

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, February 16, 2022
TIME 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
LOCATION Virtual Meeting

CHAIRPERSON Joel Hoepfner
RECORDER Teams System

ATTENDEES **TEAMS:** Wendy Barnes, Prashanti Boinapally, Lisa Coleman, Choua Gonzalez-Medina, Jane Goerge, Alicia Goodman, Joel Hoepfner, Alia Lucas, Jamie Meister, Mary Miller, Janelle Murray, Logan O’Neil, Su Min Oh, Rachel Rhodes, Christy Sanborn, 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.
- 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 January 19, 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 –

- Joel recommended bringing Wayne State back for next month’s meeting to provide updates on the suicide prevention dashboard within the Data Repository, Su Min will get this scheduled.

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

- Larry had no Epi related updates at this time and deferred to his staff for grant updates.
- Angie shared that they have officially submitted the carryforward request for the SOR 2 Grant, and they are waiting for carryforward approval.
- The continuation for the PPW Pilot, which is Pregnant and Postpartum Women Pilot Grant, and the PDO, Prescription Drug Overdose Grant, have both been submitted. Activity on both grants is beginning so Angie asked that if you hear about them in the community to be supportive.

Emerging Issues and Trends

- **Prescription (Rx) Drugs** - *Su Min Oh*
 - Su Min shared that on February 10, 2022 the CDC published in the Federal Register for public comment that they have proposed new recommendations on the prescription opioid guidelines for health care providers. This is to update their 2016 prescription guidelines which focuses on 12 different recommendations with five guiding principles. A couple things that she noticed was that they eliminated the numerical dosage or the ceiling number on opioids and they acknowledged the amount of research that showed evidence from non-pharmacological therapy

on pain management. Su Min shared two links, which have been provided below for your convenience, if you would like to read additional information and/or make any comments, the comment opportunity will end on April 11, 2022. It is estimated that the final version will be released later in the year.

- <https://www.cdc.gov/opioids/guideline-update/index.html>
- <https://www.regulations.gov/document/CDC-2022-0024-0002>

- Su Min also provided an update to the group regarding the name change for the Marijuana Regulatory Agency. As part of the Governors executive order, in 60 days, the new name will be Cannabis Regulatory Agency, which means they will also take responsibility of regulating the hemp industry.

- **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** - Alia Lucas presented today and provided information on Gambling Disorder Prevention and Treatment.
 - Alia shared information regarding the annual Gambling Disorder Symposium that will be held virtually in March. This forum allows everyone the opportunity to attend workshops and presentations to hear stories of recovery and learn about the different trends of gambling disorder and methodology used for treatment to name only a few items that will be discussed. There will be four workshops, over the two half days, that will focus on sports gambling, online gambling as well as youth gambling and they will be looking at diversity, inclusion, equity, and the treatment of delineation of services. Sports betting is a hot topic right now and it is creating a lot of interest, so she has been doing media that gives updates in regards to the status of the services available with this program since they are now a year out from the introduction of online betting and online sports betting.
 - She will also provide with this workgroup the monthly data report that includes their telephone helpline data as well as their treatment, and referral services data which shows information on the number of individuals that called the helpline along with how many of those people were referred to treatment. The information is broken down by demographics as far as age and type of gambling activity. Their data indicates that from FY20 to FY21, with the introduction of online gambling and sports betting, their treatment referrals have increased by 50 percent. For FY22 compared to FY21 they are currently experiencing a 37 percent increase regarding treatment referrals and their helpline calls have doubled. The additional interest in the program has created the opportunity for MDHHS to work collaboratively with the Michigan State Lottery and the Michigan Gaming Control Board to discuss ways to strengthen the program infrastructure from the target population for gambling disorder as well as for responsible gaming and promote the gambling disorder services.
 - They noticed for the month of January in 2022 that 17 percent of individuals that were referred to treatment stated that their gambling activity of choice was online gambling, with this information they are having to look at different ways of promoting their program and assessing what their target population is. There has been a shift in their target population with the increased interest in online gambling and sports betting which means their demographic is younger. Typically, the standard gambling age was between 21 and 49, now they are starting as young as 18 years old, which now has them looking at the prevention aspect for youth focused gambling activities which has been a demographic that was disregarded. With gambling being a nationally recognized and accepted recreational activity it isn't often thought of as problematic. Youth have ingrained in them the concept of pay for play for gaming online from a young age so when the transition from gaming to gambling happens it has no foreseen consequences. A Stack Deck Gaming Disorder Prevention curriculum is being introduced that will specifically target the youth

