| Tennessee Opioid Abatement Council Quarterly Meeting | | |
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| Date | March 3, 2025 | |
| Time | 12:00 p.m. CST- 3:00 p.m. EST | |
| Location | AIM Center – Chattanooga, TN | |

Council Members Attending In-Person: Clay Jackson, Lisa Tipton, Stephen Loyd, Wayne Wykoff, Brian Buuck, Tim Fournet, Karen Pershing, Mike Flynn, Ken Moore

Council Members Attending via Microsoft Teams: Stephanie Vanterpool, Shayne Sexton, Tommy Farmer, (Commissioner Marie Williams, ex officio member)

Council Members Not in Attendance: Casey Cox, Charme Allen, Armando Fontes

Guests Attending In-Person: Numerous members of the public joined the meeting inperson.

Guest Attending via Microsoft Teams: Numerous members of the public joined the meeting.

Staff Present: Mary Shelton, Shawn Smith, Ella Reding, Elizabeth Rickman-Vaden, Sam Boukli

Staff Attending via Microsoft Teams: Debbie Bresee, Melissa Gilbert, Marie Rucker Magras, Mark Carrillo, David Sappington, J.P. Urban

| Presenter | Topic | Discussion |
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| 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. |
| | | He also introduced Commissioner Marie Williams, Deputy Commissioner Matt Yancey, Deputy Director Shawn Smith, Legal Counsel to the OAC Sam Boukli and Sr. Deputy Attorney General J.P. Urban |
| | | Commissioner M. Williams advised she was in Nashville due to dealing with several bills and several meetings today she had to present for but was virtual and excited to hear from everyone at the meeting. |
| | | S. Loyd then had a moment of silence to remember those who are suffering from the opioid crisis. |

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| | | M. Shelton conducted the Council roll call as follows: |
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| | | Armando Fontes-ABSENT Brian Buuck-present Casey Cox-ABSENT Charme Allen-ABSENT Clay Jackson-present Karen Pershing-present Ken Moore-present Lisa Tipton-present Mike Flynn-present Shayne Sexton-virtual Stephanie Vanterpool-virtual Steve Loyd-present Tim Fournet- present Tommy Farmer-virtual Wayne Wykoff-present |
| S. Loyd | Our Why | with the meeting. S. Loyd discussed his visit in New York City in February and his networking with Vice Mayor for social programs in the five boroughs of New York and Terry Tobin and other individuals who are part of finding resolutions for the opioid crisis. |
| J. Loyu | • | He talked about how compassionate they were while working directly with individuals who are part of the crisis. |
| S. Loyd M. Shelton | Review & Approval of Meeting Minutes | He encouraged Tennessee to also do the same. S. Loyd proceeded with requesting approval of the following minutes: December 13, 2024 January 23, 2025 K. Moore made a motion to approve the December 13, 2024 meeting minutes. |
| | | W. Wykoff seconded. |

M. Shelton proceeded with a roll call vote as follows:

Armando Fontes-ABSENT
Brian Buuck-yes
Casey Cox-ABSENT
Charme Allen-ABSENT
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
W. Wykoff- yes

- K. Moore made a motion to approve the **January 23, 2025** meeting minutes.
- B. Buuck seconded.
- M. Shelton proceeded with a roll call vote as follows:

Armando Fontes-ABSENT
Brian Buuck-yes
Casey Cox-ABSENT
Charme Allen-ABSENT
Clay Jackson-yes
Karen Pershing-yes
Ken Moore-yes
Lisa Tipton-yes
Mike Flynn-yes
Shayne SextonStephanie Vanterpool-yes
Steve Loyd-yes
Tim Fournet- yes
Tommy Farmer-yes
W. Wykoff -yes

