

New York State Opioid Settlement Fund Advisory Board

July 19, 2022 - Meeting

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

Opening Remarks

Chairman Dr. Stephen Giordano made opening remarks and mentioned the Division of the Budget (DOB) designee Peggy O'Shea remained ill.

Board member Avi Israel made a motion to state that the Board was convened late. The motion was not seconded and not voted on.

Board member Dr. Kevin Watkins asked for relevant DOB fiscal information be shared with board members via email. Board member Stephanie Marquesano asked if it would be possible for the DOB to do a WebEx presentation. Trisha Allen, Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) General Counsel informed the Board that the DOB could provide a virtual budget update to the Board at a subsequent date and time provided it remained in compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

Approval of Minutes

Board member Ashely Livingston motioned to accept the minutes of the June 28th meeting with corresponding revisions by Board member Dr. Justine Waldman. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Debra Pantin. The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

Discussion and Presentations

The Board asked, and State set up, a working document of notes on a projector to edit throughout the course of the remainder of the meeting.

The Board discussed dates and times for the next meeting. The Board chose to utilize an online poll to select the next date and time.

The Board asked for DOB fiscal information to be sent via email. Deborah Davis of OASAS informed the Board that the DOB fiscal information and the OASAS FY 23 enacted budget appropriations had been sent to the board members through email prior to the June 28th meeting of the Board.

Johanne Morne, the Deputy Director for Community Health Chairman at the Department of Health and Allan Clear, the Director of the New York State Department of Health, AIDS Institute's Office of Drug User Health made a presentation to the Board focusing on the Naloxone distribution initiative. Throughout the presentation, Board members asked questions and discussed the merits of the programming. Board members asked that the slides from the presentation be shared electronically.

Dr. Thomas Smith, the Chief Medical Officer at New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH), made a presentation to the Board which included an overview of the State's system of mental health services and programs overseen by that agency. Throughout Dr. Smith's presentation, the Board asked questions related to the programming offered.

Adjournment

Chairman Dr. Stephen Giordano made closing remarks and made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Board member William McGoldrick. The motion carried. The next meeting will be scheduled according to the previously discussed online poll.

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, Cheryl 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