

## **New York State Opioid Settlement Fund Advisory Board**

**October 31, 2022 – Meeting**

**10:00AM-2:00PM**

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

### **Meeting Minutes**

#### **Opening Remarks**

Board Chair Debra Pantin opened the meeting and the Board members reintroduced themselves.

#### **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

The board approved all outstanding minutes as follows:

- July 18, 2022 revised minutes, motion to accept by Member Dr. Brown, second Member McGoldrick, carried unanimously.
- July 19, 2022 revised minutes motion to accept by Member Dr. Brown, second Member Dr. Tisha Smith, carried unanimously.
- September 20, 2022 amended minutes, motion to accept by Member McGoldrick, second by Member Joyce Rivera, carried unanimously.
- October 14, 2022 minutes motion to approve by Member Dr. Brown, Member Israel second, carried unanimously.
- October 19, 2022 minutes motion to approve by Member Israel, second Member McGoldrick, carried unanimously.

#### **Board Discussion**

#### **Final Report**

Members made final motions to finalize their annual report:

- Motion by Member Israel for members to send in very short bio to Counsel during the meeting for inclusion in appendix in the report, second by Member J. Rivera and Member Giordano. Motion carried with abstention from DOB Designee O'Shea.
- The Board discussed the MATTERS program. Member Livingston went on record regarding her concerns with the program. Member Marquesano also expressed her issues with MATTERS receiving funding in the scorecard. General Counsel Allen clarified that the Board has already voted to fund MATTERS.
- The Board discussed a comment from Member Lavigne regarding funding for MAT in county jails. Commissioner Cunningham clarified that this was covered in the special populations section.

- Member Israel brought up the need to fund interpreters for language access issues. Chairwoman Pantin pointed out that there was a bullet being added to the overarching themes section that would cover this. Member Constantino stated that people with physical disabilities should be included there as well.
- Member J. Rivera made motion to provide specific language for capital funding under harm reduction specifically for SSPs and drug user health hubs, Member Livingston seconded. The Board had a lengthy discussion about recommending capital funding for one specific category only. Chair Pantin noted that language for capital funding does exist in the over-arching and harm reduction sections for the board. Motion failed Pantin, Marquesano, McGoldrick, Carmen Rivera, Constantino and Giordano in the negative.
- Member Marquesano asked General Counsel Allen if there was ADA language that they could borrow for priority populations section. General Counsel Allen advised that there was both relevant state and federal language.
- For priority populations, Dr. Tisha Smith asked that Native Americans be included as a separate bullet as well as co-morbidities.
- The Board discussed adding transportation for recovery centers. Dr. Tisha Smith noted that they should recommend the ability to bill for peer services. There was Board discussion about the extent these items were already covered in the document and the reach of the Board in recommending these items. The Board agreed to add items to the parking lot for further discussion.
- Member Israel brought up the need for rural transportation, in addition to the bullet related to uber medical which would be most beneficial in urban areas. Chairwoman Pantin noted that it was covered elsewhere in the document. Member Israel agreed to leave the language as is, but noted the importance of funding for transportation in rural areas.
- Motion by Member J. Rivera to remove specific reference to Child Protective Services. Motion carried.
- Member Constantino made a motion to encourage a fully collaborative and transparent process for all opioid settlement funds to including Counties and large cities as well. Member Marquesano read language into record; motion seconded by Member Giordano. Motion carried with abstentions from DOB, DOH, OMH, OASAS, and Member Moore.
- Member Israel made a motion to add language to the end of the report to protect specific classes of people from discrimination. Member Dr. Brown seconded. Motion carried with abstentions from DOB, OASAS, DOH, and OMH.

### **Approval of the Final Report**

Member Dr. Brown made a motion to approve the final report as amended during the meeting, Member Giordano seconded. Chair Pantin called for a slow roll call: Ayes-Members Brown, Constantino, Giordano, Israel, Livingston (noting dissent with MATTERS allocation, but approval of the whole report), Dr. Tisha Smith (noting her

agreement with Member Livingston's dissent on MATTERS allocation), Marquesano, Pantin, C. Rivera, J. Rivera, Watkins, Moore, McGoldrick and Designee Giftos.

Abstentions-Members Cunningham, Sullivan, DOH Designee Morne, DOB Designee O'Shea.

Absent-Members Lavigne, Dr. Lynch, and Dr. Waldman.

The motion carried and the report was approved.

### **Motion to end the Meeting**

Motion to end meeting by Member Livingston, seconded by Member Israel, motion carried unanimously.

### **Attendees**

Board Members:

Chair Debra Pantin, Dr. Lawrence S. Brown, Dr. Stephen Giordano (appearing virtually), Anne Constantino (appearing virtually), Avi Israel, Suzanne Lavigne (absent), Ashley Livingston, Dr. Joshua Lynch(absent), Stephanie Marquesano, Cheryll Moore, Carmen Rivera, Joyce Rivera (appearing virtually), Dr. Tisha M. Smith, Dr. John Giftos (appearing virtually on behalf of Dr. Ashwin Vasan), Dr. Justine Waldman (absent), Dr. Kevin Watkins (appearing virtually), William M. McGoldrick, Dr. Chinazo Cunningham, OASAS Commissioner, Peggy O'Shea, DOB (Designee), Johanne Morne, DOH (Designee) (appearing virtually), and Ann Sullivan OMH Commissioner

Agency Representatives:

Tracey Collins, OASAS (Executive Secretary of the Board)

Trisha Allen, OASAS General Counsel

Dr. Thomas Smith, OMH (Designee)