S. Loyd noted that he voted on this meeting because he did not miss the emergency meeting.

| | | S. Loyd advised motion carries |
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| | | Motions from Previous Meeting Purpose |
| | | S. Loyd stated the following: |
| | | This is a new recurring agenda item |
| | | Motions from the past meeting(s) will be shared at the following OAC Quarterly Meeting |
| | | This will assist with continuity of business between meetings |
| | | M. Shelton advised there is no action needed. |
| | | Motions from January 23, 2025 |
| S. Loyd M. Shelton | Motions from Previous Meeting (January 23, 2025) | Motion to approve the determination of necessity of emergency meeting - PASSED |
| | | Motion to direct the OAC Office on how to disburse the Publicis settlement funding- PASSED |
| | | Motion for the OAC to set aside 35% of the Publicis settlement funds (\$3,227,121.07) to pay for the SMART contract for the next 2 years with remaining Publicis settlement funds to be disbursed as the OAC determines at that time - PASSED |
| | | Motion to approve funding for the 2 nd year service hours for SAS - PASSED |
| | | Motion to approve the path forward for contracting an invoicing for UT Memphis based on a three -year contract term -FAILED |

| | | Motion that the OAC approve for the OAC staff to negotiate with Hustle & MTSU to provide certain services of the MTSU contract, after that discussion, Hustle will provide a proposal that the OAC will approve or disapprove - PASSED |
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| S. Loyd M. Shelton | OAC Organizational Structure: Motion & Council Vote | M. Shelton reminded the Council that the Chair is the only leadership role within the Opioid Abatement Council. M. Shelton noted that many committees and councils have more than one leadership role. She asked if the Council would consider a motion to approve adding an additional leadership position to the Council. S. Loyd entertained a motion to establish a position for Vice Chairman. C. Jackson made a motion. K. Pershing seconded the motion. Armando Fontes–not present Brian Buuck-yes Casey Cox-not present Charme Allen- 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 S. Loyd advised motion carries. |
| | | Council has established a position. |

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| | | S. Loyd opened the floor for nominees. |
| | | S. Vanterpool nominated C. Jackson. |
| | | K. Moore moved that nominations are closed. M. Flynn seconded the motion. |
| | | Armando Fontes-ABSENT Brian Buuck-yes Casey Cox- ABSENT Charme Allen-ABSENT Clay Jackson-yes Karen Pershing-yes Ken Moore-yes Lisa Tipton-yes Mike Flynn-yes Shayne Sexton- Stephanie Vanterpool-yes Steve Loyd-yes |
| | | Tim Fournet- yes |
| | | Wayne Wykoff – yes |
| | | S. Lovd advised motion carries. |
| | | E. Rickman-Vaden announced that the application portal for the Community Advocacy Panel opened February 21, 2025 and would be closing on April 4, 2025. |
| S. Loyd E. Rickman- | Community Advocacy Panel | She encouraged the public to share in their communities and to apply if interested. |
| vaden | | S. Loyd advised that he was very excited about the Panel and that E. Rickman-Vaden brought the idea to the Council for those with living experience to be involved in the process and to provide their input. |
| | | January 2025 Opioid Abatement Trust Fund Balance (Fiscal Updates): |
| S. Loyd M. Shelton | Fiscal Updates | M. Shelton advised that at each meeting, the OAC office will share the current monthly Opioid Abatement Trust Fund statement. |
| E. Rickman- Vaden | Panel | Tommy Farmer-yes Wayne Wykoff – yes S. Loyd advised motion carries. E. Rickman-Vaden announced that the application portal for the Community Advocation portal for the Community Advocation on April 4, 2025 and would closing on April 4, 2025. She encouraged the public to share in their communities and to apply if interested. S. Loyd advised that he was very excited about the Panel and that E. Rickman-Vaden brough the idea to the Council for those with living experience to be involved in the process and provide their input. January 2025 Opioid Abatement Trust Fur Balance (Fiscal Updates): M. Shelton advised that at each meeting, the OAC office will share the current monthly |

