

OPIOID SUBCOMITTEE AGENDA

Location: Virtual Meeting
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Date: January 23rd, 2024
Time: 1:00pm-2:00pm
Facilitator: Liz Short 218.927.7267

Attendees: Luke, Rachel, Aileen, Penny, Jim, Liz, Erin, Kami

Agenda Items

1:00-1:15pm

Toolkit Review

Sent with meeting invite and agenda. Fluid document that will continue to be updated. Puts into writing some of the details we've discussed as a group, such as decision making. Eventually this program will have a webpage linked from the County webpage. This document will eventually be there along with the funding information. This document lends to public transparency that is a requirement of the State MOA.

1:15-1:30

Discuss Stipend to attend meetings if not otherwise compensated

Discussion about meeting attendees that are participating on their own and not as a paid employee of an organization. If something is determined, it would need to be discussed with decision makers at the County level. Keeping in mind it's primarily a volunteer role, what is reasonable for people giving their time? Should it be only when in person or when virtual also?

Comments: really like hybrid option for those who are out of town or can't attend in person.

\$50 doesn't seem out of line

Feel we have as much investment in participating as those who are coming and getting paid

Advisory members are paid \$35/meeting plus mileage

Look at what other commissions or committees through the County offer

1:30-1:45

Is there a need for a database of current services around our four areas in Aitkin

Resources to compile data

Is this group a resource

Opportunity to see if there is an application that comes in that might be a compliment to something that is already happening. Or, is there a collaboration or connection that can be made between two entities.

The pause—the resources to create the document and keep it updated.

What experiences do others have?

Aileen—did this with the Aitkin County Family Services Collaborative. Helpful because there was a pool of money to apply for funds. Could look at it to see that there was “x” amount of dollars going into “x” program. How do we enhance and expand what we have and keep the ball rolling vs. starting something new—but if they aren’t going to last, maybe it’s not a good use of funding. Allows us to see what is happening in Aitkin County.

Areas of focus—how would something like this be broken down, would it be by areas of focus, by age or otherwise?

We should have an easy to read, easy to access document for those who are interested or have applied for the funding.

For some, maybe it would validate what’s out there and what could become of an idea.

Sticking to the 4 categories we have makes the most sense to start. We may end up having subcategories at some point, but for now this makes best sense.

1:45-2:00pm

General feedback on how OS is functioning to date

Positive feedback thus far. Hybrid meetings have been discussed. Liz will reword that section of the toolkit to identify when hybrid options would be appropriate while also

continuing to note that in-person is preferred when it is available.

Consensus is that it's important that the committee is in-person for application presentations and review.

Presentation experience—Luke agreed in-person was nice and would be preferred. Supports hybrid for meetings in which there are not the presentations or app review.

Do we need to select a different date to better accommodate the committee

Support for commissioner attendance. The current cadence is a conflict for Commissioner Sample. Liz will connect with Commissioner Sample and Kevin Lee to see if there is a different day or time that would work better. Potentially consider 3rd Tuesday or a Monday.

Outreach ideas

Liz is working on a project called NaloxBox Project. Boxes would contain Naloxone and fentanyl test strips. Considering making application for all of the supplies at one time. Outreach would be done with schools and other public buildings who may be interested in having them available.

When the application is complete, Liz will run it through the committee as practice for reviewing applications even though it will likely be less than the threshold.

Liz will consider next steps for outreach to let them know this funding is available. Consider putting a brochure together, use the paper, have conversations, etc.

Website: www.foreverjoy.net

Offered any of the materials they have put together and willing to come speak to Aitkin County. Is the group interested in a media campaign?

2:00pm

Confirm Next Meeting Date

Please send Liz thoughts or ideas regarding stipends for committee members or anything else that comes to your mind as a question or idea.

Next meeting likely in April unless there is a reason to convene sooner. Exact date and

time will be sent by email once dates are isolated and a doodle poll is completed.

Thank you for everybody's time and efforts for this project!!