

Thurston County Opioid Response Task Force

October 03, 2022 from 3:00pm-4:30pm

Thurston County Public Health & Social Services Department

Zoom Meeting – Virtual Only

AGENDA

Description	Action Steps/Items
Welcome / Review Minutes / Review Agenda	Katie Strozyk welcomed everyone to the meeting. The July minutes and the October agenda were approved. Introductions were saved for membership updates at the end of the meeting.
Opioid Response Plan Update for 2023	<p>A presentation will be given to the newly expanded Thurston County Board of Health. This presentation will include a progress update, as well as background information for new members of the Board. The names of individuals and organizations selected for recognition by the Task Force will also be shared. The Board will be asked to adopt a continuation of the current Response Plan for 2023. The group agreed that the current plan meets the needs of the county and that updating the plan for 2024-2025, when additional opioid settlement information could be incorporated, would be beneficial.</p> <p>After plan adoption by the Board, Work Groups will be tasked with drafting SMART Objectives for strategies within their action area. Strategies which are outside of a Work Group action area will move forward in ad-hoc discussion groups, with details to come.</p>
State Settlement Process	<p>Katie Strozyk gave an update on the opioid settlement process. State and local jurisdictions filed a lawsuit against multiple opioid distributors, and Washington was awarded \$518 million after winning trial in May 2022. Approximately half of that award will be spent at the State level, with the remaining funds being dispersed to local jurisdictions. The amount of money each jurisdiction will receive is calculated by the pre-determined allocation formula used in the National Settlement Agreement. Settlement funds will be distributed over 18 years, with the first payments expected in 2023. Additional information on opioid settlement processes can be found at OpioidSettlementTracker.com.</p> <p>For State spending, Work Groups have been meeting to discuss priority spending for different action areas. The priority spending proposals submitted by each Work Group are broad spending ideas, not specific proposals or agencies which would receive funding. The priority spending proposals will be reviewed by an Executive Sponsor committee and at multiple tribal roundtables. These reviews will generate questions and feedback, which will be returned to the Work Groups.</p> <p>After review, the Executive Sponsors will develop their spending recommendations from the proposals submitted by the Work Groups, and the recommendations will be given to the Governor – projected to be in October 2022. The Governor will review these</p>

recommendations and then submit recommendations to the State Legislature. The Legislature will then review and debate over these submitted recommendations and develop their own recommendations. These will then be returned to the Governor. At this time, the Governor can adopt the recommendations as is, or can choose to remove items from the recommendations. No new items can be added by the Governor once the recommendations are submitted by the State Legislature. The Governor will finalize the budget recommendations in December 2022.

For settlement spending at the local levels, no local jurisdiction has received any settlement funding yet and there is no current anticipated or expected date to receive funding. For Thurston County, settlement funding will be awarded to the following jurisdictions: Thurston County, Olympia, Lacey, and Tumwater. Allocation and spending details can be found in the One Washington Memorandum of Understanding, which is signed by all participating jurisdictions.

In order to be awarded settlement funding, jurisdictions must participate in a regional Opioid Abatement Council (OAC). The region which Thurston County will participate in includes the following counties: Thurston, Lewis, Mason, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Pacific, and Wahkiakum. While participation in the OAC is mandatory, funding will be dispersed directly to the jurisdictions and not to the OAC.

The OAC will oversee distribution of settlement funding to ensure that local jurisdictions are spending in accordance with approved purposes. If a jurisdiction chooses to voluntarily forfeit their settlement funds, the OAC will approve spending proposals for that money to be re-allocated within the region. The OAC is also tasked with reviewing expenditure reports on an annual basis, developing and maintaining a centralized public dashboard for expenditure data, and hear complaints from jurisdictions in the region regarding any potential spending that does not comply with approved uses.

