

## Oklahoma Overdose Fatality Review Board

### Meeting Minutes

December 3, 2021

The Opioid Overdose Fatality Review board held its eighth meeting at 1:00pm at the Office of the Attorney General, 313 NE 21st 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.

Members present: Deputy Attorney General Samantha Guinn, Buffy Heater, Marvin Smith, Andrea Hamor-Edmonson, Dr. Leroy Young, Shannon Desherow, Brett Wellden, Director Marty Hendrick, Sheriff Derek Manning, DA Chris Boring, Dr. Jason Beaman, Sheila St. Cyrseer, Judge Paul Hesse.

#### **Call to Order and Welcome**

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

#### **Roll Call, Statement of Compliance with Open Meeting Act, and Recognition of a Quorum**

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. Samantha Guinn, Deputy Attorney General, confirmed that the meeting was in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

#### **Approval of Minutes from July 16, 2021, Meeting**

District Attorney Chris Boring moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Sheriff Manning seconded. A roll call vote was recorded, and the minutes were approved by the Board.

#### **Presentation on Opioid Overdose Death Data**

Dr. Beaman informed the group that classifying an overdose is complex and around the county there are a large number of overdoses that are being undercounted. He stated that the CDC released that since the epidemic began, there have been over 100,000 people die in the United States within a single year, Oklahoma went up 20% on overdoses. The pandemic has taken a huge toll on individuals as they are isolating, self-medicating, losing jobs and loved ones. Dr. Beaman states these are increased risks for substance abuse usage. Dr. Beaman shared data from the Medical Examiner's Office 1) Overdoses 2) Drugs associated with death. He states that these are not official numbers. Methamphetamine has become the top source of overdose. He

said that Fentanyl and Heroin are also high risks for overdoses and that black market drugs are used for often compared to doctor prescriptions.

### **Presentation and Discussion on Resources**

- A. DEA Public Safety Alert on Sharp Increase in Fake Prescription Pills Containing Fentanyl and Meth
- B. DEA Expands Access to Mobile Narcotic Treatment Programs, BJA. Dr. Beaman highlighted that the DEA is supportive as well as other agencies. Making that more available will be important.
- C. 2021 Overdose Epidemic Report, AMA. This is detailed from a physician perspective what needs to happen for prescribing controlled substances and encouraging physicians to be involved in treatment programs. Oklahoma is one of the only states that has a PMP and has a real time PMP, a patient will be registered in five minutes after picking up the prescription.
- D. Prescription Opioid Overdose Deaths: Analysis and Recommendations, PDMP TTAC

### **Discussion and Action on timeframe from which cases for review are selected**

Andrea Hamor-Edmonson stated that the current time frame is the 12 months before the last meeting. She said it takes around 3 months to assemble the cases. Cases are selected to reach different areas of the state to get a mix, or any difference cases that have not been seen before. Dr. Beaman explained that awhile to classify something as an overdose. You can get preliminary results but longer for a final report.

Megan Wurzer stated that there are approximately 200 cases that are reviewed.

Dr. Beaman proposed that its important to review more recent cases at 6 months with an emphasis of 3 months. There will be more recent cases reviewed.

Dr. Beaman made a motion to approve a timeframe from which cases are selected for review. Sheila St Syr seconded. Motion Passes.

### **Nominations and Vote on Vice Chair**

Dr. Beaman welcomed nominations for a Vice chair. Andrea Hamor-Edmondson nominated DA Chris Boring to serve as the Vice Chair. Sheriff Manning seconded. Mr. Boring stated that he is willing to serve. Motion passes.

### **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.**

Samantha Guinn moved to enter Executive Session. Sheila St Cyr seconded. Motion Passes.

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

DA Chris Boring moved to return to Open Session. Samantha seconded. Motion passes.

### **Consideration, Discussion, and Possible Action on items considered in Executive Session**

Dr. Beaman states that the proposed recommendation said DOJ. He stated that recommending to a federal agency would not be as effective; recommend the Office of the Attorney General conduct review because the Attorney General's Office is in charge on the standards to do that review; recommends increased access to Fentanyl test strips, messaging to the good Samaritan law, and public education regarding counterfeit pills; recommend Increased education for prescribers, for safe prescribing relevant to cases; recommend death notification letters for when a patient overdoses; revisit death notification letters next meeting.

Sheriff Manning moved to approve the recommendations. Sheila St Cyr seconded. Motion passes.

### **Discussion and Possible Action on the 2022 Oklahoma Overdose fatality Review Board Meeting Schedule**

Dr. Leroy Young moved to adopt and change the April 15 meeting date to April 22 due to the 15<sup>th</sup> being Good Friday. Andrea-Hamor Edmonson seconded. Motion passes.

### **Adjournment**

DA Chris Boring moved to adjourn. Andrea Hamor-Edmonson seconded. A roll call vote was recorded, and the meeting adjourned