

Opioid Steering Committee
August 13, 2024, 1:00-3:00
DHHS
5220 S. 16th St
Lincoln, NE 68512

- I. **Welcome:** Trina Janis opened and welcomed everyone to the meeting at 1:03 pm.
- II. **Obligated Funds Chart:** Trina started the meeting by going over the chart that shows the obligated dollars allocated to ~~the~~ date.
The plan for the second disbursement of funds that was tentatively set for October has been pushed back. We would like to take the time to meet with stakeholders, look at outcomes and determine if we would like to focus on certain abatement strategies. We still plan to release a second grant this fiscal year, date TBD.
- III. **Amy Holman – Update on Pilot Project** The vending machines will be nearing completion within the next 6 weeks. They will be located at CenterPointe and Matt Talbot and will be supplied with Narcan, Med disposal bags, Safe sex kits, and First aid kits. Amy will be setting up some training on how to order and replenish supplies. Barnabas, The Help Center and F Street Rec will be Grab and Go sites. Other sites are still being determined. Rural Areas could include local fire departments, thrift stores, parks and rec areas, and public events and will be distributed through the Health Departments.
- IV. **Mindy, Juan** (Partners for Insightful Evaluation, Inc.), and **Jenn** (Wellbeing Initiative) – reported on updates with Needs Assessments.
Mindy and Juan discussed the data resources and sheets they have already collected; and the group discussed how the information could be utilized. More to come as they continue to collect the data.

Jenn spoke to the group about Wellbeing Initiative’s plan to collect data. They will be collecting data from three focus groups:
 - Those with lived experience
 - General Community
 - Community StakeholdersOSC members discussed and shared their input on areas to focus on and the potential audience to request data from.
- V. **Review of Opioid Flex Funds Guidelines and Reimbursement Request Form** – Trina asked if there were any questions on the form and guidelines that were sent out to members for review? Service providers will use this form when they need reimbursement for costs incurred while helping someone get into treatment. Email Trina if you have any questions on whether something will be covered. tjanis@region5systems.net.

Meeting adjourned

Upcoming Important Dates

Next Meeting – Will start meeting Bi-Monthly

October 8, 2024

Special Event

Ryan shared with everyone that on August 29th, CenterPointe, in partnership with Wellbeing Initiative and Nebraska Pharmacy Association will be having an Opioid Awareness and Remembrance Day.

Location: CenterPointe garden center, at 7pm. This event will include a speaker w/lived experience, NARCAN training, and candlelight vigil. This is in conjunction with International Overdose Awareness Day which takes place on August 30th every year. Flyers will be coming out to share this event.