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| | | She further advised that this information is current to the date the statement was created. |
| | | The net cash was \$209,718,708.83 |
| | | S. Loyd noted that net funds are being used. The funds have been allocated based on the grant cycle (1-year, 2- year or 3- year cycles). |
| | | He stated that one organization was not able to follow through on their grant so their funding was placed back into this cycle. |
| | | The funding was raised from \$20 million to \$25 million. |
| | | Draft Policies for Review: |
| | | M. Shelton discussed the policy development and approval process as seen below: |
| | Policy Updates: | Draft Policy (Executive Director, Legal Review & Edits) Revision of Policy (repeat as necessary) Draft is sent to OAC for Edits Revisions (Executive Director and Legal Review) Final Draft (reviewed by Council for approval) |
| M. Shelton | Discussion & Decision Points | The OAC Office has presented 4 policies for review and discussion: |
| | | County Funding Communications Policy OAC Office Duties Policy Transparency Policy |
| | | M. Shelton noted that the word "biannual" was revised to every other year in the Communications Policy per the request of the Council. |
| | | M. Shelton advised the Council she did receive edits from K. Pershing on two of the policies. |

S. Loyd advised he would like to address the Communications Policy first.

Communications Policy:

- S. Loyd entertained a motion.
- K. Moore moved to approve the Communications Policy.
- K. Moore seconded the motion.
- S. Loyd asked if there was any discussion.

There was no discussion from the Council and S. Loyd advised M. Shelton to proceed with the roll call vote.

Armando Fontes-ABSENT
Brian Buuck-yes
Casey Cox- ABSENT
Charme Allen-ABSENT
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

S. Loyd advised motion carries.

County Funding Policy:

- K. Moore asked if there were any revisions in the Remediation List.
- M. Shelton stated no revisions in the Remediation List.

- K. Moore asked how institutions funding is being reviewed, monitored and where the status of the Council in regard to responsibility.
- M. Shelton advised that he semiannual report for the counties is based on the Letter of Agreement that is signed with the Council.

She further stated that the Letter of Agreement states that they will spend the funding on certain strategies and notes how many people are being served.

The semiannual report tells how much of the funding has been allocated and how much of the funding has been spent on each of the six strategies.

It also shows how many people were served by each of those states.

- M. Shelton advised this is basically where the monitoring ends.
- M. Shelton further stated that the Council Office is concerned with whether they're fulfilling their agreement in the Letter of Agreement, which is allocating and spending by a certain date.
- M. Shelton advised that the Council Office has not made site visits with the counites, but this is an assignment that the Comptroller will do.
- K. Moore made a motion to approve.
- M. Flynn seconded the motion.
- S. Loyd advised to proceed with a roll call vote.

Armando Fontes-ABSENT Brian Buuck-yes Casey Cox- ABSENT Charme Allen-ABSENT 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 W. Wykoff- yes

S. Loyd advised motion carries.

- S. Loyd asked if S. Boukli if there was a mechanism to receive funding back from the counties if needed.
- S. Boukli advised essentially there is a way.

OAC Office Responsibilities Policy:

- S. Loyd moved to approve the OAC Office Responsibilities Policy.
- K. Moore made a motion.
- W. Wykoff seconded the motion.

There was no further discussion.

Armando Fontes-ABSENT
Brian Buuck-yes
Casey Cox- ABSENT
Charme Allen-ABSENT
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

| | | S. Loyd advised motion carries. |
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| | | Transparency Policy: |
| | | M. Moore made a move to approve. M. Flynn seconded the motion. |
| | | S. Loyd advised hearing no discussion proceed to roll call. |
| | | M. Shelton conducted the roll call vote. |
| | | Armando Fontes-ABSENT Brian Buuck-yes Casey Cox- ABSENT Charme Allen-ABSENT 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 S. Loyd advised motion carries. S. Loyd thanked Marie Magras for her work on |
| | | writing the policies. |
| | | House Joint Resolution 0100: M. Shelton updated the Council on the House Joint Resolution 0100. |
| S. Loyd M. Shelton | Legislative Updates | M. Shelton read the following section of the resolution: |
| | | Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, that this General Assembly respectfully urges the Tennessee Opioid Abatement Council |

