

MINUTE RECORD

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (MDHHS)

State Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup (SEOW)

WORKGROUP NAME State Epidemiological (EPI) Outcomes Workgroup (SEOW) Core Team
DATE Wednesday, March 16, 2022
TIME 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
LOCATION Virtual Meeting

CHAIRPERSON Joel Hoepfner
RECORDER Wendy Barnes/Su Min Oh

ATTENDEES **TEAMS:** Wendy Barnes, Prashanti Boinapally, Choua Gonzalez-Medina, Jane Goerge, Alicia Goodman, Joel Hoepfner, Rachel Jantz, Scott Josephs, Jamie Meister, Mary Miller, Janelle Murray, Logan O’Neil, Su Min Oh, Rachel Rhodes, Heather Rosales, Larry Scott, Kelsey Schell, Angie Smith-Butterwick, Gabrielle Stroh Steiner, Rita Subhedar, Ricki Torsch, and Paula Vredenburg

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

Welcome, Introductions, and Approval of Agenda/Minutes – *Su Min Oh*

- Joel introduced himself and opened the floor for anyone new to introduce themselves, no new participants on the call today, however, Su Min wanted to introduce Scott Josephs, who works with the Michigan State Police, to the group since he has not been able to join the meetings for over four months. (Su Min requested data to share with the group along with more details on what his job entails, she will reach out to Scott for more information.)
- Agenda reviewed and approved by consensus (no additions or updates). If anyone has any items for future agendas, please contact Larry Scott (scottL11@michigan.gov), Angie Smith-Butterwick (smithA8@michigan.gov), Su Min Oh (ohs@michigan.gov), Lisa Coleman (colemanL7@michigan.gov), or Joel Hoepfner at hoepfner@ceicmh.org.
- Minutes from February 16, 2022 were reviewed, no changes or corrections, minutes were moved forward. E-mail updates or edits should be sent to Joel hoepfner@ceicmh.org or Su Min Oh at ohs@michigan.gov. The minutes are also available on the OROSC website at www.michigan.gov/bhrecovery, Prevention, SEOW.

Update on Next Steps/Action Items from previous meeting – Follow up in the near future on the Suicide Prevention Dashboard with the data repository.

OROSC Updates – *Larry Scott/Angie Smith-Butterwick*

- Larry shared that the department has undergone a severe reorganization and BHDDA no longer exists in its current capacity, which also resulted in OROSC being dissolved, this takes effect March 21, 2022. Different sections of OROSC have been placed in various areas.
 - Most of the areas of OROSC will be moving to the Behavioral and Physical Health and Aging Services, formerly known as the Health and Aging Services Administration.
 - The prevention section has been transferred to the Public Health Administration.
 - The treatment section and peer recovery support section have been transferred to the Division of Adult Home and Community Based Services.
 - Consumer relations has been moved to the Bureau of Medicaid Care Management and Customer Service.
 - The Health Homes will be moving to a different area that has not yet been identified.
 - Su Min, Substance Abuse Prevention, Tobacco, and Gambling Programs will be under the Bureau of Health and Wellness.
 - Larry will be going over to the State Hospital Administration, and he will be responsible for developing their substance use disorder continuum of care infrastructure, which will

- be new as they have not done this in the past.
 - This will be the last meeting that Larry will be attending as the OROSC Director, however, in his new role he will plan to continue attending the SEOW meetings as he shared that the Bureau Directors intention is to continue the SEOW. Su Min will be continuing in her current capacity as staffing and Joel will continue as the Chair. There is also the expectation that Angie’s staff and others from the treatment area will also be attending the SEOW meetings.
- The President signed the federal budget, and there is a considerable amount of money that will be coming to our state in the next year or so.
 - Funding that will be issued through SAMHSA and coming to the state will be a substantial increase in the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant. The FY22 budget includes a \$50 million increase in the block grant across the country, the amount that will be issued to Michigan is not known at this time but there will probably be a 10% set aside in the grant for peer recovery support services which will be new.
 - Regarding the State Opioid Response Grant, the budget includes a \$25 million increase in allocation for FY22.
 - There will be a SOR 3 notice of funding opportunity coming to the state soon which will provide more funding to address the opioid crisis in our state.
 - The Strategic Prevention Framework Partnership for Success Grant, through SAMHSA, will be receiving a \$8 million increase in FY22 and they will be issuing another notice of funding opportunity for this grant, and it is likely the state will apply for that funding.
 - For medication assisted treatment and prescription drug abuse and opiate addiction there’s a \$2 million increase in the budget for FY22. We do already have this grant, but it is likely they will be issuing another round of funding and a continuation of funding for that grant.
 - Funding for pregnant and postpartum women was increased by \$2 million nationwide for FY22.

Emerging Issues and Trends

- Su Min shared that the 2021 Epi Profile is officially on the OROSC website as of today, it will eventually be moved to the Bureau of Health and Wellness webpage.



