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OPIOID OVERDOSE FATALITY REVIEW BOARD Annual Report

February 1, 2019

Pursuant to Section 2-1001 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the Opioid Overdose Fatality Review Board has organized and is prepared to begin its work, and hereby submits this annual report. The core mission of the Board is to analyze data related to opioid overdose deaths in Oklahoma and to make recommendations to medical and law enforcement systems to ensure an efficient and effective use of resources to prevent opioid overdose deaths. The Office of the Attorney General and the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS) jointly provide administrative services to the Board's operations.

The 20-member Board (*see* Attachment "A") met on January 29, 2019, to discuss goals and procedures of the Board moving forward. Dr. Jason Beaman, D.O., was elected unanimously to serve as chairman of the Board. Midwest City Police Chief Brandon Clabes and Dr. Kevin Taubman, M.D., were elected unanimously to serve as co-vice-chairmen of the Board.

Board members identified the goals of the Board to include developing best practice guidelines for physicians, reviewing alternatives to opioids, and adopting guidance from prior successful efforts to reduce opioid overdose deaths. The Board will also examine other variables that may affect the opioid overdose epidemic, including access to appropriate mental health and substance abuse treatment, consideration of substance use history, involvement with the criminal justice system, primary prevention efforts, and access to resources such as naloxone and medication assisted treatment.

Further, the Board voted to create a committee to develop administrative rules to establish criteria for identifying cases involving an opioid overdose death that will be subject to specific, in-depth review by the Board. This committee will be chaired by ODMHSAS Commissioner Terri White and the members of that committee include the Director of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, Ricky Adams, Dr. Kevin Taubman, and Mr. Mike Maddox.

The Board has filed notice with the Oklahoma Secretary of State stating the regularly scheduled meetings will be held:

- June 21, 2019
- September 20, 2019
- November 15, 2019

The Board is prepared and eager to continue its work toward collecting accurate data and developing best practices to ensure medical and law enforcement systems have the necessary resources to provide effective interventions to prevent opioid overdose deaths. Thank you to the members of the Board and community stakeholders for their commitment to this issue and their determined effort to make a meaningful difference in the lives of Oklahoma citizens.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Hunter". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Mike Hunter

OKLAHOMA ATTORNEY GENERAL

Attachment “A”

Members of the Opioid Overdose Review Board

Mike Hunter – Attorney General

Dr. Eric Pfeifer – Chief Medical Examiner

Tom Bates – Commissioner, Oklahoma State Department of Health

Dr. Jean Hausheer – President, Oklahoma State Medical Association

John Scully – Director, Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs

Terri White, M.S.W – Commissioner, Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

Dr. Christopher Shearer – President, Oklahoma Osteopathic Association

Ed Lake – Director, Oklahoma Department of Human Services

Ricky Adams – Director, Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation

Judge Paul Hesse – District Court Judge

Sheriff Derek Manning – Beckham County Sheriff’s Office

Chief Brandon Clabes – Midwest City Police Department

Linda Scoggins – Private Attorney

District Attorney Chris Boring – District 26

Dr. Kevin Taubman – Vascular Surgeon

Dr. Jason Beaman – OSU Health Sciences Center

Sheila St. Cyr, R.N. – OU Medical System

Lance Lang – Lay Member

Mike Maddox – Lay Member