

King County Regional Opioid Abatement Council (OAC) Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: February 23, 2026 (Rescheduled from December 2, 2025)

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)
- Addy Borges, Public Health—Seattle & King County (staff supporting OAC administration)
- Janine Joly, King County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office (PAO support)
- Joy Carpine-Cazzanti, Public Health—Seattle & King County
- Laura Belmont, Sound Cities Association (staff supporting Sound Cities Association OAC member)

Meeting Minutes:

Presenter	Agenda Item	Discussion
A. Borges, OAC	Follow up items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OAC administrative staff will work with finance staff and PAO to follow up via email detailing requirement to spend returned OAC administrative funding on Approved Opioid Remediation Uses. <i>(Complete)</i> • OAC administrative staff and PAO support will determine potential next steps for remedial actions for jurisdictions that report non-Opioid Remediation expenditures. <i>(Complete)</i> • OAC will hold an ad hoc meeting to determine policies and procedures for remediation with jurisdictions reporting spending outside of Approved Uses. <i>(Complete)</i> • 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. <i>(Next OAC meeting agenda item)</i> • OAC administrative staff will invite SCA staff to OAC meetings <i>(Complete)</i> • OAC will hold a specific ad hoc meeting to detail responses to the SCA letter and recent email inquiry after follow up with the SCA. <i>(Today)</i>
SCA, K. Hay	SCA OAC representative updates	K. Hay started a new position as Human Services Director at City of Renton.

		<p>At the time of the OAC meeting, OAC was awaiting a formal decision from the SCA board to determine if there would be a change in the SCA OAC representative.</p> <p>Following the OAC meeting, SCA notified OAC that Kent Hay will remain the SCA OAC representative in his new role.</p>
A. Borges	City of Redmond follow up	<p>OAC administrative staff sent a follow-up email to the City of Redmond requesting a meeting to gather additional details about the purchase of a handheld narcotics analyzer with opioid settlement funding. OAC will meet with Redmond on March 20, 2026.</p>
OAC	SCA Letter	<p>OAC reviewed a drafted response to the letter received from several SCA cities on October 2. OAC discussed the OAC-specific requests in the letter:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Request for platform for SCA cities to discuss OAC concerns before items are considered by OAC 2. Request to re-seat the OAC <p>OAC first discussed the original context for a four-person OAC and Public Health—Seattle & King County involvement. Public Health—Seattle & King County had conversations internally, and with the City of Seattle and SCA as to whether the County could and should facilitate this entity. Ultimately, those parties determined that the County would be an appropriate facilitator, provided other jurisdictions were in favor. The original rationale to keep the board small (4 representatives) was intended to streamline implementation of OAC responsibilities, given that OAC’s role is administrative and it does not dictate spending decisions. The composition (seats) of the board corresponded to regional funding allocations.</p> <p>Changes to seat distribution and processes detailed in the Regional OAC Agreement would require an amendment to the Agreement.</p> <p>OAC acknowledged a breakdown of communication between SCA cities and the OAC. OAC administrative and SCA staff discussed actions taken in the months prior to improve communication, including scheduling bi-monthly meetings with SCA staff, OAC administrative staff, and the SCA OAC representative. OAC discussed potential remedial actions for communication concerns, including increasing the number of open meetings for cities, sending the OAC agenda to cities prior to meetings, and requesting a single point of contact to streamline communications. These will be included in the letter response.</p>

		<p>OAC discussed an appropriate response to both concerns raised by cities. It is OAC’s hope that increased and proactive communication about meetings and more opportunities to raise issues will respond to both requests. To the extent that improvements are not satisfactory and cities would like to pursue seat distribution, OAC is open to this possibility.</p> <p>OAC administrative staff will distribute a response to SCA cities’ letter with OAC edits for feedback and approval.</p> <p>The SCA OAC representative and SCA staff will schedule a meeting with SCA cities once they receive a response from PHSKC and OAC in order to answer questions and gather feedback from cities.</p>
All	Schedule next OAC meeting, follow up items	OAC administrative staff will work with communications staff to update OAC representative information on the OAC website.

Follow up items:

- 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.
- OAC will meet with Redmond on March 20, 2026.
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- OAC administrative staff will work with communications staff to update OAC representative information on the OAC website.