and offer six lessons, guidebooks, and a PowerPoint presentation to facilitate the program to students. It can be offered in a classroom or virtual and it provides gaming disorder awareness, signs of what to look for along with tools and information on how to refer individuals for help and how to engage with the youth in your community. There are variations of Stack Deck being offered throughout the State of Michigan by the Community Mental Health Partnerships of Southeastern Michigan, Detroit, Wayne, Lakeshore Regional as well as Intertribal Council of Michigan.

- The Intertribal Council of Michigan has been doing a great deal of work regarding their Gambling Disorder Prevention and Education Awareness. They have been able to train several clinicians within the tribal regions on basic gambling disorder and they have been successful at completing a three-minute video that provides information on individuals who have gone through treatment and recovery. They have also been approved for their youth curriculum so now they are in the process of working to get that information out to the schools, parent committees, youth groups and the sports scene to further raise awareness for youth gambling.
- They recently provided a train-the-trainer session on Stack Deck with the regional educational coordinators for high schools in the Lapeer, Shiawassee, and Genesee Counties. Training was provided along with the tools needed for these individuals to take this information and share it with their respective regions. In the future she is looking to provide an opportunity to apply for mini grants so that schools and other entities that are interested in implementing the Stack Deck curriculum will have the resources they need to increase awareness amongst youth.
- As you are aware there has been a barrage of online gambling commercials for sports betting and online gambling, MGM and FanDuel for example, Alia has been working with the State's communication department to develop Creatives to target more specifically the audience that they think will be impacted by the increase of accessibility to gambling. They are working on changing their media approach direction and with that Alia has done nine interviews online, radio, television, she's been on Piston Sports and Fox News trying to get the message out about gambling disorder as it is associated with sports betting and also promoting the Gambling Disorder Symposium.
- She also shared that she has recently completed a survey that she was working with the National Council on, it is a National Survey of Publicly Funded Problem Gambling Services where each state that has a gambling disorder service administrator shares information regarding the services that are funded and what their approach is to gain disorder treatment and prevention, she will share this survey with the group.
- Questions from Su Min and Lisa:
 1. With the increased volume of referral to treatment, what does it look like for our treatment panel, do we have enough? (Su Min)
 - a. Alia indicated that there are not enough clinicians, and they are in the process of recruiting more to join their gambling disorder panel. They are fine tuning their Fundamental of Basic Gambling Disorder Treatment Services Training, this needed to be revamped because the previous entity that they utilized didn't have the current information regarding the populations that they serve and the new treatment modalities. They have updated the treatment training content to encompass all the new information and it should be available to the public this week and once it's ready they can reintroduce the training to individuals that are interested in completing the training. Right now, throughout the state, they only have 37 gambling disorder trained clinicians.
 2. Is gambling disorder considered a brain disease? (Su Min)
 - a. SAMHSA classifies a gambling disorder as an addictive disorder. Alia compared it to substance use disorder it's just exemplified in the form of gambling, and it can be more detrimental when you think about substance use disorder as something you can often recognize as there are indications if someone is afflicted with substance use disorder however, that isn't the case with gambling disorder. You can't always pinpoint gambling disorder and because of that gambling has the highest rate of intentional suicide out of any other addiction.
 3. With the increased interest in online gambling is there some kind of mechanism to prevent youth or children from having access to it? (Su Min)

- a. There is an organization called Gamban and it works to provide exclusions from online gambling sites to enforce or restrict accessibility, they don't limit it to the youth, and it is for any individual that chooses not to be able to engage in gambling in that manner. This was just introduced and passed in January so they are currently watching the data to see what can be put in place to safeguard the youth and their accessibility. They are also working to bring correlation between gaming and gambling along with the pay for play concepts, it seems innocent, but it could lead to future gambling problems for some individuals. As of this year, Gaming Disorder is an actual diagnosis, so this is a concern that needs to be addressed.
4. Su Min also requested a fact sheet that shows the data that Alia was speaking about.
5. Is there an age limit with the new online gambling or sports betting? (Lisa)
 - a. There is an age limit of 18 years old and when you go to the sites it asks if you are 18, however, there is no impediment to verify before it allows you to engage, so it's still a problem.

