

Tennessee Opioid Abatement Council Meeting

Date	July 8, 2022
Time	1:00pm-3:00pm
Location	William R. Snodgrass Tennessee Tower – 312 Rosa L. Parks Ave., Nashville, TN 37243, and WebEx

Council Members Present in Person: Dr. Stephen Loyd, Sheriff Armando Fontes, General Mike Flynn, Dr. Clay Jackson, Thomas Farmer, Karen Pershing, General Charme Allen, Brian Buuck, Sheriff Casey Cox, Wayne Wykoff, Dr. Timothy Fournett, Dr. Ken Moore, Commissioner Marie Williams.

Council Members Present via WebEx: Dr. Stephanie Vanterpool, Judge E. Shayne Sexton, Lisa Tipton

Guests: General Herbert Slatery, Michael Leftwich, Chris Dunbar, Mary Shelton, Elizabeth Millsaps, Lou Alsobrooks, Paula Jennings, and David Connor

Staff: Matt Yancey, Jessica Youngblom, Matthew Parriott, Kurt Hippel, Taryn Sloss, Wes Geminn, Joanna Risby, and Kristosser Jernigan

Presenter	Topic	Discussion
Dr. Stephen Loyd, Attorney General Herbert Slatery, Commissioner Marie Williams	Introductions and Gratitude	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The meeting was called to order and Dr. Loyd welcomed guest, presenters, and members and requested J. Youngblom to take the roll. All members were present. ❖ Dr. Loyd invited each member to introduce themselves and what they are looking forward to as they serve on the council. ❖ General Herbert Slatery gave remarks on the Council, the scope of the Attorney General and the work that has occurred as it relates to the settlements that make up the Opioid Abatement Fund. ❖ Commissioner Marie Williams highlighted the work the Attorney General’s office has done to get us to this point. She also provided information to the Opioid Abatement Council “Council” as it relates to prevalence data for those individuals with substance use disorders and those without coverage for services.
Michael Leftwich	Background, Settlement, and Legislation Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Michael Leftwich presented on the settlement and legislation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Settlements including McKinsey (already received their payment), Distributor Settlements, and Bankruptcy plans. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Purdue is separate from McKinsey and is currently still in litigation. • Use of Abatement Funds and the agreements as it relates to those funds. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reporting and Requirements as it

		<p>relates to programs that can be funded.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Council and Subdivision agreement replaces the default provisions. The agreements are on the Attorney General’s website. ● General Requirements for use of funds with mention to exhibits for settlement agreements and bankruptcy plans. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Must be used on all future abatement expenditures cannot be used to reimburse for previous expenditures. ○ TDMHSAS did provide feedback and added to the exhibits to ensure it was Tennessee specifics at it relates to the types of programs. ○ Reporting will be a requirement of the funds. ● Disbursement of Funds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 15% paid directly State of Tennessee General Fund <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This can be used toward Abatement related items but will be determined by the General Assembly. ○ 15% paid directly to qualifying subdivisions (counties and cities with populations over 30,000). ○ 70% to Opioid Abatement fund in which the Council has discretion over how the money is spent through deciding what is an appropriate program or expenditures. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There was a question around utilizing these funds for infrastructure. This question will be followed up on. - 65% of the 70% the Council has discretion over - 35% of the 70% goes to the subdivisions but must use the menu the Council provides. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Counties can bring a program to the Council if it is not on the list of programs made available for approval.
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Dr. Stephen Loyd	Responsibility of Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Dr. Stephen Loyd covered Member Terms, Serving Terms, and that Quarterly Meetings will be held on a rotating basis in each Grand Division. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As laid out in Section 6(b) Public Chapter 491 of 2021. • Meetings are open to the public. • Commissioner Williams noted we will be able to fund the continuum and the list of possible funded programs includes everything from prevention to treatment. • Will develop a process for stakeholder input. • The council will be required to provide an annual report that will include not only around the funds, but the outcomes associated with the programs funded.
Dr. Stephen Loyd	Confirmation of Executive Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Dr. Stephen Loyd presented Mary Shelton as the recommended candidate for the Executive Director of the Opioid Abatement Council. ❖ Mary provided a brief history of her experience and her excitement to be able to serve as the Executive Director. ❖ Dr. Ken Moore made a motion to confirm Mary Shelton as the Executive Director for the Opioid Abatement Council. ❖ Sheriff Armando Fontes seconded the motion. ❖ Brian Buuck agreed with all the comments made by Dr. Stephen Loyd. ❖ Mary Shelton was confirmed with a roll call vote of 15 Ayes and 0 Nos.
Dr. Stephen Loyd	Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ TDMHSAS will onboard Mary and will work with TDMHSAS to gather data and information on current programs and information related to the opioid crisis.

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Dr. Stephen Loyd	Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ A motion was called by Wayne Wykoff to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Dr. Clay Jackson. ❖ There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. ❖ The next meeting will be held in East TN and the date to be determined at a later date.