

Tennessee Opioid Abatement Council Quarterly Meeting		
Date	JUNE 18, 2024	
Time	9:00 a.m-12:00 p.m. ET	
Location	CMI Healthcare Services (Memphis, TN)	
<b>Council Members Present:</b> Clay Jackson, Karen Pershing, Ken Moore, Lisa Tipton, Mike Flynn, Shayne Sexton, Stephen Loyd, Tommy Farmer, Wayne Wykoff, Armando Fontes		
<b>Council Members Attending via Microsoft Teams:</b> Stephanie Vanterpool, Charme Allen, Brian Buuck, Casey Cox		
<b>Guest Attending via Microsoft Teams:</b> Matt Martell (SAS), Joseph Dunlop (SAS), also numerous members of the public also joined the meeting via Microsoft Teams and were asked to keep their cameras off and microphones muted until the public comment period.		
<b>Guest Present:</b> Jeremy Keurvela (Smart Initiative), Norman Miller (Innovative Counseling), Grace Pipkin (First Step Recovery), Jane Abraham (The Hart Center), LeAnn Bower (CAAP, Inc), C. Moore (CAPP, Inc.), Latonia Lewis (Professional Care Services), Lisa Brown-Rodgers (UT Clinical Clinical Health), Stephanie Perez (IAC/CWC), Jon Jackson, Dinesha Jones (UT University Clinical Health), Albert Richardson (CAPP, Inc.), Emily Hahn (Baptist), Peter Hosser (Rhodes College), Sierra Butler (Baptist), Mary Linden (TAADAS), Karen Morgan (Grace House), Michael Doty (Goldfinch Health), Pete Conerly (Synergy Treatment Centers), Myron Edwards (CAAP, Inc.), Paula Hoper (Serenity Recovery Center)		
<b>Staff Present:</b> Mary Shelton, Sejal West, Elizabeth Rickman-Vaden, David Sappington, Mark Carrillo, Sam Boukli, Wes Geminn, Matt Yancey		
Presenter	Topic	Discussion
S. Loyd  M. Shelton	<b>Welcome and Introductions &amp; Roll Call Vote</b>	S. Loyd called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone, and introduced himself and Executive Director M. Shelton.  M. Shelton conducted the Council roll call vote as follows:  Armando Fontes–absent Brian Buuck-present Casey Cox-present Charme Allen-present Clay Jackson-present Karen Pershing-present Ken Moore-present Lisa Tipton-present Mike Flynn-present Shayne Sexton-present

		<p>Stephanie Vanterpool-present  Steve Loyd-present  Tim Fournet- present  Tommy Farmer-present  Wayne Wykoff-present</p> <p>S. Loyd advised the Council does have a quorum.</p>
M. Shelton	<b>Approval of Minutes &amp; Motion</b>	<p>M. Shelton conducted a roll call vote to approve the following meeting minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ September 30, 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-revised and corrected attendee list</li> <li>-motion made by S. Sexton</li> <li>-seconded K. Pershing</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Armando Fontes–absent  Brian Buuck-yes  Casey Cox-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  Stephen Loyd-yes  Tim Fournet- no response  Tommy Farmer-yes  Wayne Wykoff-yes</p> <p><b>Motion carried.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ February 22, 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• revised and corrected missing motion</li> <li>• motion made by K. Moore</li> <li>• seconded by K. Pershing</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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S. Loyd	<b>Our Why</b>	S. Loyd shared photos from a prom event at Mending Hearts, which is a treatment facility for women in Nashville.
M. Shelton	<b>OAC Office Staffing Updates</b>	<p>Council Office is hiring for the following positions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Two (2) Accountant 3 positions -serve as fiscal monitors for the Community Grants</li> <li>➤ One (1) Policy Analyst -ensure policies are in place for Council</li> </ul>
M. Shelton	<b>Fiscal Update</b>	<p>The most recent statement Council Office has is April 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Total Available Cash is \$170,823.557.38</li> </ul> <p>S. Loyd stated that there is a large portion of the cash available committed and it is not just sitting.</p>
M. Shelton	<b>Travel Claims for Memphis Meeting</b>	M. Shelton reminded Council members to please submit hotel receipts and completed travel claims to the OAC Office email provided.

