

King County Regional Opioid Abatement Council (OAC) Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: July 17th, 2024

Location: Microsoft Teams

Attendees:

- Brad Finegood, Public Health—Seattle & King County (OAC member representing King County)
- Jeff Sakuma, City of Seattle (OAC member representing the City of Seattle)
- Kent Hay, City of Auburn (OAC member representing Sound Cities Association)
- Dan Floyd, King County Department of Community and Human Services, Behavioral Health and Recovery Division (OAC member representing King County)
- Addy Borges, Public Health—Seattle & King County (staff supporting OAC administration)
- Laura Meader, Public Health—Seattle & King County (staff supporting OAC administration)
- Olivia Dietz, Public Health—Seattle & King County (staff supporting OAC data dashboard)

Meeting Minutes:

Presenter	Agenda Item	Discussion
All	Follow up items from last meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OAC circulated the dashboard draft to cities for feedback. • Administrative, epidemiology, and communications staff developed definitions for reporting terms and OAC approved terms before including in the reporting survey. • Administrative staff communicated with cities about changes to upcoming reporting content. • Reporting survey was sent to cities on 7/8 and is due 7/29. • OAC will discuss processes for requesting/approving proposals in this meeting for finalization in the coming months. • OAC included a question on the reporting survey about plans to forego funds.
O. Dietz	Reporting Update	<p>Epidemiology staff presented updates on this reporting period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 jurisdictions have filled out the reporting form to date. One city has reported allocations, and one city has reported expenditures. • Several cities have reported administrative expenses. • 0 cities have expressed plans to forego funds.
OAC	Re-allocated funds (45-55 min)	<p>OAC discussed potential processes for requesting and approving proposals for uses of settlement funds that have been re-allocated to the OAC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A formal solicitation (e.g. Request for Proposals) process is not necessary for funds reallocated to the OAC, per the One Washington Memorandum of Understanding and legal staff advice. The process for re-allocating funds must be well-documented and agreed-upon by the OAC. • OAC discussed a “tiered” approach with different processes for different amounts of funding that scale the administrative

		<p>burden to the funding amount (e.g., if funding is under a certain threshold, the process can be open to only cities and occur via a survey or email; or if over a certain threshold, the process is an open solicitation). The amount reallocated to OAC by Sammamish is nominal and may not be significant on a yearly basis to programs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OAC discussed the fact that cities that give up funds are effectively forgoing funds for their communities. OAC discussed prioritizing resource distribution to these communities (via community organizations or adjacent cities). • In the case that no proposals are acceptable (according to pre-determined criteria) or OAC does not receive proposals, the OAC discussed proposing to fund existing County-wide initiatives through King County (e.g., County-wide buprenorphine access line or harm reduction supply clearinghouse) • Administrative staff flagged that Sammamish (and any other cities that forego funds) will still have to sign on to future settlements for the King County region to receive the full amount of funds. • OAC decided to deliberate further on appropriate processes to request/approve proposals and re-visit at the next meeting with additional information from cities about plans to forego funds. Administrative staff will develop a synthesis of options based on today’s conversation and OAC members will bring additional options for vote at the next OAC meeting.
L. Meader and A. Borges	TA for smaller cities	<p>Administrative staff discussed an issue raised by one city during a technical assistance (TA) conversation this month.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The city is interested in doing a formal solicitation (e.g., Request for Proposals) for their full projected settlement allocation amount and reimbursing themselves with future settlement yearly payments. Administrative staff flagged that this may complicate reporting, as the city would only be able to report on expenditures for funds received to date. Additionally, administrative staff suggested the city weigh the risks of this approach. • This issue suggests that additional (even nominal) funding amounts could be meaningful to some cities that are receiving smaller settlement allocations.
All	Schedule next OAC meeting (5 min)	OAC will meet on 8/21/24.

Follow up items:

- Admin staff will develop a synthesis of options for fund re-allocation processes based on today's conversation and OAC members will bring additional options for vote at the next OAC meeting.
- OAC will decide on a process for requesting and approving proposals for re-allocated funds in the coming months.