

New Hampshire Opioid Prescribing Advisory Council (OPAC) Monthly Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date:

August 10, 2020, 9–11 AM

Action Items:

Description	Owner	Status	Target Due Date	Status/ Resolution
Send any legislation for OPAC to support	Dave Mara	Open	09/14/20	

Key Decisions:

Decision to be made	Assigned to	Due date	Final Decision	Date of Decision	Who finally made the decision
Approval of July meeting minutes	Council	08/10/20	Minutes Approved	08/10/20	Council: 9:06AM Motion to accept July minutes (Auerbach), second by (Ricco Jonas). Motion passed.

Agenda:

- Welcome and call to order
- Vote to approve minutes from July 2020 meeting
- Presentation: Kim Fallon
- Updates: Legislation
- Updates: Transition Progress
- Updates and Discussion: Drafting a letter to the NH Legislature
- Closing remarks and adjourn

Call to Order

Dave Mara called the meeting to order at 9:04AM and did a roll call.

Vote to Approve July Minutes

Mike Auerbach made a motion to approve the minutes, Michelle Ricco Jonas seconded, Mara did a roll call, and the minutes were passed unanimously.

Presentation: Kim Fallon

At 9:07AM, Mara introduced Kim Fallon, the Chief Forensic Investigator for the Office of Chief Medical Examiner in the NH Department of Justice. Kim Fallon presented on The Opioid Epidemic and Drug Overdose Deaths. Fallon gave a disclaimer that the presentation is primarily about opioids, but also references other prescription drugs and there will be crime scene photos with bodies in them. Fallon gave overview of Chief Examiner's Office Law RSA 611-B. Fallon's presentation included: Role of Assistant

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Deputy Medical Examiner, Drug Deaths in 2016, Number of Deaths from Drug Overdoses in NH, NH Heroin Deaths, NH Fentanyl Deaths, Pharmaceutical Fentanyl Abuse, Illicit Fentanyl, 2019 Drug Deaths, Drugs in 2019, Death Certification, Accidents, Suicides, Fentanyl Blood Levels, Cause of Death, 2020 Drug Death Data, DMI Data, Impact on OCME. Fallon asked for any questions following the presentation. Dave Nagel and Ricco Jonas had questions that Fallon answered.

Updates: Legislation

At 9:50AM, Mara moved the discussion to legislation. The Drug Overdose Fatality Review Commission was reviewed and signed. The next step is getting all the members appointed and having the first meeting soon. Mara explained this will be invaluable to determining what lead up to an overdose death and to determine what is working and where the needs are in the state. Maine will also be trying to form this type of group. Last meeting OPAC discussed legislation that was not passed and ones we should follow, that was put into a Legislation Watch List document. Bizarro-Thunberg asked for the list to be distributed to review.

Updates: Transition Progress

At 9:55AM, Mara moved the discussion to the transition updates. Andrew Chalsma said they are not making progress quickly enough because of several things going on preventing that. But, they are still meeting and discussing it and looking at the MITRE materials. Chris Teixeira explained that Chalsma did get them access to the DHHS system, but there are systems they still need access to. So, Teixeira said that they can prep for the analysis that needs to be done. Mara asked what the date that the contract goes to currently, and Teixeira responded that it goes through September 30. Mara commented that the Governor does want this council to keep meeting and maybe it will expand into other prescription drugs. Mara noted that they have one more report to work on this year and they should get a letter out to the legislature about the bills this group supports. Ricco Jonas commented on the legislation she discussed about PDMP. Nagel commented that confidentiality was a huge issue and how the data is shared has to be done carefully.

Closing Remarks and Adjournment

Mara mentioned the CARES Act funds that will be focused on SUD and the recovery housing. At 10:08AM, Mara asked for any new business or comments. Next meeting September 14th 9-11AM. Mara asked for any new legislation information to include in the document. Mara asked for a motion to adjourn. Ricco Jonas motioned, Nagel seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:09AM.

Next Meeting Date, Time, and Location:

Next virtual meeting scheduled for September 14, 9-11 AM.

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Other:

John Marasco, Kim Fallon