		End of Fiscal Year is Sunday, June 30, 2024 and all claims must be approved by end of day Friday, June 28, 2024.
M. Shelton	Comptroller's Performance Audit	<p>M. Shelton discussed the Comptrollers Performance Audit updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Auditors gave permission to share this information but it subject to change during the review of the report</li> <li>➤ Information is not final.</li> <li>➤ Final report will be sent to the Office and Council</li> </ul> <p>There are three (3) levels of items that they find or observe :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Issue</b> is an item that is not in report</li> <li>➤ <b>Observation</b> will be in the report</li> <li>➤ <b>Finding</b> requires a Corrective Action Plan</li> </ul> <p>Preliminary Feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Issue:</b> Commissioner Williams was not listed as an ex officio member in minutes</li> <li>➤ <b>Issue:</b> Incorrect term dates on the Oaths of Office <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Council Office provided oaths for Council members who had incorrect term dates and CMI staff notarized oaths on day of this meeting (6.18.24)</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ <b>Issue:</b> First meeting minutes did not reference the virtual option</li> <li>➤ <b>Observation:</b> February 22, 2024 meeting minutes did not include 13 minutes of discussion and a motion</li> <li>➤ <b>Observation:</b> Inconsistency on how to treat interest/department expenses when calculating county payments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-reference county payments \$27,000 in interest and not much more of department expenses</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

		<p>OAC Office did not taken this into consideration when paying counties on the first county disbursement</p> <p>On the second county disbursement \$7 million of interest and over \$500.00 was used towards departmental expenses which were salaries and travel claims.</p> <p>M. Shelton advised the Comptroller auditors that the OAC Office would continue to carve out the interest and departmental expenses.</p> <p>This money will not be considered when paying the counties their 35%.</p> <p>➤ <b>Finding:</b> Lack of policy and procedures M. Shelton notified the comptroller auditors that we have had a position approved by the Council for a Policy Analyst</p> <p>M. Shelton advised she was waiting for budget approval from the Governor.</p> <p>Also had to wait until the end of legislative session for the position to be approved by the Budget Office</p> <p>Then had to have the position created by the Department of Human Resources</p> <p>M. Shelton notified the Council that the Performance Hearing is scheduled for October 15th, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. CST in the Cordell Hull Building.</p> <p>Hearing will most likely be livestreamed.</p> <p>All are invited to attend and M. Shelton advised she will share more information closer to the date.</p>
M. Shelton	<b>OAC Member Terms</b>	Governor Lee's Appointees:

		<p>OAC members appointed by Governor Lee is Stephen Loyd, Clay Jackson, Armando Fontes, Mike Flynn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Governor appointees serve a 3-year term</li> <li>➤ Each member's term is noted on their bio on the OAC website</li> <li>➤ These three-year terms end on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024</li> <li>➤ All four (4) members have requested to serve another 3-year term</li> <li>➤ OAC Office sent request to the Governor's Office to review</li> </ul> <p>M. Shelton advised Governor's Office plans to have a response back from Governor Lee by July or August.</p> <p>Governor's Office is reviewing other Council's and hope that the members will continue to serve during the appointment process.</p> <p>C. Jackson noted that there will be an emergency meeting on July 15<sup>th</sup> and he along with three other Council members have been reported.</p> <p>He further advised that the Governor's desire is for them to participate in the July 15<sup>th</sup> meeting although their term will be officially expired without renewal and that during that interim period they still serve.</p> <p>M. Shelton confirmed, yes this is correct.</p>
E. Rickman-Vaden	<b>Community Advocacy &amp; Outreach &amp; Motion</b>	<p>E. Rickman-Vaden spoke on the importance of having a Community Advocacy Panel.</p> <p>During the March 18, 2024 OAC meeting, several family members of individuals who passed away due to opioid use disorder spoke during public comment about their loved one's living experiences</p> <p>There was a public comment from a guest in attendance requesting the Council to consider</p>

