

## **Oklahoma Overdose Fatality Review Board**

### **Meeting Minutes**

#### **Eighth Meeting – July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

The Opioid Overdose Fatality Review board held its eighth meeting at 1:00pm at the Office of the Attorney General, 313 NE 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Oklahoma City, OK, 73105. The agenda was posted on the Attorney General’s website and outside the Office of the Attorney General 24 hours in advance in accordance with 25 O.S. § 311. The meeting notice was sent to the office of the Oklahoma Secretary of State, also pursuant to 25 O.S. § 311, and was date-stamped by that office on December 14, 2020, at 1:27p.m.

Members present: Assistant Attorney General Alexandra Adkins, Dr. Eric Pfeiffer, Claire Nguyen, Jessica Hawkins, Dr. Jason Hill, Shannon Desherow, Sheriff Derek Manning, District Attorney Chris Boring, Dr. Jason Beaman, Sheila St. Cyr, and Judge Paul Hess.

#### **Call to Order and Welcome 1:02pm**

Dr. Beaman called the meeting to order and welcomed the group.

#### **Roll Call, Statement of Compliance with Open Meetings Act, and Recognition of a Quorum 1:05pm**

Megan Wurzer, Senior Prevention Field Representative with the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services, called roll and there was a recognition of a quorum. Alexandra Adkins, Assistant Attorney General, confirmed that the meeting was in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

#### **Approval of Minutes from November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Meeting 1:07pm**

District Attorney Chris Boring moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Sheila St. Cyr seconded. A roll call vote was recorded and the minutes were approved by the Board at 1:07pm.

#### **Discussion and Possible Action to adopt modified 2020 Chairman’s Report dated January 31, 2021 as the 2020 Annual Report: 1:08pm**

Dr. Beaman explained to the group that they did not issue a report from the Board as a while in 2020 but did issue a Chairman’s Report in order to comply with statute. He opened the floor for discussion or motions. Sheila St. Cyr moved to adopt the report presented in the January 31<sup>st</sup> meeting as the 2020 annual report for the Board. Sheriff Manning seconded. A roll call vote was recorded, and the report was adopted at 1:12pm.

#### **Presentation and Discussion of Distributed Resources: 1:12pm**

Dr. Beaman explained to the group that the two texts, “Jail-Based Medication-Assisted Treatment: Promising Practices, Guidelines, and Resources for the Field” and “Use of Medication-Assisted

Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder in Criminal Justice Setting,” were emailed out prior to the meeting. Sheriff Manning stated that he has reviewed the documents briefly and expects the documents to be a helpful resource. He explained that he has faced an issue with MAT implementation since their medical contractor is not in favor. Dr. Beaman stated that he has faced the same issue and DMHSAS was able to speak to the provider and assist. Jessica Hawkins said that DMHSAS would be happy to help, and Dr. Beaman offered to assist as well.

### **Propose Special Meeting for Friday, December 3, 2021: 1:15pm**

Dr. Beaman explained to the group the Board has reviewed fewer cases than usual due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and would like to hold a special meeting to review additional cases and to discuss the 2021 Annual Report. Sheila St. Cyr reported she will be out of town. Dr. Beaman stated the next regular meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2021.

### **Consideration, Discussion, and Possible Action on Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session Pursuant to 25 O.S.Supp. 2018, § 307C (10) for the purpose of reviewing cases.**

District Attorney Chris Boring moved to enter Executive session and Jessica Hawkins seconded. A roll call vote was recorded, and the motion passed unanimously at 1:18pm.

### **Action to Return to Open Session.**

Sheriff Derek Manning moved to return to Open Session and Dr. Eric Pfiefer seconded. A roll call vote was recorded, and the motion passed unanimously at 3:56pm.

### **Consideration, Discussion, and Possible Action on items considered in Executive Session: 3:57pm.**

Megan Wurzer provided the following summary of recommendations put forth by Board members from this meeting’s case reviews: increase prescriber education on chronic opioid therapy and the risks of prescribing benzodiazepines and opioids together; increase prescriber education on naloxone availability; increase fentanyl education for law enforcement; increase access to fentanyl test strips; increase prevention efforts with the employment sector, specifically those who work with and/or employ young adults; develop standardization of documentation for reporting/logging drug paraphernalia, prescription medications and other drugs found at the scene of an unattended death; develop policy or law for obtaining and removing prescription medications found at the scene of an unattended death; recommend medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD) in criminal justice settings; increase prescriber education on proper prescribing practices for benzodiazepines; revisit Death Notification Letters to providers including any opioid prescriptions written by the provider; increase universal screening, brief intervention and referrals to treatment in emergency medicine and primary care; and increase education regarding counterfeit pills containing fentanyl.

**Discussion and possible action on any items of new business. “New Business” shall mean any matter known about or which could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the time of posting (25 O.S. § 311(A)(10)): 4:02pm.**

District Attorney Chris Boring provided an update to the Board regarding information presented by the Child Death Review Board stating they have seen co-sleeping deaths where infants have come into contact with fentanyl patches on the parent and the Board may want to consider recommending increasing prescriber education on the subject.

**Adjournment.**

Sheriff Derek Manning moved to adjourn and District Attorney Chris Boring seconded. A roll call vote was recorded and the meeting adjourned at 4:05pm.