| | | and each county that has joined the settlement to allocate a minimum of 25% of expenditures approved from the Opioid Abatement Fund pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 33-11-103, to specific initiatives that save lives via the distribution and promotion of overdose reversal medications until such time as the overdose death rate in Tennessee has been reduced by a minimum of 25%. M. Shelton advised that she wanted to inform the Council of the resolution and advised it has not passed as of the meeting date. Comm. M. Williams stated that in a budget |
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| | | hearing, the question was asked to why the numbers were rising. She stated that one of the representatives asked if they had not cracked down on prescriptions being distributed, would that have kept the number from rising. |
| | | Comm. M. Williams asked S. Loyd his thoughts on the matter. S. Loyd advised he felt it was due to Covid since |
| | | the numbers were lowering prior to. Comm. M. Williams stated that she had responded to the representative that the state did what they felt was right. |
| S. Loyd M. Yancey | Tennessee Behavioral Health Pathways Scholarship | M. Yancey first complimented the Council for their work for the past two years. He then moved to the Tennessee Behavioral Health Pathways Scholarship. M. Yancey began by discussing the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (TDMHSAS) and TennCare Workgroup. |

He advised that TDMHSAS has been focused on increasing access to service.

He further stated that in recent years there has been a workforce challenges.

M. Yancey advised that the TDMHSAS & TennCare convened in the Summer of 2021 to address workforce goals.

Comm. M. Williams noted that there are no federal programs available for master's level counseling and social work and this is why the TDMHSAS wanted to focus on this particular group.

M. Yancey advised there was over 800 applications received and wanted to see if the Council would potentially provide funding to help reopen the scholarship portal.

Comm. M. Williams noted that the percentage of the drop in turnover and vacancy rates for the traditional TAMHO agencies there had a combined 21% reduction.

C. Jackson noted that he felt this was a great opportunity for the Council to consider.

- S. Vanterpool wanted to clarify that the commitment is not specific to those working for the State of Tennessee and noted that it is not.
- K. Moore made a motion that the Council fund \$2,000,000 for graduate school scholarships in reference to the following guidelines:

Remediation List

- Provides the workforce needed in all eligible remediation list activities;
- Also fits under E. Expansion of Warm Hand-Off Programs and Recovery Services (5) Hire additional social workers or

other behavioral health workers to facilitate expansions above.

Program Set-Up

- Provide \$2,000,000 for two years
- Keep it the same as the current program
 - Must be a TN Resident
 - Must be obtaining Master's in a Behavioral Health Related Field
 - Up to \$15,000 for a year up to 2 years
 - Commitment back to Approved List of TDMHSAS and OAC Contracted Providers
- S. Vanterpool questioned how the \$2,000,000 affects the Council's ability to fund community grants from the Council budget because there was the additional \$5,000,000 coming in to fund Cycle 2 moved the budget from \$20 million to \$25 million for Cycle 2.
- M. Gilbert advised that the Council is using the Kroger settlement that was not expected for the additional Cycle 2 money.
- S. Vanterpool clarified that there is additional funding from Cycle 2 from an additional settlement and funds not used in Cycle 1 that could potentially be allocated to this.
- M. Gilbert confirmed that S. Vanterpool is correct.
- K. Pershing asked who the fiscal agent would be and if it would be TAMHO and TAADAS.
- M. Yancey stated funding would go to them as the administrator of the program.

Mary Linden Salter, Executive Director (TAADAS) wanted to clarify that the motion stated that her organization would follow the same rules as the previous scholarship, and if that is the case, she requested a change.

M. Salter stated that those students who desire to become the nurse practitioner are not always enrolled in master's level programs, and her organization is unable to fund those nurses that are in what are commonly referred to as bridge programs.

She asked if she would be able to fund those nurse practitioner candidates.

