

Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee

No meeting occurred due to lack of quorum, therefore, there are no minutes. Attending members discussed the business of the Committee but did not take any action. Notes regarding the discussion are as follows.

Date: 6/16/2025

Location and Time: Via Microsoft Teams 10 – 10:40 a.m.

Present: Kelly Dougherty, Caroline Butler, Liz McLoughlin, Jess Kirby, Madeline Motta, Deb Wright

Absent: Kristin Atwood, Shawn Burke, Michael Doenges, Ruth Hardy, Monica Hutt, Eric Maguire, Madeline Motta, Heather Stein, MD, Joe MaGee, Scott Pavcek, Stacey Sigmon

Meeting Facilitator and Note Taker: Kelly Dougherty, Sarah Gregorek

Agenda Item	Discussion	Next Steps
Advisory Committee members' terms Kelly Dougherty	<p>Per the Committee's request at the April 2025 meeting, the Department is making a recommendation about which members should serve the initial 3-year terms and which should serve 4-year terms. Below are the recommendations:</p> <p>3-Year Terms (expire August 2025)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vermont Association of Mental Health and Addiction Recovery • Vermont League of Cities and Towns (7 members) There are currently two members from Burlington so VLCT will determine how to address that issue. Josh Hanford will reach out to members to determine reappointment. <p>4-Year Terms (expire August 2026)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Howard Center's Safe Recovery Program • Vermont Speaker of the House – Member of the House of Representatives • Vermont Senate Committee on Committees – Member of the Senate • Blueprint for Health • University of Vermont • Vermont Association of County Judges 	<p>Committee members will review, revise and vote on the terms at its July 2025 meeting.</p>

<p>Written policies and procedures for committee, 18 VSA 4772(f)(3)</p> <p>Lauren Layman</p>	<p>The OSAC is supposed to have written policies and procedures according to 18 VSA 4772(f)(3) “The advisory Committee shall adopt procedures to govern its proceedings and organization, including voting procedures and how the staggered term shall be apportioned among members.”</p> <p>Lauren Layman, General Counsel for the Department of Health, presented draft Committee policies and procedures for the Committee’s consideration, review, and revision.</p>	<p>Committee members will review the draft policies and procedure document that was distributed and revise and vote at the next meeting.</p>
<p>June 9, 2025, Opioid Settlement Funds Webinar for VT Municipalities Recap</p>	<p>Liz McLoughlin I attended and it was very interesting. One thing that I asked about was regarding intermunicipal transfers. I was told that it was perfectly acceptable for municipal transfers that if a town has opioid settlement funds and doesn't know what to do with them, they don't have to give them back to the state, they could give them to a neighboring town who has a more robust program for opioids.</p> <p>Judge Motta I mentioned during the meeting that there is a lack of accountability for funds that are either held or appropriated, she suggested that towns create guidelines for monitoring the funds so that people know where the money is and where it was distributed.</p> <p>Kelly It would be helpful for the committee to have visibility into how municipalities are using those funds, so that there isn't duplication of effort.</p> <p>The Committee asked the Department to determine whether there was a recording of the June 9th meeting for review. The Department is to follow up.</p>	<p>The Department asked the Attorney General’s Office for the 6/9 meeting recording, but they didn’t record it.</p>
<p>Discuss 2027 Funding Process - Kelly</p>	<p>At the next meeting, the Department invited the Division of Substance Use to present to the Committee an overview of the work that is already happening in the substance use system of care, not just using the opioid settlement funds, but overall. This is so that the Committee has visibility into what is already happening in the State and can make informed decisions about how to best to use the settlement funds. The</p>	<p>Committee members will provide feedback on last year’s application process and provide guidance on what this year’s process</p>

	<p>Department also plans to present information on what activities or services are reimbursable by Medicaid and commercial insurance.</p> <p>The Committee will also provide feedback on last year's application process and suggest any revisions or identify processes that worked well. Are there any changes the Committee would like to see in the application itself? Did the Committee feel like it had enough information to make the initial decisions around considering a proposal? Was there additional information the Committee would like to see from applicants?</p> <p>The application will be released in late summer depending on Committee feedback and timeline.</p>	and application should include.
Public Comment	<p>Ed Baker</p> <p>Ed gave an update on the status of Burlington Overdose Prevention Center and asked members to focus on harm reduction. Per data he received from VDH, the leading cause of death for Vermonters age 50 and younger is accidental drug overdose.</p>	
Next Meeting	July 21, 2025, 10 - noon	