

Substance Use Disorder Awareness Commission

Date: 8.18.2023

Time: 12n-1p

Location: Nat U Hill room or via Zoom

Notes: Melanie Vehslage

Members Present in person: Melanie Vehslage, Kathy Hewett, Karen Wrenbeck, Patricia Cummings, Peter Iversen, Penny Githens, Whitney Meeks

Members Present online: Sarah Larson, Nick Voyles, Kamala Brown Sparks

1. Call to order – 12:04 pm
2. Member Announcements
 - a. Patricia – Attended a conference on child support where there was discussion about providing assistance for people who cannot pay
 - b. Melanie
 - i. OTP Summit discussed increasing access to medication assisted treatment including increasing access in jail/prison, moving towards mobile units to administer meds in rural areas, looking for more residential facilities to accept MAT.
 - ii. **To Do:** Invite Tony Toomer, the State Opioid Treatment Authority, to come and talk with SUDAC
 - iii. RCO Lunch and Learn with Ireland Home Based Resource
 - iv. DMHA Prevention Conference October 24-25th in Indianapolis
<https://inpreventionconference.com/>
 - v. MHA (Mental Health America of Indiana) presents Indiana Mental Health and Addicton Symposium, Expanding frontiers in indianas' Mental Health Landscape, December 8, 2023. Looks to be hybrid <https://event.mhai.net/>
 - c. Kathy – will be visiting an RCO with Melanie in Vigo County next week
 - d. Penny Githens: Thank you to Whitney for being on the OTP Summit panel. Has already talked to Tony Toomer would be interested in co-hosting a summit next year in September, so more to come
 - i. **To Do:** Follow up about involving Tony
 - e. Peter – August 28th the JFAC is talking about Treatment options within the context of incarceration and the justice system, so if you have opinions about treatment and incarceration, please attend and share. [JFAC site linked here](#)
3. Lunch and Learn - JLAP
 - a. Recap: Went well, not as many people in person as they had hoped. Note that a lot of times due to subject matter because they are concerned about why people are there.
 - b. 4 lawyers got CLEs, one doctor attended that had some great questions.
 - c. Overall well done program, and seems like it should be mandatory going into law school.
 - d. High level of substance use tends to be greater in early years, and older attorneys have stopped.

- i. Penny – agrees about mandatory component, and hearing that some of the pressure and early law school considerations. Terry did a great job, there were some great
 - ii. Video link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HUnGLgGRJpo>
 - iii. Will continue to suggest Terry Harrel as a speaker.
 - iv. Link will be included on SUDAC webpage
 - e. Next will be RCOs to talk about different models upcoming months
 - i. Kelly Hans from THRIVE Scott County will be in Bloomington for the full day on the 15th and will be present for our next SUDAC meeting
 - ii. Charmin Gabbard runs SSP and an RCO in Fayette and will be speaking following our October meeting
 - iii. Should we have a regular meeting with full agenda and tack on presentation or a presentation and then a separate meeting for a lunch and learn?
 - 1. Consensus that next meeting should be devoted to planning for the summit as it will be a lot to cover
 - 2. Mel and Nick will confirm 1-2p will work for our guests
4. Opioid Settlement – Commissioner Githens
 - a. Just got our second round of money
 - b. Waiting to see where things stand with the grant money.
 - c. Vehicle is more expensive than originally estimated
 - d. Made a bid on a building If bid is taken then will hopefully be getting started on building process very soon.
5. IRACS & RCO
 - a. What are their stipulations? Jayme Whitaker has met with sheriff and his staff. Still some things to discuss regarding the needs of IRACS programming and Sheriff. As soon as that is ironed out, can work on next steps which means we need a recovery community organization.
 - b. Any timeline? A: not yet but Penny will let us know
 - c. Nick has put in preliminary application for the RCO. Note that Kelly Hans is doing IRACS right now, so it would be helpful to see what her program is doing right now during the Lunch and Learn
6. CARES – no updates
7. CHIP
 - a. Group worked to align the systems map and include key points of the SIM model. Looking at the map, it is read from left to right and can be read as a persons experience of risk/protective factors, their interaction with substance, development of substance use disorder or interactions with other negative structures within the community and then looking at other key points, helpers, enablers, barriers that folks experience on their journey towards recovery.
 - b. Hoping to enhance the map during next week’s meeting
 - c. Kathy/Melanie met with Kathleen Sobiech who is a certified SIM mapping facilitator
 - i. Potential to engage with SIM mapping as a followup to the mapping project.
 - ii. 1.5 days for facilitated SIM mapping
 - iii. Application <https://www.cit-indiana.org/technical-assistance>

- iv. Would likely have to wait till 2024 to facilitate training
 - v. Would end up with report and could enhance visual tool of Purdue Extension/MCHD/CHIP group
 - vi. Could extend part of the Summit to engage further
 - d. Did Public Defenders office do a SIM mapping project in Indy earlier in the year?
 - i. **To Do:** Karen to ask if there's a pre-existing map from her office
 - e. Would like to see if there is a way to combine GIS storymap, CHIP map, SIM mapping
 - f. **To Do:** If you have feedback on the maps, let Melanie know
 - g. **To Do:** print the maps when in a more finalized state to better study the system.
8. National Recovery Month
- a. Paint the Town Purple September 8th 2023
 - b. Darren Mosley has agreed to be the DJ again. We need to ask for \$300 to be taken out of the SUDAC budget
 - c. Penny made a motion that to ask County Council to release \$300 from SUDAC to pay for Misfit Toys Karaoke –
 - i. Kathy seconded the motion
 - ii. Unanimous approval with members
 - iii. **To Do:** Peter to put payment from SUDAC on County Council agenda
 - d. Other updates: Have a flyer, no food trucks, will have applications for joining the SUDAC Commission, recovery trivia, other vendors to table
 - e. Where do you find out about this event: Facebook, plans to put on Commissioners page and other county offices
 - f. **To do:** Reach out to other news sources including radio
9. 2024 Educational Summit
- a. Need to be Will need to think about theme, audience agenda, dole out duties and recruit additional folks to support.
 - b. Will need support to accomplish the volume of work that a Summit requires.
 - c. Q: Is the date set in stone? No
 - i. Note that it can be pretty hectic during recovery month
 - ii. Might need to consider speaker schedules
 - d. **To Do:** If you have thoughts or questions about Summit planning please bring them to the next meeting
 - e. Q: if doing smaller subcommittees do we need to be concerned with open door law or quorum for decision making?
 - i. **To Do:** check with county legal about subcommittees/quorum
 - ii. Note that all the work cannot be done in SUDAC meeting
10. Approval of Minutes
- a. Any changes?
 - b. Patricia motioned to accept minutes as written
 - i. Penny seconded
 - ii. Unanimous approval by quorum of members present
11. Adjourn

Next meeting September 15th

Potential for other folks – look for additional info