- K. Pershing advised that the nurse practitioners earning potential is higher which concerned her.
- T. Farmer stated that these requests are becoming more frequent that it is almost like a back door that the grants are going out and he cautioned the Council to be careful to not set a bad precedence in doing this way this type of funding will we.
- K. Moore advised that this would be tagging on to a program that has already demonstrated success.
- S. Vanterpool stated that she felt the focus should be on the master's level earning and not to transition into the DNP's because the commitment is to keep the clinicians in behavioral health.

She advocated leaving it with the original criteria and encouraged the organization to apply at the next grant cycle to be considered if they would like a renewal through the usual grant channels since the current request should be considered emergency funding criteria.

| | | S. Loyd stated that there was a motion on the |
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| | | floor. |
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| | | Seconded by Shayne Sexton |
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| | | Armando Fontes-ABSENT |
| | | Brian Buuck-yes |
| | | Casey Cox-ABSENT |
| | | Charme Allen-ABSENT |
| | | 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 |
| | | W. Wykoff-yes |
| | | S. Loyd advised motion carries. |
| | | 2024 Community Grants Award Summary |
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| | | S. Smith updated the Council on the following: |
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| S. Loyd | Community Grant Cycle 1 | Approximately \$78 million for 2024- |
| S. Smith | community draint cycle i | 2025 |
| | | ➤ 113 Grant Awards |
| | | > 85 Distinct Organizations/Grantees |
| | | > Approximately 235 million over 3 years |
| | | ➤ 1-3 year projects |
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| S. Smith | Contracting & Invoicing Updates | > 110 Fully Executed Contracts |
| S. Smith | _ | 110 Fully Executed Contracts3 Contracts on hold |
| S. Smith | _ | 110 Fully Executed Contracts 3 Contracts on hold 91 Outcomes Reporting Plans returned |
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| S. Smith | Updates | 110 Fully Executed Contracts 3 Contracts on hold 91 Outcomes Reporting Plans returned Community Grants Payments as of |
| | Updates Community Grants | ➤ 110 Fully Executed Contracts ➤ 3 Contracts on hold ➤ 91 Outcomes Reporting Plans returned Community Grants Payments as of 2/25/2025 |
| | Updates Community Grants | 110 Fully Executed Contracts 3 Contracts on hold 91 Outcomes Reporting Plans returned Community Grants Payments as of 2/25/2025 S. Smith advised the following payments: |

| | | > Oct39 invoices - \$603,077.85 |
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| | | Nov51 invoices -\$1,053,759.26 |
| | | Dec82 invoices - \$4,026,082.25 |
| | | Jan68 invoices - \$1,906,715.14 |
| | | Feb. 57 invoices - \$1,907,469.28 |
| | | Total: 338 Invoices - \$10,339,510.51 |
| | | S. Smith further noted that as of the 3/28/25 |
| | | the total of payments increased to |
| | | approximately \$11 million. |
| | | S. Smith provided an overview of the ETSU Contract: |
| | | Grant Contract Overview: |
| | | Three-year contract term; Contract fully executed August 2024. |
| | | Grant Project: Expand behavioral health |
| | | workforce by hiring additional faculty |
| | | staff to train students to work in clinical |
| | | behavioral health settings |
| | | ➤ Grant Total Budget: \$4.9M |
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| | | Challenges: |
| | Grantee Contracts for | Due to recruiting challenges, ETSU has |
| | Discussion (ETSU) & | not been able to sufficiently staff grant |
| S. Smith | Motion: | program during the first year of the |
| | | grant period |
| | | The grant includes five, three-year |
| | | faculty contracts to help support, teach, |
| | | and train upcoming behavioral health |
| | | learners/practitioners to serve |
| | | underserved East Tennessee; however, |
| | | mixed with the cycles of seasons of |
| | | funds becoming available, faculty |
| | | recruitment, and the academic year, |
| | | most faculty recruits missed the |
| | | window for starting in year one. |
| | | ➤ Without funds/contract extended to CY |
| | | 2028, ETSU cannot offer the three- year |
| | | faculty contracts. |
| | | ETSU's Proposed Solution: |

ETSU is requesting consideration for a contract extension at the end of the current contract term (i.e., July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2028) and allow funds to roll over from year three to year four if an extension is granted.

