

LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE ACT 88:
ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HEROIN AND OPIOID PREVENTION AND EDUCATION

HOPE Advisory Council

January 27, 2022

1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Zoom line

1. Call to Order at 1:01pm
2. Roll Call

Present:

- Chair Dr. James Hussey
- Co-Chair Dr. Allison Smith
- Lori Miller
- Blake LeBlanc
- Michael Comeaux

Absent:

- Captain Heath Guillotte
- Monica Taylor
- John Ford
- Linda Theriot
- Sen. Regina Barrow
- Elsie Joanne Brown
- Judge Timothy Marcel
- Sheral Kellar

A quorum was not reached.

3. Introduction/Welcome New Members- no new members.
4. Review and Approval of January 27, 2022 Agenda- Chair Dr. Hussey reviewed the agenda, but due to lack of quorum, the Council was unable to approve the agenda.
5. Approval of December 9, 2021 HOPE Minutes- Due to lack of quorum, the Council was unable to approve the minutes.
6. Review of 2021 HOPE End of Year Report
Chair Dr. Hussey gave an in depth review of the Executive Summary from the End of Year Report and then gave a high level review of the remainder of the report.

Comments/suggestions:

- Regarding the following data in the report “Medicaid data showed that the number of opioid prescriptions for *Medicaid clients increased* by 5.7% when compared to the prior year, and the number of unduplicated Medicaid members who filled opioid prescriptions *increased* by 9.8% during that same time,” Chair Dr. James Hussey noted that Medicaid enrollment grew by 211,158 or 13.1% during this same period and may have impacted this data. Kristy Miller suggested we might consider looking at trends next year around data such as this.

- Angelita Brown asked about demographic data and mentioned that she would like to see equitable data. Dr. Hussey said he believes it's not a part of the encounter data that we've pulled that will be easy to report each year. Kristy Miller suggested to possibly think about denoting whether the agency has access to demographic data in the future, and that it may be helpful for stakeholders to request that data separately.

7. Discussion of Possible Additional Recommendations- Dr. Jose Calderon covered the additional recommendations.
 - a. Increase care navigation (reimbursement, incentives)
 - b. Increase use of long acting MAT medications
 - c. Support MAT initiation and retention incentives, contingency management and patient incentives

Chair Dr. Hussey asked about wrapping these recommendations in with existing recommendations or to discuss further and possibly add for next year's report. Dr. Calderon decided it may be best to tie it in with other existing recommendations. They walked through the areas where the information would best fit. Chair Dr. Hussey asked if there were any objections to submitting the report with additions. There were no objections.

8. Public Comments

Judge Jules Edwards gave kudos to Chair Dr. Hussey on his hard work.

Dr. Calderon stated that would like to look into electric stimulation tools to treat OUD with Chair Dr. Hussey and the Council in the coming year.

9. Council Vote on 2022 HOPE EoY Report with Edits/Amendments

The Council was unable to vote, due to lack of quorum. Chair Dr. Hussey plans to move forward and run it through Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) approval process and then to the Drug Policy Board by March 1st.

11. Next Steps

Catherine Peay ran through proposed next meeting dates/times:

- Thursday, March 10th, 9-11am
- Thursday, June 9th, 9-11am
- Thursday, September 8th, 9-11am
- Thursday, December 8th, 9-11am or Thursday November 17th, 9-11am- Chair Dr. Hussey explained why this meeting date is being discussed further. He explained that he will look into possibly asking for an extension on the report due date since data does not come in until October. He explained that another option may be to change the data timeline to calendar year instead of fiscal year.
 - Kristy Miller said it's pretty common for several boards and commissions to request an extension on a report because of data timelines, and final submission will roll over into the next year. If that is Chair Dr. Hussey's preference, then it can be done.

12. Meeting adjourned at 2:36pm.

(Next Meeting: March 10th, 9:00 am- 11:00 am)