

Tennessee Opioid Abatement Council Emergency Meeting		
Date	April 28, 2025	
Time	4:00p.m. CST- 5:27 p.m. CST	
Location	Microsoft Teams – Virtual Meeting	
Council Members Attending via Microsoft Teams: Stephanie Vanterpool, Karen Pershing, Mike Flynn, Shayne Sexton, Tommy Farmer Clay Jackson, Lisa Tipton, Stephen Loyd, Wayne Wykoff, Brian Buuck, Tim Fournet, Charme Allen, Ken Moore		
Council Members Not in Attendance: Commissioner Marie Williams, ex officio member), Armando Fontes, Casey Cox		
Guest Attending via Microsoft Teams: Members of the public joined the meeting.		
Staff Attending via Microsoft Teams: Mary Shelton, Shawn Smith, Ella Reding, David Lewis, Debbie Bresee, Melissa Gilbert, Marie Rucker Magras, Mark Carrillo, Sam Boukli, Sophia Massey, David Sappington, Rachel Appelt, Deputy AG		
Special Guest Speaker via Microsoft Teams: Tony Jackson, TDMHSAS Director of Prevention		
Presenter	Topic	Discussion
S. Loyd M. Shelton	Welcome, Introductions & Roll Call	S. Loyd called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone, and introduced himself and Executive Director M. Shelton, S. Smith, and S. Boukli, Rachel Appelt and Tony Jackson introduced themselves New employee- Quality Director David Lewis S. Loyd advised there is a quorum to proceed with the meeting.
M. Shelton	Emergency Meeting Necessity Statement & Motion	M. Shelton read the Council's Emergency Meeting Necessity Statement to explain the reason the meeting was being held was to expedite the planning and design of the county funding and community grant applications process to meet the expected tasks and activities. S. Loyd requested a motion. Motion: Will the Council consider a motion to approve the determination of necessity? Clay Jackson made a motion.

		<p>Charme Allen seconded the motion.</p> <p>S. Loyd advised hearing no discussion roll call vote to be conducted.</p> <p>M. Shelton conducted roll call vote as follows:</p> <p>Armando Fontes-ABSENT Casey Cox-ABSENT Brian Buuck-yes Charme Allen-yes Clay Jackson-yes Karen Pershing-yes Ken Moore-yes Lisa Tipton-yes Mike Flynn-yes Shayne Sexton-yes Stephanie Vanterpool-yes Steve Loyd-yes Tim Fournet- yes Tommy Farmer-yes Wayne Wykoff-yes</p> <p>S. Loyd advised motion carried.</p>
M. Shelton	Agenda	<p>M. Shelton advised the agenda items and requested motion and vote for the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Grants Cycle 1 Paid Invoices • MTSU/Hustle Recovery (Motion & Vote) • Discretionary Fund & Audio/Visual Request (Motion & Vote) • House Joint Resolution 0100 • Teva Settlement Payment Options & Possible Expedited Review (Motion & Vote) • Community Grants Cycle 1 Information & Data & Community Grants Cycle 2- Selection (Motion & Vote)
M. Shelton	Community Grants Cycle 1 Paid Invoices	<p>M. Shelton present the Community Grants Cycle 1 Paid Invoices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Between July 2024 and April 2025 279 invoices have been paid for a total of \$17,674,137.90.

		<p>S. Loyd commented that he is really excited because that is money that is in the communities.</p>
S. Smith	MTSU/Hustle Recovery	<p>S. Smith provided an update on MTSU/Hustle Recovery.</p> <p>Expand Capacity for Respite Housing (2023-1566)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant project/budget plan was revised to remove the Six (6) vans • MTSU will subcontract with Hustle Recovery to provide services to patients • Original budget totals were NOT changed; funds originally allocated for vans were reallocated to mileage <p>Expand Infrastructure and Service Capacity for Residential Aftercare Program (2023-1730)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant project/budget plan was revised to remove the four (4) vans • MTSU will subcontract with Hustle Recovery to provide services to patients. • Original budget totals were NOT changed; funds originally allocated for vans were reallocated to mileage <p>S. Smith explained MTSU's justification for the mileage budget expense increase.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Original requests for mileage were projections based on anticipated utilization-actual mileage is greater than initial projections based on real life usage in the field. • Reallocation of the \$400,000 to mileage reimbursement, based on a three-month average of actual mileage data provided by HUSTLE Recovery. • Reimbursement rate set at \$0.70 per mile, which includes fuel, maintenance, and repairs to drive patients to and from appointments and respite housing. • Assurance from MTSU of enhanced oversight, including monthly mileage logs and use of the Life360 application for tracking. A review by MTSU Center