Discussion & Decision Point:

Will the OAC consider a motion to approve the path forward to extend ETSU's Community Grant Contract to a four-year contract term?

- S. Loyd asked if S. Smith was confident that ETSU could complete the project if time is extended.
- S. Smith advised he asked ETSU this same questions.
- S. Smith advised ETSU had already started to recruit staff now, even though it's outside of the recruiting season of the summer and fall and they have made some progress.

He further stated that the challenge for ETSU is that a two-year contact is less effective to faculty who are most often looking for a threeyear contract.

- B. Buuck asked if any other grantees had the same requests.
- K. Pershing had concerns of why ETSU did not begin recruiting knowing that they were getting the contract.
- L. Tipton asked if there is an income equity amount that they must stay within each year of the contact or if they have the flexibility within the salary line item to make an offer more attractive for the two years because they could increase the funds incrementally on a two-year contract and still stay within the current of what is allowed.

| | | S. Smith advised he believes this is something that could be allowed in terms of a budget revision. S. Loyd asked what happens if the Council does not approve a motion. S. Smith advised he informed ETSU to begin looking at an alternative plan if the Council did not approve the motion. S. Loyd asked if anyone would like to put forth |
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| | | a motion. |
| | | No motion was granted. |
| | | S. Smith discussed the Community Grants Semiannual Reports: S. Smith explained that the Council Office asked the grantees to report on how many grantees did they serve as part of the grant and how did they serve those on the project service areas. |
| S. Smith | Community Grants Semiannual Reports | S. Smith advised that Cycle 1 grantees were completing their first semiannual report Report was due by February 28, 2025 Report addresses progress towards the following: Impact of the project Service area Integration in the community Feasibility of the project Date for the Outcomes Reporting Plan |
| S. Smith | Program Monitoring Updates | Program Monitoring Materials Pre & Post Site Visit Survey Site Visit Monitoring Template Summary of Findings Template S. Smith advised the goal of the Council Office is to make the material/templates mirror the fiscal monitoring plan as much as possible. |

| | | Targeted Group ➤ Grantees with one-year contracts (5) ➤ Grantees with three-year contracts (1) Site Visit Target Dates ➤ In the process of scheduling site visits ➤ April – June 2025 M. Shelton advised that S. Smith will be leading the team which will be M. Carrillo and D. Sappington. |
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| S. Smith | Fiscal Monitoring Updates | S. Smith noted that grantees have been excited to show the Council Office the work they have been doing. S. Smith provided updates on fiscal monitoring: > 5 Fiscal Site Visits completed > 9 Fiscal Site Visits scheduled (Mar., Apr., & May) Fiscal Monitoring & Types of Results: (0) Findings- requires a Corrective Action Plan that specifies what the finding is, how it is to be corrected, and a due date for completion; requires a follow-up to ensure Grantee implements CAP (1) Concerns -fiscal issues that if not resolved, will become a finding (2) Discrepancies – unintentional expense misclassifications, clerical errors (transposed numbers, etc.) (7) Recommendations – written suggestions for "best practices", strengthening internal controls, etc. All 1-year Grantees have site visits completed or scheduled; several two-year Grantees identified as High Risk. S. Smith stated he feels they have a clear path forward. |

