

King County Regional Opioid Abatement Council (OAC) Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: April 27, 2026

Location: Microsoft Teams

Attendees:

- Ann Gorman, City of Seattle (OAC member representing the City of Seattle)
- Brad Finegood, Public Health—Seattle & King County (OAC member representing King County)
- Dan Floyd, King County Department of Community and Human Services, Behavioral Health and Recovery Division (OAC member representing King County)
- Kent Hay, City of Renton (OAC member representing the Sound Cities Association)
- Janine Joly, King County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office (PAO support)
- Joy Carpine-Cazzanti, Public Health—Seattle & King County Government Relations
- Simon Vila, Public Health—Seattle & King County Government Relations
- Cassie Byerly, King County Executive’s Office City Relations Manager
- Laura Belmont, Sound Cities Association (staff supporting Sound Cities Association OAC member)
- Sara Magnusson, Public Health – Seattle & King County Cross-Divisional Overdose Prevention Manager (guest)
- Addy Borges, Public Health—Seattle & King County (staff supporting OAC administration)

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Presenter	Agenda Item	Discussion
A. Borges, OAC	Follow up items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OAC city representatives (Seattle and SCA) will work with their represented jurisdictions to determine priorities for subsequent reporting periods and data dashboard iterations. Data dashboard support staff can then develop options for process improvements. This will be discussed at the next OAC meeting. <i>(Today)</i> • OAC will meet with Redmond on March 20, 2026. Note: Redmond rescheduled to April 23, 2026. <i>(Complete)</i> • OAC administrative staff will distribute a response to SCA cities’ letter with OAC edits for feedback and approval. <i>(Complete)</i> • OAC administrative staff will work with communications staff to update OAC representative information on the OAC website. <i>(Complete)</i>
A. Gorman	OAC member updates	Ann Gorman is leaving the City of Seattle as of 4/29/26. The City of Seattle will follow up with OAC regarding her vacancy.
OAC	City of Redmond follow up	The OAC met with the City of Redmond Assistant Police Chief and Finance Deputy Director about the City’s reported purchase of a “TruNarc” handheld police narcotics analyzer with Opioid Funds. The Assistant Police Chief provided additional context regarding the rationale for the purchase:

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One reason for purchase was to improve officer safety, while another reason was to determine next steps for charging a person in possession of a substance. • City staff involved in purchase were not aware of the Approved Use documentation in the One Washington MOU. • City police work to determine appropriate next steps for a person in possession of substances, including getting people into treatment and community court options. The type of substance a person possesses does inform how police direct next steps. • Other cities are reportedly considering similar purchases. <p>OAC understood the City’s rationale for the purchase and expressed appreciation for City staff’s work and attention to OAC’s request for clarification. OAC representatives agreed that they did not consider the TruNarc purchase to be aligned with intended opioid remediation uses of Opioid Funds. Specific objections included that a primary goal and outcome of the purchase is to inform criminal charges, and that concerns around overdose risk to officers while handling opioids in the field are not currently evidence based.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OAC representatives determined that there was not an approved evidence-based or evidence-informed use in the One Washington MOU that this expenditure aligns with. • OAC determined by consensus vote to issue a formal notification to Redmond that the expenditure was not an Approved Use. In this notification, OAC will detail next steps: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The City must return funds in an amount proportional to the non-compliant expenditure to their opioid settlement fund or appeal the OAC’s decision in writing or at an OAC meeting (next scheduled on June 22 from 2-3 p.m.) within 120 days of this notification. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If the City decides to appeal this decision, OAC will issue a final decision and give 30 days’ written notice to return funds if the use is still deemed non-compliant. 2. If the City does not return funds in an amount proportional to the non-compliant expenditure to their Opioid Fund within the timeframe described
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		<p>above, OAC is responsible for taking remedial action, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Indicating on the data dashboard that the spending was not an Approved Use; and b. Notifying the Settlement Fund Administrator, requesting the Settlement Fund Administrator withhold an amount proportional to the noncompliant expenditure, and/or Requesting suspension of direct payments to the offending Party and re-allocation by the OAC. <p>OAC representatives also discussed reaching out to represented jurisdictions to ensure they are aware of the Approved Use document. Given that other cities are interested in similar purchases, OAC determined by consensus vote that they would send an email notification to represented jurisdictions reminding them of the One Washington MOU and provide examples (including the example of handheld police narcotics analyzers).</p>
A. Borges	Maple Valley admin expenses	<p>OAC administrative and epidemiology notified OAC that in previous reporting periods, \$20k (almost half of total expected Maple Valley settlement allocation) was reported spent on administrative expenses. After staff clarified with the City, Maple Valley revised reporting to ensure administrative expenses were within allowable 10%.</p> <p>OAC determined by consensus vote that administrative staff would revise data dashboard to reflect actual administrative costs.</p>
OAC	Data dashboard changes	<p>OAC requested feedback from city representatives on priorities for subsequent reporting periods and data dashboard iterations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City of Seattle is sympathetic to the challenges for smaller cities and seeks to prioritize minimizing their reporting burden. • SCA solicited feedback from represented cities and only heard back from one city that it was amenable to any changes, including adjusting the reporting period to align with programmatic calendars (i.e. calendar year). • King County gets many questions about what funds are spent on. The County is interested in pursuing options for depicting additional information on the OAC dashboard, while continuing to prioritize minimizing reporting burden for all jurisdictions. • OAC requested that administrative and epidemiology staff work on recommendations for OAC to expand

		<p>reporting. Staff will present these options to the OAC. OAC will then vote and then send to cities to vote, including adjusting reporting timeline (and timeline for the adjustment).</p> <p>OAC discussed reporting on expired allocations (i.e., allocations from previous years). OAC determined by consensus vote that only expenditures should be cumulative, while allocations should be reported for the upcoming budget year(s).</p>
All	Schedule next OAC meeting, follow up items	OAC scheduled to meet June 22, 2026.

Follow up items:

- OAC will issue a formal notification to Redmond that the TruNarc expenditure was not an Approved Use. In this notification, OAC will detail next steps.
- OAC determined by consensus vote that they would send an email notification to represented jurisdictions reminding them of the One Washington MOU and provide examples (including the example of handheld police narcotics analyzers).
- OAC determined by consensus vote that administrative staff would revise data dashboard to reflect actual administrative costs for the City of Maple Valley.
- OAC requested that administrative and epidemiology work on recommendations for OAC to expand reporting. Staff will present these options to the OAC. OAC will then vote and then send to cities to vote, including adjusting reporting timeline (and timeline for the adjustment).