		<p>including families with living experiences of opioid use disorder as a part of the Council in some facet.</p> <p>The Council Office currently has hosted three (3) Town Hall meetings lead by Dr. Loyd that provided opportunities for the community to become more engaged in the work of the Council and communicate the gaps in the service delivery system</p> <p>She noted that the Council Office would like to propose a Community Advocacy Panel composed of individuals and family members with living experiences of opioid use disorder that would provide recommendations to help improve outcomes of initiatives set by the Council</p> <p>Proposed working structure for the Community Advocacy Panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Members will have no decision-making authority.</li> <li>➤ The Council Office proposes the CAP have sixteen (16) members across the state: two (2) members from each of the state's seven (7) Planning and Policy Regions and two (2) members represented from organizations which is consistent with other state councils. (ex: National Alliance on Mental Illness; Tennessee Association for Alcohol, Drug and Other Addiction Services; Tennessee Association for Mental Health Organizations)</li> <li>➤ There will be a selection process for those who receive a referral to serve. – Members will meet quarterly in a virtual format.</li> <li>➤ Members will be provided onboarding. (ex: purpose, structure, expectations, etc.)</li> </ul>
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		<p>to fully consider the organization and the action as its own point of business and not to adopt any recommendation from the board as sort of a rubber stamp.</p> <p>C. Jackson advised give consideration to always have at least one staff member and one Council member in attendance of Panel.</p> <p>C. Jackson also advised that he would like to include that the Panel be in attendance of Council meetings.</p> <p><b>C. Jackson made a motion to give the Executive Director the authority to begin a process for developing a community advocacy program.</b></p> <p>Motion seconded by T. Farmer.</p> <p>M. Shelton conducted a roll call for Council vote as follows:</p> <p>Armando Fontes-absent  Brian Buuck-yes  Casey Cox-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  Stephen Loyd-yes  Tim Fournet- yes  Tommy Farmer-yes  Wayne Wykoff-yes</p> <p>S. Loyd advised <b>motion carries.</b></p>
M. Martell J.Dunlop M. Shelton	<b>SAS &amp; County Updates</b>	<p>M. Shelton reminded the Council of their vote to contract with SAS as a data vendor.</p> <p>She further advised that SAS has been compiling data points for the Council and creating</p>

