



Oklahoma Opioid Abatement Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 23, 2025 at 1:30pm

The Oklahoma Opioid Abatement Board held its meeting on Thursday, January 23, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., located at the Oklahoma Attorney General's Office, 313 N.E. 21st Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73105. OAG staff provided proper notice of the meeting, as required under the Open Meeting Act, 25 O.S.2021, § 311, to the Secretary of State on November 21, 2024. OAG staff posted the agenda no less than twenty-four hours in advance of the public meeting in prominent public view at the Oklahoma Attorney General's Office.

Brad Clark standing in for Attorney General Gentner Drummond called the meeting to order at 1:36 p.m.

Ms. Jill Nichols called roll and recognized a quorum. At the time of calling roll, the following Board members were present:

Ms. Carol Bush	Mr. Scott Martin
Mr. Josh Cantwell	Dr. Atul Walia
Dr. Kelly Dunn	Dr. LeRoy Young

Members Attorney General Gentner Drummond, Mr. Mike Hoskins and Ms. Lori Parish were not in attendance.

Mr. Thomas Schneider noted that the meeting notice and agenda were posted in accordance with the Open Meeting Act, and a majority of members were present.

Members of the OAG staff, including Mr. Brad Clark, Mr. Thomas Schneider, Ms. Jill Nichols, Ms. Macey Whitehouse, along with Mr. Terry Simonson, were present to assist the Board. Mr. Clark recognized attending guests and introductions were made.

Agenda Item 4. Review discussion, and possible action regarding minutes from the November 20, 2024 meeting

The Board members reviewed the minutes from the November 20, 2024, meeting. Ms. Bush moved to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2024, meeting. Mr. Cantwell seconded the motion. The following members voted in favor of the motion:

Ms. Bush	Mr. Martin
Mr. Cantwell	Dr. Walia
Dr. Dunn	

Dr. Young abstained due to being absent from the November 20, 2024 meeting.

Agenda Item 5. Update on the following matters:

- A. Request for Proposal for Grant Closeout Services, Grantee Performance Measurement and Data Analysis**
- B. Grantee Quarterly Reporting Data**
- C. Grant management software and projected application date for 2025 funding opportunities**
- D. Legislative Update**
- E. Grantee Project Spotlight – City of Edmond, Christy Batterson**

- (A) Ms. Nichols provided an update on the RFP for grant closeout services. She informed members that there were three responses under review, and that scoring and selection could not be announced due to OMES purchasing regulations, but that the Board would be informed at the March meeting of the selected respondent.
- (B) Ms. Nichols provided an update on quarterly reporting data for 2024 grantees. She informed the members that quarterly reporting was not due until January 31st and that data was still coming in so there was not much to report to date. All 2024 grantees have been awarded, totaling just over \$12,000,000.00.
- (C) Ms. Nichols provided an update on grant management software procurement and projected application date for 2025. She informed the members that we will be able to have an application acceptance date by the March meeting.
- (D) Ms. Whitehouse provided a legislative update for 2025. She informed the members that SB574 authored by Sen. Haste that amends the definition of political subdivisions to include colleges and universities and allows the Board to use up to 10% of abatement funds for larger statewide projects, and clarifies the use of data in the grant application process. Some bills to keep an eye on: HB 1484 requires schools to provide instruction on fentanyl use and prevention in grades 6-12 – HB2148 aims to enhance the oversight of pain management clinics in Oklahoma, promoting accountability and compliance with safety and operational standards by requiring pain management clinics to register with OBN – SB27 exempts prescribers operating in medically underserved areas from electronic prescription requirements when prescribing schedules 2, 3, 4, and 5 drugs.
- (E) Christy Batterson with the City of Edmond and Sheila Stinnett with Edmond Family Services gave a presentation of Edmond’s grant projects to the Board, highlighting their efforts to provide abatement wraparound services to youths in the drug court system.

No action was taken.

Agenda Item 6. Review, discussion and possible action in accordance with title 74, section 30.7(G) of the Oklahoma Statutes, concerning the amendments or repeals to Title 75. Attorney General, Chapter 50. Opioid Settlement Payments and Abatement Grants, Subchapter 3. Opioid Abatement Grants, and Appendices A_G of the Oklahoma Administrative Code published at 42 Okla. Reg. 499-500 (Dec. 16, 2024)

Mr. Schneider provided a summary of the rule changes that were adopted by the Board in November and advised that they had been filed in a timely manner with the Secretary of State and it was subsequently published in the Oklahoma register. That started the 30 days for public hearing and public comment periods and publishing of rulemaking and back statement. Those were all done in compliance and posted to the OAG website. If rules are adopted at this meeting Mr. Schneider will file the final adoption of the rules and send in a rule report and file a submission with to the Governor and Legislature. With no objections, rules are anticipated to be approved by the Governor by July 2025.

Dr. Dunn moved to approve the rule changes. Ms. Bush seconded the motion. The following members voted in favor of the motion:

Ms. Bush	Mr. Martin
Mr. Cantwell	Dr. Walia
Dr. Dunn	Dr. Young

Agenda Item 7. Presentation, review, discussion, and possible action to adopt the finalized list of Priority Strategies for the 2025 applications and update on Healthy Minds technical assistance

Jessica Hawkins with Healthy Minds reminded the Board that the measure their work was to assist grantees and applicants with turning in successful applications and to provide technical assistance to the Board and staff. Ms. Hawkins provided an update of the technical assistance provided over the last year noting that Healthy Minds developed guidance documents and will continue to produce those, hosting education presentations for grantees, and assisting with individual support for grantees. Ms. Hawkins delivered the Priority Strategies document to the board that will provide recommendations to the Board about future rounds of funding and focusing funds on a certain set of strategies to assist applicants in streamlining the funding options around evidence-based strategies. The strategies identified were found to be the most effective use of funds in Oklahoma communities. 8 broad categories recommended for adoption include: Medications for treatment of opioid use disorder, contingency management, recovery housing, supported employment services, naloxone distribution, school-based prevention programs, family skills programs, integration in healthcare, and an “other” category for those proposals that do not fit into one of the other categories.

Mr. Cantwell made the motion to approve adopting the strategies. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. The following members voted in favor of the motion:

Ms. Bush	Mr. Martin
Mr. Cantwell	Dr. Walia
Dr. Dunn	Dr. Young

Agenda Item 8. Discussion, and possible action on appointing or accepting volunteers for the 2025 application review subcommittee

Mr. Clark offered the opportunity for Board members to volunteer, to which Dr. Dunn, Dr. Walia, and Ms. Bush all responded. Dr. Dunn proposed that the Board introduce some community members to the review subcommittee with subject matter expertise. Dr. Dunn made the motion to take 3 Board volunteers and 2 AG appointees to the review subcommittee. Ms. Bush seconded the motion. The following members voted in favor of the motion:

Ms. Bush	Mr. Martin
Mr. Cantwell	Dr. Walia
Dr. Dunn	Dr. Young

Agenda Item 9. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, Ms. Bush motioned to adjourn. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. The following members voted in favor of adjournment:

Ms. Bush	Mr. Martin
Mr. Cantwell	Dr. Walia
Dr. Dunn	Dr. Young

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.