

Substance Use Recovery Services Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

October 3, 2022, 9:00-12:00 PDT

Meeting Recording

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Attendance

HCA Executive & Administrative Support

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jason McGill, Executive Co-Sponsor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tony Walton, 5476 Project Manager	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Michael Zayas, Admin Assistant
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Michelle Martinez, Administrator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brianna Peterson, Plan Writer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sandy Sander, Admin Assistant
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Blake Ellison, Meeting Facilitator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rachel Downs, Admin Assistant		

Committee Members (28)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Michael Langer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Amber Daniel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Donnell Tanksley
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Amber Leaders	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brandie Flood	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Malika Lamont
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sen. Manka Dhingra	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stormy Howell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Addy Adwell
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sen. John Braun	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chad Enright	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kevin Ballard
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rep. Lauren Davis	<input type="checkbox"/>	John Hayden	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hunter McKim
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rep. Dan Griffey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sarah Melfi-Klein	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kendall Simmonds
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Caleb Banta-Green	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sherri Candelario		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Don Julian Saucier	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hallie Burchinal		Alternates / Optional Attendees:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Kierra Fisher	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Theresa Adkison	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rep. Jamila Taylor
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alexie Orr	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sarah Gillard	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rep. Gina Mosbrucker

Teams Meeting Attachments

- 2022-09-26 Meeting Agenda
- SURS Plan Rec 4 (RSS)_Training foster parents of children with SUD
- SURS Plan Rec 5 (OED)_Paraphernalia Law
- SURS Plan Rec 6 (Data)_BHASO-RNP Data Reporting
- SURS Plan Rec 7 (Tx)_Health Hubs
- SURS Plan Rec 8 (RSS)_Education & Employment Support
- SURS Plan Rec 9 (RSS)_WRHL and Asset Mapping
- SURS Plan Rec 10 (OED)_Increasing investment in 0-1 Intercept Diversion & Referral Programs
- SURS Plan Rec 11 (Tx)_Initial SUD Engagement & Measurement
- SURS Plan Rec 14 (Tx)_Safe Supply Workgroup

Discussion Notes

Recommendation Review & Committee Vote Results

As established at a prior meeting, a supermajority of 60% votes is needed for a recommendation to be considered “supported” by SURSAC for inclusion in the Substance Use Recovery Services Plan. Abstaining members are not counted in the vote total.

#9: Expansion of the Washington Recovery Help Line & Recovery Asset Tool

Summary: Expansion of the WA Recovery Helpline and the Recovery Readiness Asset Tool to provide a robust resource database for those seeking or directing to services.

	YES	NO	DEFER	TOTAL VOTES	ABSTAIN
#	13	0	1	14	2
%	93%	0%	7%		

#12: Stigma-Reducing Outreach in Schools

Summary: Provide education related to naloxone administration and overdose identification in Washington State public schools (grade 6th – 12th) to reduce stigma and save lives. Intended audience for this recommendation includes students, administrators, teachers, and other educational professionals.

	YES	NO	DEFER	TOTAL VOTES	ABSTAIN
#	13	0	2	15	3
%	87%	0%	13%		

#13: Data Integration Infrastructure

Summary: Build upon, and provide ongoing funding for, a data integration infrastructure that can receive and analyze standardized data gathered by law enforcement, courts, and prosecutors; Recovery Navigator Program case management; behavioral health treatment services; and recovery support services, to meet the mandates of 5476 Section 1.3(m).

