

Substance Use Recovery Services Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

November 4, 2024, 9:00AM-11:00AM PST

Meeting Recording: [Substance Abuse Recovery Services Advisory Committee - YouTube](#)

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Committee Members (28)

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Meeting Attachments

- Meeting Agenda
- Recovery Navigator Program (RNP) Q2 Data Review Slide Deck

Substance Use Recovery Services Advisory Committee (SURSAC) Updates

Teesha Kirschbaum, Director of the Division of Behavioral Health & Recovery, with Washington State Health Care Authority, provided the following update:

- Tony Walton will be the new Chair of the Substance Use and Recovery Services Advisory Committee (SURSAC), taking after Michael Langer who retired in June 2024.

Public Comment

- No public comments.

Walk-on Item Requests

- No Walk-On Item Requests.

Overdose Data from 2023 Presentation

Tim Candela, Health Services Consultant, with Washington State Department of Health, shared a presentation on 2023 overdose data from 2023.

Questions and Comments for Tim Candela RE: Overdose data from 2023 Presentation

Q: Are you talking about the OD centers and fatality/coroner data, as opposed to self-reported use of naloxone data?

A: Correct. This data is via fatal overdose data captured by local jurisdictions.

COMMENTS:

- A SURSAC Committee member shared that there should be a larger conversation that includes individuals from different parts across the state regarding this data collection.
- A SURSAC Committee member shared that HCA is going to put together a collaborative activity with the SURSAC members to identify priorities for 2025-2026 and it will be done via a Mural Board.
- A SURSAC Committee member shared that UW is working on data collection efforts and working on a report RE: the changes seen in the distribution of fentanyl. However, data as reported will be outdated by at least on a quarterly basis about the drug supply
 - A question as was asked if whether monthly crime lab data is seeing increased numbers in terms of the number of samples being collected and sent to the crime labs for analysis. Yes, there was an overall increase during COVID-19 pandemic in the beginning, as well as during the passage of the Blake Bill.

RNP Report – Q2 – April-June 2024 Presentation

Brianna Peterson, 5476 Report Writer and Technical Plan Developer, with Washington State Health Care Authority, shared updates to include:

- Updates
- Referral & Outreach Data – Q2
- Case Management Data – Q2
- RNP Dashboard
- Definitions of Terms utilized in report
- FY 2024 Data
- FY 2024 Trends – Referral and Outreach
- FY 2024 Trends – Case Management
- RNP Data Workgroup
- Contact Information

Questions and Comments for Brianna Peterson RE: RNP Report – Q2 – April-June 2024 Presentation

Q: Representative of the data shared, what might attribute to the reduction of further case management?

A: I have to attribute it to the engagement of case managers and making good connections with the clients.

Q: How much initiation and ongoing engagement in effective services e.g. MOUD, etc., are you able to link to RNP data?

A: As of right now, no data relative to RNP is being linked to external data sources, but this is a topic of conversation for the RNP Data workgroup.

Q: What is counted as incentives?

A: As of right now, any service provided that involves monetary value, such as a gift card for food or gas, or paying for transportation to get to a destination.

Q: Is there a tracking process for when there's a lack of access related to these referrals? For example, if an SUD referral is made but there are no providers taking clients, or there is a significant wait-time for services.

A: Not at the moment, but there is hope that as RNP moves toward data integration platforms that they will be able to track this type of information.

Q: What about the referrals to healthcare health engagement hubs? Is that being tracked relative to RNP?

A: This can be added to the available options within the current workbook to include health engagement hubs involvement.

COMMENTS:

- A possible dynamic driving down referrals being denied is capacity issue.
 - The HCA data team and providers will have the discussion to see what can be done to capture data relative to denials due to capacity.
- It would be interesting to see an overlay of local and regional policies that have impacted the ability for outreach efforts to get towards individuals that need them. Perhaps this is a reason for the downward trend in yearend reporting data.
 - It would also be interesting to capture arrest data across the different counties within the state, at the very least for simple possession. Perhaps, data could even be looked at regarding other crimes such as theft, trespass, and illegal camping, relative to RNP engagement.
- Regarding contingency management and incentives, the data should make sure to separate instances such as paying for food, gas, or transportation, and money needing to be spent on normal case management activities for/with clients that happen to require expenditure.
- A SURSAC Committee member stated that it bothers them that direct support would be labeled as contingency management.
- A SURSAC Committee member suggested that the words “public benefits” could be incorrect and maybe it should be broken down to what the person is getting.
- We should try to blend with LEAD & AJA program outcomes as well. The whole will be considerably larger (especially if we include Seattle LEAD ... 1400 clients, average 43 substantive encounters per person per year).

RNP Highlights & Success Stories – Carelon North Central

Katie Person, Crystal Gunn, Josh Gitt, Cameron Fordmeir, Melissa Denner, Yvonne Franz-Lakey, and Dianna Keith, shared from the Recovery Navigator Program from Carelon North Central and Greater Columbia.

- Josh Gitt shared their story and experience through the RNP program in North Central.
- Diana Keith shared their story and experience through the RNP program in Greater Columbia.

Questions and Comments for North Central or Greater Columbia RNP Programs RE: Highlights and Success Stories

Q: What advice would you give to for us that are out there doing the work to be more inclusive towards LGBTQIA community members?

A: The journey will be hard, and recovery is not easy, and I would work toward providing the clients with as much hope as possible and being supportive of them in whatever their journey may look like.

COMMENTS:

- Multiple comments and praise were given to the presenters who shared their stories and experiences.

Walk-on Item Follow-Up

- No Walk-on Item Follow-Up.

Public Comment

- No Public Comment.

Next Steps

1. Kelley will send out the next SURSAC agenda prior to the December 2024 Meeting.