



## Oklahoma Opioid Abatement Board

### *Minutes of the Special Meeting*

Friday, December 9, 2022, 1:30 p.m.

The Oklahoma Opioid Abatement Board held a special meeting on Friday, December 9, 2022, at the Office of the Attorney General, 313 N.E. 21st St., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105. The special meeting was properly noticed as required under the Open Meeting Act, 25 O.S.2021, § 311. Notice to the Secretary of State was given on December 14, 2021. The agenda was posted no less than twenty-four hours in advance of the public meeting in prominent public view at the Office of the Attorney General.

Senior Deputy Attorney General Dawn Cash called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Acting General Counsel Thomas R. Schneider called roll and recognized a quorum. At the time of calling roll, the following Commissioners were present:

Senior DAG Dawn Cash  
Mr. Sam Allen  
Mr. Scott Martin  
Ms. Sarah McFadden

Ms. Jennifer Needham  
Ms. Lori Parish  
Dr. Atul Walia

Member Brad Clark was not in attendance. Mr. Schneider noted that the meeting notice and agenda were posted in accordance with the Open Meeting Act.

### **Review, discussion, and possible action regarding meeting dates for Calendar Year 2023**

After reviewing the proposed dates as set forth on the Agenda (Friday, February 10; Friday, April 14, Friday, June 9; Friday, August 11; Friday, October 27; and Friday, December 8), Mr. Martin moved approval of the meeting dates for the Calendar Year 2023, and Ms. Needham seconded the motion. The following members voted in favor of the motion, and none voted against the same:

Senior DAG Dawn Cash  
Mr. Sam Allen  
Mr. Scott Martin  
Ms. Sarah McFadden

Ms. Jennifer Needham  
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**Presentation and Possible Discussion from Heath Hayes, Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services**

Representing the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Heath Hayes presented to the Board on the Department's efforts surrounding the opioid epidemic, including treatment, harm reduction, and education. Mr. Hayes informed the Board about the Department's newly launched 9-8-8 Mental Health Hotline which is a part of a national rollout. Mr. Hayes also spoke about the naloxone shortage in Oklahoma and the Department's efforts to ask the Legislature to require schools to have Naloxone on hand. The Department is currently present in 200 school sites in Oklahoma. While the Department has made great strides, there are several areas needing more attention. These areas include medicinal reversal substances, medicated assisted treatment, and the expansion of treatment services in detention facilities. As of December 2022, the Department partners with just twenty county jails in Oklahoma. The Department's partnerships largely depend on counties wanting to collaborate with the Department. Finally, despite the lack of resources for detention facilities, the Department remains committed to its mission by leveraging technology. Such technology allows a mental health counsel or health care provider to conduct evaluations on inmates while in custody.

**Presentation and Possible Discussion from Board Member Sam Allen, Grand Mental Health**

Board Member Sam Allen presented to the Board about the opioid abatement and treatment efforts that Grand Mental Health (GMC) provides. Grand Mental Health is a Medicaid-funded facility and does not accept insurance. Mr. Allen spoke GMC's transitional living model and detailed how GMC's service providers are in recovery. One of the many tools that GMC uses are tablets or restricted iPads. These iPads allow treatment recipients the availability of on-call counseling in case of an emergency as well as an ability to message with providers. The tablets cost about \$1000 each, and the facility uses two hundred a month.

The average length of stay at GMC is thirty days. After thirty days, service recipients move to transitional or sober living.

**Adjournment**

Ms. Needham voted to adjourn the meeting shortly before 2:30 p.m. Mr. Martin seconded the motion to adjourn. The following members voted in favor of adjournment:

Senior DAG Dawn Cash  
Mr. Sam Allen  
Mr. Scott Martin  
Ms. Sarah McFadden

Ms. Jennifer Needham  
Ms. Lori Parish  
Dr. Atul Walia

The meeting adjourned.