M. Shelton reminded the Council that Cycle 2 are the grants that they will begin to score which includes one-year, two-year and threeyear grants. **Cycle 2 Community Grant Applications:** 294 Cycle 2 Applications were submitted with a request total of \$416,994,997. M. Shelton provided the following breakdown of the funding by strategy, number of applications, percentage of applications, and funding requests: Recovery Support: 112 applications; 38% of applications; \$135,451,058 > Treatment: 62 applications; 21% of applications; \$127,249,023 M. Shelton **Community Grants Cycle 2** Primary Prevention: 53 applications; 18% of applications; \$58,986,196 Education & Training: 25 applications; 9% of applications; \$35,931,273 > Harm Reduction: 29 applications; 10% of applications; \$44,796,834 > Research & Evaluation: 13 applications; 4% of applications; \$14,580,072 M. Shelton then discussed the process that each application will go through as follows: Qualification and Eligibility > Reading, Review and Summary If passes, qualification and eligibility,

then moves to scoring

- Send out list of applicants to OAC members; let Council Office know if there are any conflicts of interest
- Reading and Scoring by 3 people:
 1) Grants Analyst 2) Deputy Director 3)
 OAC Member
- Review by all OAC members during a Council meeting via a compilation report (high level)
- Vote by the Opioid Abatement Council to approve or not to approve
- M. Shelton noted that the applications are randomly assigned to Council members by staff member D. Sappington.
- M. Shelton advised there is a video that she recorded to walk the Council members through the scoring process.
- M. Shelton gave a more detailed explanation on the review and summary provided by the Opioid Abatement Office (OAC) Staff:

Review & Summary

- Reviews for completion, eligibility and qualifications
- Reviews applications, attached documents and provided links, completes summary for the OAC Scorer to review
- OAC Office staff have already completed these tasks
- OAC staff who completed the reviews are the Grants Analysts, Audit Director, Deputy Director and Executive Director

Scoring

- OAC Deputy Director will score ALL applications
- OAC Grants Analysts will score ALL applications (divided in 1/2)
- OAC Members will score ALL applications (divided by 14)

| Shelton provided the approved cycle and and funding as of (7/31/2024): Cycle 1 Application Period: October 2023 Award Announced: March 2024 Award Contract Term: Jul 2024-Jun 2027 Total \$ Awards/year: \$81M Max \$ Total 3 years: \$243M \$230 (Actual) Cycle 2 Application Period: October 2024 Award Announced: July 2025 Award Contract Term: Jan 2026-Dec 2028 Total \$ Awards/year: \$20M Max \$ Total 3 years: \$60M Cycle 3 Application Period: March 2026 Award Announced: Jan 2027 Award Contract Term: Jul 2027-Jun 2030 Total \$ Awards/year: \$15M (Estimated) Max \$ Total 3 years: \$45M (Estimated) Cycle 4 Application Period: Oct 2027 Award Announced: July 2028 Award Contract Term: Jan 2028-Dec 2030 Total \$ Awards/year: TBD Max \$ Total 3 years: TBD |
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| Max \$ Total 3 years: TBD Cycle 5 |

Application Period: March 2029 Award Announced: Jan 2030

Award Contract Term: July 2029 -Jun

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Total \$ Awards/year: TBD Max \$ Total 3 years: TBD

Proposed Revised Cycle 2 Budget:

Based on additional payments and the Attorney General's Office predictions, the Trust Fund has gained an additional \$31million.

M. Shelton advised M. Gilbert recommends increasing the Cycle 2 budget as follows:

- Total \$ Awards/year: from \$20M to \$25M
- Max \$ Total 3 years: from \$60M to \$75M

Discussion & Decision Point:

- M. Shelton requested if the Council would consider a motion to approve the revised Cycle 2 budget:
- S. Vanterpool made a motion to approve the Cycle 2 budget.
- K. Pershing seconded the motion:
- S. Loyd requested M. Shelton to proceed with a roll call vote.