		<p>grant staff will be done prior to payment of invoices.</p> <p>S. Smith motion: Will the OAC consider a motion to approve the path forward for contracting with MTSU based on MTSU's revised grant project and budget plan for contracts 2023-1566 and 2023-1730?</p> <p>Shawn introduced Dr Cynthia Chaffin with MTSU to answer any questions. MTSU is committed to making this work. And Troy Sandifer from Hustle Recovery.</p> <p>S. Loyd explained these are the last 2 contracts to be completed.</p> <p>T. Fournet expressed concern of the coincidence of the reallocated amount being identical to the amount removed for vehicle purchases.</p> <p>Dr. Chaffin explained they did not want to change the entire amount of the contract. They are projecting the amounts and have not been able to capture 12 months of data because the project has not been going that long and has not been fully implemented.</p> <p>There was a question about employees using their own vehicles. Try Sandifer explained the employees that may need to use their own vehicle has been covered for years on a auto liability policy and have all endorsements needed.</p> <p>Motion to approve by K. Moore Motion was seconded by B. Buuck.</p> <p>There being no discussion, M. Shelton proceeded with the roll call vote as follows:</p> <p>Armando Fontes–Absent Brian Buuck-yes Casey Cox-Absent Charme Allen-yes Clay Jackson-yes Karen Pershing-yes Ken Moore-yes Lisa Tipton-yes</p>
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M. Shelton	<p>OAC Discretionary Fund & Audio/Visual Request (Motion & Vote)</p>	<p>Mary Shelton presented a request for an annual discretionary fund from the Opioid Abatement Council (OAC) office.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$2,100 annually to cover in-person lunch meetings, a holiday dinner, and recognition plaques for outgoing Council members. • A one-time \$2,000 purchase of an OWL camera, which would improve the audio-visual quality of hybrid meetings across Tennessee's grand divisions, as required by state law. <p>K Moore expressed support for a larger, flexible discretionary fund to avoid frequent small funding requests. He proposed an annual fund of \$10,000, which would include the OWL camera purchase.</p> <p>S Vanterpool emphasized that the fund should allow for reasonable flexibility in day-to-day administrative operations without requiring constant Council approval.</p> <p>S Loyd clarified that the fund would be spent at the Executive Director's discretion and would include quarterly expenditure reports to the Council.</p> <p>Motion by Dr. Ken Moore to approve a \$10,000 annual discretionary fund, including the \$2,000 for the OWL camera, with a requirement for quarterly reporting of invoices of how it is spent from the Executive Director.</p> <p>C. Allen seconded the motion. S. Loyd asked if there was any discussion; hearing none, M. Shelton proceeded with the roll call vote.</p>

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M. Shelton	House Joint Resolution 0100	<p>M. Shelton presented background on HJR 0100. The resolution says that is respectfully urges the TN OAC in each count that has joined the settlement will allocate a minimum of 25% of expenditures approved for TCA 33-11-103 be allocated to the distribution and promotion of overdose reversal medications until such time as the overdose rate has been reduced by 25%. It was signed by the House Speaker on April 24 2025 and signed by the Senate speaker on April 25, 2025 and it has passed.</p> <p>M Shelton explained she as spoken to JP Urban at the AG's office, and he advised this does not change the statute. The OAC office does not have data on the purchase, distribution or promotion of over dose reversal meds bought by or funded by the OAC funds.</p> <p>The OAC funds are now added to the community grant and community semi-annual reports. These specific questions are being asked in order to get the number of units bought and if they were bought with OAC funds, how much was spent. Community grantees will complete their second semiannual reports in September so by</p>

		<p>the 4th quarter OAC meeting the OAC office will have self-reported information from the community grantees and the counties on what was bought with OAC funds.</p> <p>From Community Grant Semiannual Report, 02.2025 The Opioid Abatement Council awarded 113 Community Grants in 2024 (Cycle 1, contracts effective July 1, 2024)</p> <p>Twenty-two (22) Community Grants Cycle 1 include Narcan and/or Naloxone purchase and/or distribution as a component of the grant project or program*</p> <p>15,927 units of Naloxone were distributed (unknown how many were purchased with OAC funds)* The question about how the medication was paid for was not asked, it was not a specific question.</p> <p>S. Loyd stated it will be continued to be followed through. And he opened the floor for questions.</p> <p>C Jackson stated the legislature has left the thing vague enough and he thinks the OAC has already satisfied their conditions. Looking at peak opioid overdose deaths in TN until now based on latest data TN is already at the 25% cut off.</p> <p>T Farmer agrees with C Jackson. It has already been exceeded. L Tipton agrees and thinks it would be good to obtain the information across the different community funded grants. S Loyd states he is pleased with what he is seeing.</p>
T Jackson	TDMHSAS Initiatives to Save Lives via Distribution and Promotion of Overdose Reversal Medications- TN Save a Life Program	<p>Tony Jackson presented this at the RX Summit and Dr Loyd asked that he present at this Council meeting. He gave information about the TN Save a Life program. This program provides training and education to any agency, facility or individual</p>

