

## LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE ACT 88:

### ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HEROIN AND OPIOID PREVENTION AND EDUCATION

Date: November 12, 2019

Time: 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Location: Louisiana Department of Health

628 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Bienville Building, Room 118

Baton Rouge, LA 70802

#### Minutes:

1. Call to Order - Dr. Hussey called the meeting to order at 1:05pm
2. Roll Call – A quorum was reached.

##### *Present:*

Dr. James Hussey (Chair) – Dept. of Health  
Jacqueline Woods – Dept. of Children and Family Services  
Michael Comeaux – Dept. of Education  
Major Bob Brown – State Police  
Thomas Travis – Dept. of Insurance  
Monica Taylor – Attorney General’s Office  
Troy Prevot – Stonetrust Insurance  
Blake LeBlanc– Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections

##### *Absent:*

Linda Theriot – Veterans Affairs  
Judge Jules Edwards – 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court  
Dr. Allison Smith – Board of Regents  
Senator Regina Barrow – Senate  
Sheral Kellar –Workforce Commission

3. Approval of agenda- the agenda was voted as approved.
4. Approval of minutes- the minutes were voted as approved.
5. Review of HOPE Council’s 2019 Draft End of Year Report by Chair Dr. Hussey included the following:
  - a. He ran through the process of how the report was constructed.
    - i. The work groups met and put together suggestions, gaps, recommendations, and challenges, which were all preliminary. They then gathered data, reviewed it, and came up with eight compound recommendations.
    - ii. He mentioned that the 2019 report is similar to the 2018 report but not identical.
  - b. Chair Dr. Hussey highlighted a few items from the report.
    - i. The group paid attention to the data they had last year and updated that. His hope is to eventually show trend data with the Impact Data listed in the report.
    - ii. The Interagency Coordination Plan and Addressing the Problem sections include local responses and initiatives surrounding opioids.
    - iii. Legislative changes and relevant opioid legislation for 2019 is addressed in the report.
    - iv. They shifted from the lengthy survey distributed last year and instead collected a one-pager from three separate workgroups with a focus on public safety, community of care, and health and healthcare.
    - v. Descriptions of the data and resources are found in the Appendix.

- c. He gave a thorough review of the executive summary, as it sets the tone for the rest of the report. He then briefly reviewed the remainder of the report with most concentration on the recommendations. (A draft report was provided to Council members prior to this meeting.)
      - i. The council engaged in a detailed discussion on the eight recommendations.
      - ii. Some of the public audience also shared their feedback on revisions they felt should be made.
      - iii. Ms. Lisa Longfellow was available during the meeting to make edits as needed. A few revisions and additions were made, particularly in relation to the recommendations- Specifically, requests from the public to include early learning centers in recommendation number 3 and affordable naloxone in recommendation number 7.
6. Vote of Approval of the HOPE Council 2019 End of Year Report
  - a. Major Brown made a motion to approve the report as written with the revisions made during the meeting. All were in favor. The report was voted as approved.
7. Public comment
  - a. Mr. Chris Cowie spoke briefly stating that we have great data, but we need the leadership to drive this country forward and to make a connection.
8. Next Steps
  - a. Chair Dr. Hussey said he would like to get a regular meeting schedule such as March, June, September, and December. Wednesday works best for the group. The first or second Wednesday of each March, June, September, and December will likely be the schedule. More correspondence will take place regarding the schedule, following the meeting.
9. Dr. Hussey adjourned the meeting at 3:55pm.