		<p>visualizations that they presented during the meeting.</p> <p>J. Dunlop, lead analytical consultant with SAS. He discussed the existing 2023 and the beginning of 2024 county level disbursement data.</p> <p>This is the funds being dispersed directly to the counties as well as their reporting on the allocation and spend on these funds.</p> <p>This data is expected to come in both annually on the disbursement level as well as semiannually for the allocation and the spend data, and to be updated as that data arrives.</p> <p>The data source is publicly available data that is being assembled by the Council on the disbursements as well as what is being published for these semiannual reports.</p> <p>J. Dunlop further advised that they created visualizations to try and show things both statewide at a county level, the amount of disbursement, the proportion of spend allocation and to allow this to be filtered at the annual levels at the aggregate level overall years, as well as being able to dig into particular counties or areas of the state to view those trends as they occur.</p> <p>He noted that there is additional filtering that is available within the dashboard itself for the Council and staff use in order to view that in a more detailed way.</p> <p>In addition, there is an export feature in order to create these PDF output for the visualizations so that they're static output that can be distributed by the Council.</p> <p>M. Shelton advised the Council that she will have access to the interactive dashboard at the office level and then it will print out PDF's that will post on the Opioid Abatement Council's website.</p>
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		<p>Interactive Visual Dashboard that displays model outcomes and allows users to manipulate results.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Grant Reporting Analytical Dashboard for county-level disbursement, allocation, and spend of state provided funding.</li> </ul> <p>Release Timeline: Early September</p> <p><b>Data:</b> Grant Disbursements Grant Spend</p> <p><b>Output:</b> Interactive Visual Dashboard on grant reporting showing disbursement, allocation, and spend of grant funding.</p> <p>M. Shelton informed the Council that she met the Chief Data Officer for the Department of Health, Stephen Espy and plans to partner with him and collaborate and have data exchange.</p> <p>C. Jackson wanted to make sure that the bed board information is working with the reporting with SAS.</p> <p>M. Shelton advised it is not working as of this meeting date.</p> <p><b>Purpose of SAS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Council will be able to establish baseline metrics Better understand some of the underlying factors driving Tennessee’s opioid/SUD numbers</li> <li>➤ Better prioritize funding toward appropriate prevention, education, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery programs.</li> <li>➤ Serve as a resource for the Executive Director and staff in providing key information and analytic capacity to</li> </ul>
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		<p>support efficient and effective grant review and funding decisions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Provides additional transparency</li> <li>➤ Lays the early foundation the Council can use to track changes in baseline metric trends to better understand impact and outcomes of overarching funding decisions</li> </ul>
S. West	<b>2024 Community Grants-Updates</b>	<p>S. West presented on the 2024 Community Grants updates as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Target Contract Start Date July 1, 2024</b></li> <li>➤ <b>March – Grant awards approved by OAC</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 116 awards; 85 distinct organizations</li> <li>• approximately \$81million year 1</li> <li>• approximately \$231 over 3 years</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ <b>April - Contract templates approved by OAC</b></li> <li>➤ <b>May - Grantees contacted by Grants</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analysts to begin contracting process Grantees to provide Edison ID numbers Grantees to review draft contract and provide needed information</li> <li>• Grantees to provide detail budgets</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ <b>June – Ongoing current efforts</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued consultations, support, and assistance to grantees</li> <li>• Enter all agency budgets and contract information in BCMS</li> <li>• Working w/ F&amp;A to make Edison changes Edison training for contract uploads w/ plans to upload into Edison late June</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ <b>July 1 Contract Start</b></li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council Office recommends all grantees not to start projects spending funds until they have fully executed contracts</li> <li>• Grantees can invoice back to July 1 for any actual true cost incurred after July 1 with a fully executed contract</li> </ul> <p>S. West noted the support that has been received from other staff from the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.</p> <p>S. West informed the Council of one withdrawn award, which withdrew due to logistics that would prevent them from being able to move the project from moving forward.</p> <p>S. West explained the contracting process that it takes to execute a contract to grantees.</p> <p>➤ Target Date for First Payments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OAC Office is targeting August 2024 for the first payments to the Grantees</li> <li>• Dependent upon completing all the required contracting and fiscal steps</li> <li>• No payments will be disbursed to a Grantee until the agency contract is signed and executed</li> </ul>
M. Shelton	<b>What We Are Hearing From the Community</b>	<p>M. Shelton presented on what the Council Office has been hearing from the community as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Concerns that the funding was not equitably distributed across the state – particularly absent in West TN.</li> <li>➤ Members have expressed that the review process itself should be openly reviewed and potentially altered to ensure that the process can more evenly support projects across the state.</li> </ul>



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ There was some discussion of how the funded projects overlapped and either competed or complemented each other.</li> <li>➤ Members wondered if there would be future emphasis on how any projects that were funded 'fit' in the already funded service delivery system.</li> <li>➤ When projects were evaluating their effects, some seemed to overlap in ways that you wouldn't be able to discern which project had the most impact.</li> <li>➤ There was some note of the conflicts of interest. Though these were obviously stated and very transparently documented, TAADAS folks questioned if the members of the Council who had projects submitted for funding or who intended to be involved as a subcontractor, shouldn't have been reviewed differently.</li> <li>➤ Council members reviewing their colleagues' proposals could still be cause for bias.</li> </ul> <p>S. Loyd mentioned in other states some Council members do not score grants to clear up any concerns of conflict of interest.</p> <p>S. Loyd noted that several grant applications have been brought to his attention that he felt were really good ideas, but they didn't fit in one of those categories.</p> <p>He feels that this and innovation needs to be looked at more going forward.</p>
M. Shelton	<b>Preview: Community Grant Monitoring</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Program Monitoring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grants Analysts will be providing program monitoring</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Fiscal Monitoring – To be created: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 Accountants being hired will provide fiscal monitoring</li> <li>• Monitoring plan based on risk assessment</li> <li>• Monitoring tools</li> <li>• Template to report information to OAC</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