o Please see resources shared by Alia below:



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MDHHS - Problem Gambling FY22 Crea



MPGHL Monthly Data Report FY2022



Michigan 2021 NAADGS Survey 2.16

Trainings

- **Gambling Disorder Symposium** – March 3 and 4, 2022: This will be held virtually for two half day sessions. <https://cmham.org/events/?EventId=6008>
- **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-1/2 days from 9am – 1pm each day. Registration will open April 2022.

Partner Updates

- **Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP) - Christy Sanborn**
 - o They have their “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” enforcement results from the holiday period, there were 80 agencies, police departments, sheriff offices and Michigan State Police that participated in the campaign that ran from December 17, 2021 to January 1, 2022. Their preliminary reports show that 127 people were arrested for drunk driving and 13 people were arrested for driving under the influence of drugs with an additional 906 speeding citations. There were also 35 seat belt citations, 103 felony arrests and 309 misdemeanor arrests during this enforcement period. Please see document below for your review.



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- o The MSP has released the Michigan Annual Drunk Driving Audit for 2020 and it showed that 41.8% of all fatal crashes that occurred involved alcohol, drugs, or both. They are seeing a lot more drivers that are impaired by one or multiple substances.
- o Christy provided an invite for the virtual Winter Safe Driving Symposium that is scheduled for February 22, 2022, link can be found below. https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MDMxNGNhMjEtZGUxMS00NWQyLThhNzMtZmE5ZGI1ODkzNzIz%40thr

- They will not be having their Traffic Safety Summit again this year due to the pandemic. They are looking at having some sort of virtual concept that is currently being worked on.
- The GTSAC Awards will still take place in a virtual format this year.

- **Bureau of Epidemiology and Population Health/Division of Communicable Disease/HAI, Infectious Diseases Update** –*Mary Miller*
 - Their quarter-four information is up on their website for the syringe service programs report. https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdhhs/Michigan_SSP_2021_Q4_Report_746064_7.pdf
 - In response to the increased overdoses in quarter-four there were a lot more of the Naloxone kits dispensed.
 - They have been steady with client encounters and syringes distributed.
 - Regarding referrals, it is consistent with how it normally is in the winter months due to people not wanting to stick around.
 - Currently they have about 80 operating sites in Michigan and 35 organizations that are operating so they are still working on some expansion.
 - They are also working on addressing some HIV concerns in Montcalm County related to intravenous drug use and one of their organizations has been partnering with the Red Project from Grand Rapids and they put on a testing day in Montcalm County where they had people onsite who were administering HIV and Hepatitis C testing and there was a quite a turn out for that.
 - They continue preparing for the Harm Reduction Summit in May and they will provide more details to the group when everything is finalized.

- **Disease and Injury Control/Injury and Violence Prevention Section, Michigan Overdose: Data to Action (MODA)** – *Gabrielle Stroh Steiner/Alicia Goodman*
 - They are currently preparing for interviews to fill vacant positions.
 - There are different projects and analysis they are working on such as the updated monthly overdose report and a vulnerability composite index. The results from these projects will be shared within a couple months.
 - Alicia shared that they are having their MODA year four planning meeting on March 2nd where they meet with all their contractors to discuss their workplans, the annual progress report, along with the budget narratives and budgets that are submitted.
 - The new project for MODA year four will start September 1st, so they will have a kickoff meeting in the fall.
 - They also have a lived experience group that meets twice a month and during these meetings they have a facilitator where they are working on communication and telling their story. Their lived experience partners are encouraged to share their stories and they go out to other organizations and collaborate, if this is anything that is of interest to our partners in this meeting, please let Alicia know.
 - MODA is a four-year grant so next year around this time they will be working on additional funding.

- **Michigan Epidemiological Profile Update** – *Su Min Oh* - *No updates for this meeting.*

Update on Next Steps/Action Items – *Joel Hoepfner*

- Follow up in the near future on the Suicide Prevention Dashboard with the data repository and the items shared/discussed at this meeting.

Adjourned – 1:50 pm

NEXT MEETING

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