Approved uses of settlement funding include, but are not limited to:

Treatment

- Treat Opioid Use Disorder (OUD)
- Support people in treatment & recovery
- Connect people who need help to the help they need (Connections to care)
- Address the needs of criminal-justice involved persons
- Address the needs of pregnant or parenting women & their families, including babies with neonatal abstinence syndrome

Prevention

- Prevent over-prescribing and ensure appropriate prescribing and dispensing of opioids
- Prevent misuse of opioids
- Prevent overdose deaths and other harms

Other Strategies

- First responders
- Leadership, planning, and coordination

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training Research
Overdose Awareness Day Recap	<p>Overdose Awareness Day was on August 31st and an event was held at Heritage Park in recognition. More than 20 organizations participated in the event, and it was very well attended. A group – led by Shannie Jenkins - crowdfunded funding to purchase large “Can you see me now” banners – which feature pictures of individuals who have been lost to a fatal overdose. These banners were a great conversation starter at the event and allowed folks to connect with one another in remembrance of those who have been lost. Participating agencies had booths where folks could discuss local resources, connect, and get free items. There were also booths with memorial crafting options, overdose response training, naloxone distribution, and a memorial table.</p>
Celebration/Recognition	<p>Katie Strozyk gave an update on the celebration/recognition process/event. Work Groups were tasked earlier this year with selecting at least one person and/or organization to recognize for work within their action area of the Response Plan. The individuals/organizations selected will be shared with the Board of Health at the upcoming update presentation (likely in December). An in-person celebration event is still being planned but has been postponed until further notice.</p> <p>List of recognitions:</p> <p>Treatment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garrett Leonard (Capital Recovery Center) • Capital Recovery Center <p>Prevention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leatta Dahlhoff • Family Education & Support Services <p>Pregnant & Parenting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linda Sisson (Family Support Center) <p>Overdose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monica Miley & Naimat Gilal (Syringe Services Program) • Thurston County Juvenile Detention – Reggie Gaither and Facility Staff <p>Work Group Leads</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jason Bean-Mortinson • Katie Strozyk • Kateri Wimsett • Stacy Everett • Marianne Clear • Mark Freedman

Work Group Updates	<p>The following Work Group Updates were shared:</p> <p>Overdose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brainstorming how to provide parents with fact-based education to combat current media messaging around accidental exposure to fentanyl for small children. • Discussing how to encourage earlier initiation of 911 during an overdose to dispatch EMS. Radio PSAs are the next step. • Public Health & Social Services will be working on exploring how accessible naloxone is at local pharmacies, as there seem to be barriers around education of the standing order, training requirements, and stigma around dispensing. • A localized training video on how to respond to an overdose and administer naloxone is still in the works, but has been delayed due to conflicting schedules with the media group. <p>Treatment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working on how to complete their last few SMART Objectives prior to the end of the year. <p>Prevention:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed an entire Spanish radio campaign from August – September which included messaging around locking up your medication, safe disposal options, and how to access naloxone. The campaign was well received. <p>Pregnant & Parenting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing to distribute pregnancy tests and resource cards. • Collaborating with the Washington State Department of Health to review the statewide online resource that they have launched which lists resources for pregnant and parenting individuals.
Membership Updates / Funding & Partnership Opportunities	<p>The following updates were shared during the roundtable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treatment Sales Tax will be holding a virtual info session to highlight the services which are offered by PacMnt. There will also be an upcoming lunch and learn series on alternative programming for individuals in the criminal-legal system who have behavioral health needs. • Superior Court just received an overdose education and response training for their entire staff. • LEAD is now working with Tumwater Fire Department and is always looking for more ways to collaborate in the community. • Linda Sisson runs a weekly lactation/chestfeeding class virtually to provide support that is low barrier and without stigma. The group meets every Thursday from 10am-12pm. • The Syringe Services Program is partnering with UW ADAl to conduct qualitative surveys on fentanyl use. • Family Education and Support Center will be hosting twice monthly QPR trainings through December. •

Schedule & Next Steps	<p>Next Task Force meeting: December 05, 2022 from 3:00 pm- 4:30 pm. VIRTUAL ONLY – NO IN PERSON ATTENDANCE https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85649532962 Call-in: 1 (253) 215-8782 Meeting ID: 856 4953 2962</p> <p>If you are interested in additional information regarding the Thurston County Opioid Response Task Force, would like to join a work group, or have further questions – please contact Katie Strozyk at katie.strozyk@co.thurston.wa.us or (360) 878-1261</p>
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