trends
 - c. Opiate Prescription Numbers by Medical Specialty. Also consider the amount and duration. Some data is available through Medicaid but may need get this data from Pharmacy board. Will recommend looking into the availability of this data.
 - d. Louisiana Health Information Exchange utilization
 6. Treatment Retention Strategies
 - Recommendations are related to telemedicine access and retention
 - Advocate for continuing telemedicine
 - Trauma-informed and gender-specific treatment are technically retention strategies
 7. Hope Advisory Council and Impact Workgroup Meeting Recommendations
 - Discussion: It has been difficult keeping these meetings going during the pandemic. The workgroups have had some meetings in the past year.
 - Populate this area with the recommendations that were recommended to study.
9. Next Steps
 - a. Any local data can be submitted by the first week of January 2022
 - b. Complete the HOPE Council Report
 - c. Email the draft report to HOPE Council members around January 20, 2022
 - d. Next meeting January 27, 2022 1pm – 3pm to approve the report
 - e. Present Report Draft to LDH Leadership on or before January 31, 2022
 10. Michael Comeaux moved to adjourn, Monica Taylor seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:00am