		<p><b>Outcomes Reporting- 3 Levels</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Statewide Population Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Opioid Overdose-fatal and non-fatal (TDOH) measure</b></li> <li>• Statewide population health reporting which there is not a reporting component or the grantees for that.</li> <li>• Council is part of the statewide system; what impact are we along with every other agency making on the statewide system</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council Office will use <b>process</b> measures for this and</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Grantee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What impact is the grantee making at their own individual level</li> <li>• Grantee will select one <b>performance</b> measure.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>The process measures and performance measures will be sent to the Council office on a semiannual basis.</p> <p>M. Shelton informed the Council that the Community Grants Outcomes Reporting Plan was sent out to all grantees as an essential component to the semiannual report.</p> <p>Grantees will input information from the 'Impact' question that was listed on their grant application.</p> <p>M. Shelton explained the Outcome Measures Worksheet and advised SAS assisted with the development of the document.</p> <p>M. Shelton advised she will host four (4) virtual meetings during office hours with the grantees to</p>
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		<p>answer any questions on how to complete the Outcome Measures Worksheet.</p> <p>L. Tipton asked if the Council Office expects funds will be invoiced and received by August.</p> <p>S. West advised grantees will be in position to submit an invoice because their contract should be fully executed through the month of July, so beginning of August they can invoice with any cost for July and the payments would go out in office.</p> <p>L. Tipton questioned the relationship between what the Grants Analyst will be evaluating. And if it was more of what is considered internally, the qualitative outcomes process that will be based on the deliverables in the scope of each contract, which is similar to what the department usually does and then this tool will be the outcomes recording plan.</p> <p>M. Shelton advised the Grants Analyst portion has not been developed as of this date, but once it is the Council Office will present their role to the Council.</p> <p>S. West further noted that the Grants Analyst will be conducting program monitoring based off the contract.</p> <p>There will also be a semiannual report to inform the Council Office on the progress of contract outcome measures</p>
<p>M. Shelton S. West</p>	<p><b>2025 Community Grants</b></p>	<p>M. Shelton discussed the funds available for Community Grants that was presented in the February 22, 2024 Emergency meeting as seen below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The chart showed the future expected maximum payments from distributors, J&amp;J/Jansen, Publicis, CVS, Walgreens, Allergan, Teva, and Food City. •</li> </ul>

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M. Shelton S. West	<b>OAC Office Workload-To Consider</b>	<p>The OAC Office Workload:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The Grants Analysts will begin program monitoring of the 115 contracts – onsite, desk, virtual</li> <li>➤ Providing ongoing support and programmatic consultation</li> <li>➤ Approving monthly fiscal invoices</li> <li>➤ Reviewing semi-annual reports from all 115 Grantees, including Outcomes Reporting</li> </ul>
M. Shelton	<b>2025 Community Grants Proposed Timeline</b>	<p>M. Shelton discussed the proposed timeline for the 2025 Community Grants Proposed Timeline as seen below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Decision on grants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• July 2024</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Announcement of Funding development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• August 2024</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Announcement of Funding posted <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• September 2024</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Applications open <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• October 2024</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Applications close <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• November 2024</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Scoring complete <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• February 2024</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Grantees approved <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March 2025</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Contracts signed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• July 1, 2025</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
M. Shelton	<b>2025 Community Grants – Next Steps</b>	M. Shelton requested input from the Council on next steps for the 2025 Community Grants

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Any ideas and if there were anything further they would like to ask of the Council Office</li> <li>➤ Any information that would be helpful in reviewing the options for the 2025 Community Grants</li> <li>➤ Would the Council want the OAC Office to prepare suggestions for targeted grants or funding options</li> </ul> <p>C. Jackson commented that only 15% of grants came from his grand division and only received 6% of the awards</p> <p>He advised he was misquoted in the press stating that the “only reason the Council awarded 6% of grants to lesser grand divisions because there were no good programs in the West division.</p> <p>C. Jackson noted that the Council needs to take a closer look at where dollars went in 2024 and consider remediating some by considering geographic location in the scoring for 2025.</p> <p>L. Tipon commented that variety of agencies doing a variety of things with the variety of history with the state, with their communities, because in the scoring of the grants, it was incredibly obvious who had professional writers</p> <p>T. Farmer noted that the Council has come a long way. He discussed looking at how to better score applications moving forward.</p> <p>He mentioned the importance of finding out if grantees were receiving funds from other entities.</p> <p>T. Farmer stated that even though Council may have funded a smaller portion of West TN, there was also a substantially smaller number of applicants.</p> <p>L. Tipton commented that the Council is at somewhat of a disadvantage in regards to</p>
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<p>M. Shelton V. Bolotnyy</p>	<p><b>Hoover Institution-Stanford University</b></p>	<p>Dr. Valentin Bolotnyy is a fellow researcher and economist at Stanford’s Hoover Institution. He also stated that he is a part of the State and Local Governance Initiative.</p> <p>V. Bolotnyy discussed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Hoover Institution has a long tradition of research and policy work that is relevant for policymakers across the country</li> <li>➤ SLGI model: mutually beneficial, collaborative state and local partnerships</li> <li>➤ State agencies inform the questions we study and share data</li> <li>➤ We conduct independent, non-partisan analyses</li> </ul>