Armando Fontes-ABSENT
Brian Buuck-yes
Casey Cox-ABSENT
Charme Allen-ABSENT
Clay Jackson-yes
Karen Pershing-yes
Ken Moore-yes
Lisa Tipton-yes
Mike Flynn-yes
Shayne Sexton-yes

| | | Stephanie Vanterpool-yes |
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| | | Steve Loyd-yes |
| | | Tim Fournet- yes |
| | | Tommy Farmer- left meeting |
| | | Wayne Wykoff-yes |
| | | S. Loyd motion carries |
| | | M. Shelton provided an explanation of how the |
| | | selection process was for the following cycles: |
| | | Cycle 1: > Identified percentages for each of the 6 strategies (12/5/2022) |
| | | Essentially, the top scoring applications for each strategy were awarded a Community Grant (3/18/2024) |
| | | Cycle 2: |
| | | The OAC voted and approved to encourage applications: |
| M. Shelton | Selection Process for Cycle 1, Cycle 2 and Cycle 3 & Motion | which addressed Primary Prevention, Harm Reduction, Treatment and Recovery Support (per approved motion on July 3, 2024, by the Opioid Abatement Council, this may be open to change) |
| | | where multiple local agencies and/or counties collaborate on one project Proposed Additional Cycle 2 Selection Criteria: |
| | | The OAC Office reviewed the Council's encouragements and have drafted proposed selection criteria: |
| | | To address the encouraged strategies, the percentages for Primary Prevention, Harm Reduction and Recovery Support were increased. |
| | | To address collaboration, during the selection process meeting, those collaborative applications will be |

- highlighted on the spreadsheet at the voting meeting.
- The OAC may decide based on scoring if the collaborative applications receive priority
- M. Shelton presented a Cycle 2 Proposed New Percentages slide that showed the percentages that the cycle proposed from Cycle 1 and the proposed new percentages
- S. Vanterpool wanted to clarify that M. Shelton was discussing Cycle 2 funding and not Cycle 3 and that the \$25M is what is to be awarded within the first year of Cycle 2's funding and this would be up to 3-year components of whichever program has been granted.
- M. Shelton advised this is correct.
- K. Moore asked if the percentage changes do this mean that the Council would be taking more in a category possibly from those that applied.
- M. Shelton advised this is correct.
- K. Moore advised he was comfortable to keep the percentages the same.
- S. Loyd advised he agreed K. Moore. M. Shelton then discussed the collaboration portion of the application.
- S. Vanterpool asked if one applicant on the collaboration has a stronger application.
- M. Shelton advised it is only one application.
- S. Loyd advised that a motion is not needed.

No motion is needed.

M. Shelton advised there are lesson learned through contracting and monitoring Cycle 1 Grantees

The OAC Office is proposing a discussion and two additional qualifications for selecting Cycle 2 Grantee

Proposed Additional Qualifications:

- ➤ The requested grant funding cannot exceed 100% of the agency's operating budget for any agency incorporated for 24 months or less prior to December 13, 2024 (the date the Portal closed).
- Due to a lessor funding amount available for Community Funding for Cycle 2 than for Cycle 1 and based on the number of applications received, Grantees shall be limited to one (1) awarded grant per organization.
- M. Shelton asked if the Council would consider a motion to approve the additional qualifications.

C. Jackson made a motion.

The motion was as follows:

The motion stated was to separate the two qualifications and approve the first qualification.

K. Moore seconded the motion.

- S. Loyd opened the floor for discussion for first qualification.
- S. Loyd advised M. Shelton to proceed with a roll call vote as follows:

Armando Fontes-ABSENT Brian Buuck-yes Casey Cox- ABSENT Charme Allen-ABSENT

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| | | 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-left meeting |
| | | Wayne Wykoff -yes |
| | | S. Loyd advised motion carries. |
| | | S. Loyd opened the floor for second qualification motion. |
| | | There wasn't a motion for the second question. it was said to be discussed at the next meeting since this cycle is already closed and it may be time to discuss the next cycle at the next |
| | | meeting. |
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W. Wykoff made a motion.

S. Loyd seconded the motion.

S. Loyd asked if there was any discussion.

M. Shelton proceeded with a roll call vote.

Armando Fontes-ABSENT
Brian Buuck-yes
Casey Cox- ABSENT
Charme Allen-ABSENT
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

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S. Loyd advised motion carried and meeting was adjourned.