	YES	NO	DEFER	TOTAL VOTES	ABSTAIN
#	15	0	0	15	1
%	100%	0%	0%		

#15: Increasing access to Opioid Treatment Program services in rural areas

Summary: Increase access to Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) services in rural areas with five key strategies:

1. Require the Dept. of Health’s Health Services Quality Assurance (HSQA) division to create a regulatory workshop with OTP provider stakeholders in 2023 to create state rules/regulatory process for OP that want to establish offsite medication units located as a free-standing facility, co-located within a variety of community settings (e.g., hospitals, medical primary care systems, pharmacies, FQHCs, correctional health settings)
2. Change RCW 36.70A.200 and WAC 365-196-550 to ensure that OTP branch sites are clearly seen as “essential public facilities” and that they cannot be zoned out or stalled by moratoriums by City and/or County legislative authorities
3. Update RCW 71.24.590 to remove several requirements for the citation of OTPs that stigmatize the treatment setting type and treat it in ways that other SUD behavioral health agencies and health care facilities settings are not. This includes (1) removing the largely symbolic RCW requirement in RCW 71.24.590(2) that allows a county legislative authority to cap the patient census of an OTP specific setting, and (2) removing OTP public hearing requirements.
4. Provide funding for capital construction costs to start up OTP in Central and Eastern Washington
5. Providing funding through the Governor’s Office and/or Legislature to a state agency, such as Health Care Authority, to provide an RFI/RFP to resource established OTP in WA State to operate an increased number of OTP medication units to expand their geographic reach.

	YES	NO	DEFER	TOTAL VOTES	ABSTAIN
#	15	0	0	15	2
%	100%	0%	0%		

#16: Recovery Housing Licensing & Zoning Laws

Summary: Addressing outdated language regarding recovery houses licensing and zoning barriers affecting treatment, harm reduction, and recovery support services.

	YES	NO	DEFER	TOTAL VOTES	ABSTAIN
#	13	1	0	14	2
%	93%	7%	0%		

#17: Amending the Good Samaritan Law

Summary: Provide technical amendments to the Good Samaritan Law, RCW 69.50.315, providing criminal protections for those currently involved in the criminal legal system, and update RCW 4.24.300 to provide employer/employee civil liability protections.

	YES	NO	DEFER	TOTAL VOTES	ABSTAIN
#	6	3	7	16	1
%	38%	19%	44%		

#18: Establish a Continuum of Housing Workgroup

Summary: Establish a funded statewide Continuum of Housing workgroup to develop a comprehensive housing plan that provides options for housing at the various points of intersection along the continuum of care for housing people who are currently using to those who are in recovery or seeking recovery, from immediate shelter to bridge/transitional housing through long-term permanent housing, including funding to provide stipends for participants and for implementation of pilot programs from the plan. The workgroup should center people with behavioral health conditions who have lived/living experience with homelessness and/or housing instability.

	YES	NO	DEFER	TOTAL VOTES	ABSTAIN
#	0	1	13	14	2
%	0%	7%	93%		

#18 REVISED: Funding Housing for People Who Use Drugs & Workgroup Collaboration

Summary: The SURSAC urges the state to provide capital budget and operating funding for options for housing at the various points of intersection along the continuum of care for housing people who are currently using to those who are in recovery, which may or may not include abstinence, from immediate shelter to bridge/transitional housing through long-term permanent housing. Participation in and collaboration with existing efforts to address this topic is also encouraged, which should bring forth known models and systems for collaboration (e.g., HARPS, JustCARE, Master Leasing, Permanent Supportive Housing, Housing First, etc.), as well as center people who use substance and/or experience mental health conditions who have lived/living experience with homelessness or housing instability.

In the discussion around the original Rec #18, SURSAC members expressed concern that a new workgroup to discuss housing solutions along the continuum of recovery would be duplicative to other, already ongoing work. The most urgent housing need to be addressed that hadn't yet been addressed in other housing-related recommendations is housing for people who are actively using substances. Therefore, amendments were made to the recommendation to emphasize these points, as indicated in the revised summary above.

	YES	NO	DEFER	TOTAL VOTES	
#	12	0	1	13	ABSTAIN
%	92%	0%	8%		2

Wrap Up & Next Steps

The next SURSAC meeting will be held December 5th (no meeting in November), to discuss what's next for SURSAC in 2023.