



## Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment March 24, 2022

### Attendees:

Thomas Plymale, General Crane, Jon Dower, Dr. Kilkenny, Nicholas Stuchell, Secretary Sandy, Dora Radford, Dr. Berry, Dr. Christiansen, Amy Saunders, Lyn O'Connell, Dr. Moran, Dr. Becker

### Opening:

The regular meeting of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment was called to order at 12:33 p.m. on Thursday, March 24, 2022 by the acting Chair, Dr. Matthew Christiansen. The meeting was conducted by Zoom conference.

### Agenda Items

The chair reviewed the issues addressed at the March 16 meeting surrounding the plan for abatement of funds from opioid litigation settlements.

Councilmember Berry felt the plan was comprehensive and in line with the governor's council efforts with the exceptions already noted. Councilmember Berry would like part ii, section h, 9, to expand access to testing and treatment for infections and disease. He wanted to add prevention of HIV, HEP-C and other diseases such as endocarditis. As a whole he was in favor of endorsing the document.

Councilmember Dower agreed with Councilmember Berry. He was also concerned about verbiage surrounding illicit opioid supply. MAT is considered in the plan but he wanted to make sure that this language did not restrict certain medications.

Councilmember Kilkenny expressed his concern about endorsing as a whole..

Councilmember Plymale felt that the Council should endorse the plan with comment. The next steps would be to get involved in the process of Board appointment to see if the Council may recommend appointments.

Councilmembers Moran and Berry agreed that the Council should endorse with recommendations.

Councilmember Saunders agreed to endorse with comment. She further expressed concern about how money for harm reduction would be implemented. She also readdressed communication with the Board to avoid duplication of efforts.

Councilmember O'connell moved that the Council submit a statement endorsing the Plan while adding comments summarized today. General Crane seconded the motion.

The motion was amended to have the Council endorse the Plan with comment and feedback on composition of the board.

The motion was adopted.

The specific list of concerns were:

- ssps and harm reduction
- avoiding duplication of funding
- use of Council as experts
- incorporating lived experience
- offering recommendations for board
- avoiding discouraging any meds for MOUD
- adding support for prevention of hiv, etc.

**Adjournment - Dr. Matthew Christiansen**

The Chair entertained a motion to adjourn. Council Member Berry moved and Council Member Becker seconded the motion. The motion was adopted and the meeting adjourned at 12:51 p.m.