

King County Regional Opioid Abatement Council (OAC) Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: September 25th, 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)
- Janine Joly, King County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office

Meeting Minutes:

Presenter	Agenda Item	Discussion
All	Follow up items from last meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epidemiology staff published data dashboard, now available on the OAC website page. • OAC communicated dashboard publication with cities. • Admin staff discussed options for distributing re-allocated Sammamish funds to community organizations with King County Contracts and Procurement.
A. Borges	Data dashboard tour	OAC received a brief tour of published data dashboard.
A. Borges, J. Joly, OAC	Reporting and Non-Opioid Remediation Uses	<p>Local jurisdictions received a notification from the Directing Administrator about reporting of non-Opioid Remediation Uses of funds. Legal counsel reviewed requirements and considerations around this reporting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is each Party’s individual responsibility to report non-Opioid Remediation Uses of funds and Parties are only required to submit a report if there was spending on a non-approved use. • The OAC’s role under section B.9 of the King County Regional MOU is not related to this reporting system. If OAC discovers that a jurisdiction is spending on non-Opioid Remediation Uses, OAC can decide to take remedial action, including reporting violations to the National Directing Administrator. • Use of funds for law enforcement are allowable, if they are in line with Approved Uses.
A. Borges	OAC billing and REET pull update	OAC notified cities of the upcoming billing process for the FY24-25 OAC Administrative contribution. REET pulls will occur on or around September 30 th . Due to the timing of payments received from settlements in the last fiscal year, particularly large one-time payments from Johnson & Johnson and Walmart, OAC’s administrative funding for the upcoming fiscal year is inflated. Current MOU-defined processes would require OAC to return

		<p>unspent funds at the end of the year instead of amortizing funds over several years (as with program funds). This may result in a revenue shortage in coming years to facilitate the OAC.</p> <p>The OAC Administrator proposed a potential shift in policy to reconcile budgets at the end of the 17-year settlement payout period, when OAC’s administrative duties are complete. This may result in a large credit to cities at the end of the settlement period, instead of smaller credits each year.</p> <p>The OAC Administrator will work with Finance to determine expected budget and revenue and propose this to OAC in the December meeting.</p>
A. Borges	Re-allocated funds	<p>Following consultation with King County Contracts and Procurement, OAC will take the following actions regarding Sammamish’s re-allocated funds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OAC Admin staff will communicate with Sammamish to obtain funds already received and temporarily designate King County as the ongoing beneficiary until OAC’s process is complete. • OAC will request proposals from other Parties receiving settlement funds in the King County region: this will reduce administrative burden and cost. Parties may propose uses of funds via email or vote to increase funding of existing County-wide initiatives. • To reduce OAC administrative burden and therefore administrative cost to Parties, OAC will prioritize the least time- and admin-intensive proposals. • OAC will email cities for proposals and will review proposals in the December meeting.
OAC	Plan for open meeting with cities	OAC will hold an open meeting with cities in early 2025 to discuss their data dashboard and reporting feedback. This meeting will likely occur in March 2025.
All	Schedule next OAC meeting	OAC to meet 12/4

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