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ We publish analyses in high-quality academic journals and share lessons learned with officials</li> </ul> <p><b>Proposal for Partnership with Tennessee’s Opioid Abatement Council:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ We propose a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between researchers at the Hoover Institution and the Opioid Abatement Council</li> <li>➤ Would allow the researchers to work with the Council to determine which grants to evaluate and to facilitate data sharing arrangements for such evaluations.</li> <li>➤ Hoover Research Team Lead: Valentin Bolotnyy, Kleinheinz Fellow.</li> <li>➤ PhD in Economics (Harvard)</li> <li>➤ 10 years of research experience on mental health-related questions, including on involuntary hospitalization and medication adherence.</li> <li>➤ Existing researcher partners include Allegheny County (PA) Department of Human Services, Texas Department of Public Safety, Massachusetts Department of Transportation</li> </ul> <p>V. Bolotnyy advised that they partner with state and local partners to evaluate and their role is to conduct independent and nonpartisan analysis in these partnerships and to publish this analysis in high quality journals and to disseminate the knowledge not just to their partners, but also across the country.</p> <p><b>Partnership Value</b></p> <p>We believe such a partnership will be mutually beneficial:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ High-quality research will provide lessons on what works and what is not cost-effective, helping inform future policy decisions</li> </ul>
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S. Loyd	<b>Public Comment</b>	<p>The floor was opened for public comment. Peter Hosser, Rhodes college spoke on his concern for the funding in West Tennessee.</p> <p>Jacqueline, (Unknown last name) advised that she is an addiction medicine fellow concerned that without further support from the Council, she felt that her program would be at risk of not being able to continue.</p>

		<p>She further stated that they see the true need of addiction medicine specialists in the hospital systems and in the communities.</p> <p>She request that the Council to consider you to consider funding programs that will place other physicians out in the community.</p> <p>Albert Richardson mentioned he is looking forward to the Community Advocacy Panel, specifically for Shelby County and feels it will have a significant impact across the state.</p> <p>Paula Hopper, Serenity Recovery spoke about the work her organization is doing. She advised she looks forward to collaborating with the Council and revisiting their application processes.</p> <p>Dean Graber advised he works with families in the communities as an individual. He felt the Community Advocacy Panel was a step in the right direction but questioned about the reason for the Panel not having decision making authority.</p> <p>He requested having at least two Panel members gain seats on the Council.</p> <p>Troy (Guest) certified Peer Recovery Specialist. He mentioned he attended a Smart Initiative conference and the conversation there was that many felt they needed to be educated more on what to do with opioid abatement funding to make an impact to the communities.</p> <p>Addie (First Step Initiative) wanted to receive more information on how small grassroot agencies can receive funding.</p> <p>Laura Brown advised the Council to consider the need for free civil services and advised there were not any funded this cycle.</p>
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M. Shelton	<b>Next Meeting</b>	The next meeting will be a virtual emergency meeting and an in-person meeting that will be held in September in Middle Tennessee.
S. Loyd M. Shelton	<b>Meeting Adjourned</b>	<p>There was a motion to adjourn by S. Sexton; seconded by A. Fontes</p> <p>M. Shelton conducted roll call for adjournment as follows:</p> <p>Armando Fontes–absent  Brian Buuck-yes  Casey Cox-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  Stephen Loyd-yes  Tim Fournet- yes  Tommy Farmer-yes  Wayne Wykoff-yes</p> <p>There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.</p>