

New York State Opioid Settlement Fund Advisory Board

July 18, 2022 - Meeting

SUNY H. Carl McCall Building 353 Broadway, Albany, NY 12246; Nancy L. Zimpher Boardroom

Opening Remarks

Chairman Stephen Giordano opened the meeting and the Board members reintroduced themselves. Chairman Giordano then made opening remarks and noted that Division of the Budget (DOB) designee Peggy O'Shea is ill and thus unavailable to make a presentation.

Bylaw Discussion and Approval

The Board discussed potential revisions to the bylaws.

Chairman Giordano raised concerns about the wording of a portion of Article three, Section 1(a). Dr. Lawrence Brown made a motion to approve the revised bylaws. Dr. Kevin Watkins seconded the motion. The motion to approve the bylaws passed; Board members Avi Israel, Joyce Rivera and Carmen Rivera voted in the negative.

After passage of the bylaws, Board member Anne Constantino raised a motion to request agency Commissioners designate a single designee with decision-making authority attend in their absence. The motion was seconded by Board member Dr. Kevin Watkins and carried.

Charter Discussion

The Board then began the discussion of the Charter and suggested revisions and additions from Board member Stephanie Marquesano.

The Board took a break for lunch.

The Charter discussion continued following lunch and potential changes were tabled. During discussion Board member Dr. Tisha Smith requested information about Medication-Assisted Treatment programs offered in facilities operated by the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS).

Meeting Discussion

Following a brief break, Deborah Davis from the Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) shared information about the State's procurement process with Board members.

Vice Chair Debra Pantin provided a summary of what had been discussed thus far and areas that the Board should focus on.

Public comments were made by Sue Martin.

Board member Anne Constantino then brought up, and the Board discussed, categories of issues that the Board can focus on moving forward.

Public comments were made from Diana Kowalski.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Board member William McGoldrick, seconded by Board member Ashley Livingston, and carried.

Attendees

Board Members:

Chair Dr. Stephen Giordano, Vice Chair Deb Pantin, Dr. Lawrence S. Brown (virtually), Anne Constantino, Avi Israel, Suzanne Lavigne, Ashley Livingston, Dr. Joshua Lynch, Stephanie Marquesano, Cheryll Moore, Carmen Rivera, Joyce Rivera, Dr. Tisha M. Smith, Dr. Torian Easterling (appearing virtually on behalf of Dr. Ashwin Vasan), Dr. Justine Waldman (appearing virtual), Dr. Kevin Watkins, William M. McGoldrick

Agency Representatives:

Tracey Collins, OASAS

Trisha Allen, OASAS

Deborah Davis, OASAS

Patricia Zuber-Wilson, OASAS

Gregory Meyer, OASAS

Jennifer Farrell, OASAS

Johanne Morne, DOH

Allan Clear, DOH

Dr. Thomas Smith, OMH