		<p>on the opioid crisis and harm reduction and reduction of the stigma and how to use naloxone. Explained the role of care coordinators and overdose specialists to respond quickly to spikes and clinic closures and serve as a point of contact for naloxone distribution and testing strips. They also partner with first responders.</p> <p>They look for places that people may overdose or where there needs to be naloxone. They are also training faith based organizations for intervention treatment and healing. Clergy may interact differently than a ROPS may. ROPs have distributed over 95000 units of Naloxone in the state of TN since Oct 2017. Naloxone has saved more than 111,000 lives since 2017. Enough to fill Neyland Stadium. S Loyd asked if the OAC can use the access points slide.</p>
M Shelton	Teva Settlement Payment Options	<p>M Shelton explains that the Teva Global Opioid Settlement Agreement allow for Teva to either pay the states or the states can elect to receive Narcan product.</p> <p>This is the second time decision is being made. M Shelton and S Loyd made the first decision to accept the cash for the first 2 years because there were no grantees and Teva did not have a distribution plan. They are back needing a decision for the next 2 years.</p> <p>Option 1- Cash- \$653,515.14 per year Option 2- 31,369 Narcan kits a year Option 3- Cash and Narcan product</p> <p>Kits are about \$20 but the shelf life is not as much as T Jackson is getting with the kits he has.</p> <p>T Farmer made a motion to take the cash. S Vanterpool seconded the motion.</p> <p>S Loyd stated there is a motion on the floor to take the cash from T Farmer and second by K Moore and 3rd by S Vanterpool and 4th by K Pershing. There was no discussion.</p> <p>M. Shelton proceeded with the roll call vote.</p> <p>Armando Fontes-ABSENT Brian Buuck-yes</p>

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M. Shelton	Community Grants Cycle 1 Reporting	<p>M Shelton presented additional information requested by Council at the Chattanooga meeting. 116 approved grant awards. 113 grants contracts which will implement 111 executed contracts 93 launched projects 1st Semiannual Report was due 02/28/2025. 103 were completed and returned, Grantees reported on Grand regions and counties served. The OAC Office was able to use this data to make maps of the total number of grantees serving a county with an OAC funded program or project. M Shelton showed a map with the counts. Then information was presented based on strategies. New Quality Director, David Lewis, presented funding per overdose death rate. The amount of funding for each contract was divided by the number of counties served b that contract to estimate the amount allocated for each county served. The chart shows more funds from Community Grant Cycle 1 are allocated to counties having the highest death rates. 57.6% to the 2 groups of counties with higher death rates and 42.4% is allocated to the 3 groups of counties with lower death rates. Next slide has a flat number of deaths. The darkest shading represents the 19 counties with the highest allocated amount of OAC</p>

		<p>Community Grant Cycle 1 funding per 2023 opioid overdose deaths. The lightest shading represent the 19 with the lowest allocated amount of OAC Community Grants cycle 1. When done this way large counties because the number of deaths is quite high, they show up in the lowest group.</p> <p>Dr Jackson feels this is the metric that matters, how much money per dead person are we putting in the county. His county had a critical need and did not get a lot of money. More thought should be put into this graph and the scoring amounts. He does not see a difference between a 79 and an 82.</p> <p>S Loyd that this is a very important slide to match dollars to where people are hurting.</p> <p>Other Tn Dept of Health slides were presented. By M Shelton.</p> <p>M Shelton asked for direction on how Council wants to package applications for Cycle 2.</p> <p>S Loyd asked if there are any suggestions:</p> <p>T Fournet- add a column with scoring ranked from 1 to 5</p> <p>S Vanterpool- How does the per overdose death rate relate to chart and map. David Lewis explained that it broken up into quintiles.</p> <p>S Vanterpool- recommends there be a table or bar chart having ranges of dollar amounts to be more clear. Deaths per county per the dollars per county , For example this county is \$15 to \$20 per overdose death or \$100 to \$150 per overdose death. Then if a grant of 2 million is requested for a county thar only had \$10 per overdose death funded in the previous cycle. Makes it more concrete.</p> <p>C Jackson- doesn't need to be a motion because this not making a decision about funding or spending. Just advising OAC Office staff on how to present data. Asked that the data by arranged by Grand Division.</p>
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	Public Comment	<p>C Zitka- the death reports should show the death rate is per 100,000 not per 1000</p>
<p>S. Loyd M. Shelton</p>	Meeting Adjourned & Motion	<p>Motion to adjourn by T Fournet 2nd by S Sexton</p> <p>Armando Fontes--ABSENT Brian Buuck-yes Casey Cox-ABSENT Charme Allen-yes Clay Jackson-yes Karen Pershing-yes Ken Moore- Lisa Tipton-yes Mike Flynn-yes Shayne Sexton-yes 2nd Stephanie Vanterpool-yes Steve Loyd-yes Tim Fournet- yes 1st Tommy Farmer-yes Wayne Wyckoff-yes S. Loyd advised motion carried, meeting adjourned</p>