2021 State Epi Profile.pdf

- **Prescription (Rx) Drugs** – *No updates for this meeting.*
- **Heroin** – *No updates for this meeting.*
- **Marijuana Use** – *No updates for this meeting.*
- **E-cigarettes** – *No updates for this meeting.*
- **Alcohol** - *No updates for this meeting.*
- **Suicide** - *No updates for this meeting.*
- **Gambling** - *Jane Goerge* – shared that they will be contracting with an agency named KWB Strategies to get an understanding of where they are in their region with problem gambling, everything from prevalence to perception, community readiness, assets, and resources along with looking at reviewing data sources and potentially doing another community survey.

- **Psychedelic Drugs** – *Ricki Torsch* - spoke about the Chippewa Valley Coalition for Youth and Families meeting/presentation that is taking place on April 12, 2022. They are inviting the Director of Poison Control, Doctor Varun Vohra, who will be presenting on psychedelic drugs due to a new ballot initiative that is coming out, the petition language has been approved and they know that this is something that could be coming forth. They will be collecting signatures soon, so they want to get more information out to their members about psychedelics. Anyone is welcome to attend, please see zoom link below and the information was also shared, via email to the group, from Su Min.

Trainings/Presentations/Webinars

- **Region 8 – National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week Webinar** – March 23, 2022



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NDAFW Webinar 20

- **An Overview of Psychedelic (Hallucinogenic) Drugs** – April 12, 2022 @ 3:30pm– Zoom link below to attend: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86389212866?pwd=VkJvdEhIMWhpaHZrdXQxUII2YXR6QT09>
- **Community Technical Assistance Conference** - May 4, 5 and 6, 2022: Planning for in-person however, it could be moved to a virtual format
- **Harm Reduction Summit** – May 17, 18 and 19, 2022, Virtual. (More details to come.) https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71550_2955_2976_92421---,00.html
- **Michigan Premier Public Health Conference** – June 15-17, 2022 <https://www.malph.org/news-events/michigan-premier-public-health-conference>

Partner Updates

- **Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP)** - *Christy Sanborn* – *No updates for this meeting.*
- **Bureau of Epidemiology and Population Health/Division of Communicable Disease/HAI, Infectious Diseases Update** –*Mary Miller*
 - Their SSP bill, which was three-years in the making, was finally introduced today by Senator Hertel, they don't have any updates yet on how that went but they will provide an update when they know more. She also explained that the current language on drug paraphernalia makes syringe services illegal, so they worked hard at getting this language changed so that it mimics the state language in order to do away with the different city and county ordinances that prohibit them.
 - The Harm Reduction Summit registration opens in April, and she will send something out once it is available.
- **Disease and Injury Control/Injury and Violence Prevention Section, Michigan Overdose: Data to Action (MODA)** –*Gabrielle Stroh-Steiner/Alicia Goodman*
 - Gabrielle shared a few hiring updates: they hired a replacement epidemiologist to backfill Rita's previous position, her name is Hailey, and she will be working with their new overdose reporting system. They also hired, jointly with EMS, a new Epi and she will be starting in a few weeks and will be working on the EMS data.
 - Her team is investigating and trying to decide the best course of action to take as they have found in their data that there has been a disproportionate increase in intentional overdoses among young and adolescent females. They are developing a fact sheet to publicly distribute, and they have sent some information out to their partners. This is not new information because they know that young women have higher rates of intentional

overdoses, but they are finding concerning trend lines increasing more steeply in that group than in other age/sex groups in the general Michigan population.

- In their EMS data, starting in early March, they are seeing more instances than they would expect where 2 or 3 people are overdosing together, and it seems to be attributable to drugs that are laced with opioids, in EMS response. They have reached out to MSP and sent emails to some partners in relevant areas because it is concerning, but not surprising, the amount of polysubstance use and the amount of fentanyl that is being found in both opioids and non-opioid drugs. They are working on some messaging around that right now.
- Alicia shared information pertaining to the MODA prevention. They had their MODA year four planning meeting with all of their contractors, and they have been working on the evaluations/annual progress reports for each of their contractors that will be submitted to the CDC.
- Another update on their overdose fatality review, they partnered with MPHI, and they have piloted one team over in Muskegon and they are starting to pilot another team in Calhoun County and there is also an interest in Ingham County. So they are going to be expanding and piloting those two additional teams. They also had their first meeting for their statewide advisory group, this team will not be doing case reviews, but they will be working with the county level teams so that they will have crossover and collaboration between the county level and the statewide efforts.
 - Rachel Jantz, from the Kent County Health Department, also shared that they've been working with the Michigan State Police to start their first overdose fatality review and they're hoping to have their first meeting in May, she will keep this team apprised of how it goes.

Update on Next Steps/Action Items – *Su Min Oh*

- Updated information regarding the OROSC reorganization.
- Consideration for potential new SEOW priorities or a meeting with the new leadership to include Su Min, Joel and other staff involved to ensure that the interests are aligned with the new leadership and the SEOW.
- Sharing or presentation around the problem gambling assessment from Jane Goerge in the Washtenaw area.
- Follow up in the near future on the Suicide Prevention Dashboard with the data repository.

Adjourned – 1:53 pm

NEXT MEETING

Date: 4.20.22

Time: 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Location: Virtual Meeting