

# Kenosha County Opioid Settlement Advisory Panel

Minutes – Tuesday, August 22, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

Twin Lakes Village Hall, Twin Lakes, WI

Committee Attendees: Kari Foss, Mary Ouimet, Rebecca Dutter, Keri Pint, Chief David Smetana, Sheriff David Zoerner, Captain Katie Hall

Guests: Tom Hansche on behalf of Chief Patrick Patton, Lori Plahmer, Dan Sanfelippo, Lisa Koenen

## General Business

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 6:29 p.m.
2. Citizen Comments – Lori Plahmer shared information and a proposal for equipment to provide prescreening for fentanyl to be included in urine analysis. KCPH does urine/alcohol forensic testing for multiple agencies throughout the county along with the MAT program. KCPH has no ability to test for fentanyl in urine.

A recent incident leads to this request: MAT client arrived for monthly vivitrol injection, admitted to using methadone. Pre-screening done to test for substances that could interact with vivitrol did show methadone, however the meth was laced with fentanyl which currently is not able to be detected. The client was given vivitrol as per protocol but the presence of fentanyl in the client's system caused the individual to go into withdrawal.

The inability to do point of care testing for fentanyl is a gap in our ability to care for clients. Research shows the Siemens Pro E lab device at \$31,800, including training and maintenance service. The \$58,000 annual supply budget for this device can be covered by Human Services Department. 1000s of pre-screening tests are done annually. This equipment would allow screening for clinical judgement and treatment.

KCPH can test for fentanyl however, there is a 2-week turnaround time at a cost of approximately \$43/test. Due to the turnaround time, this testing cannot be used for point of care testing for clinical treatment. An alternative test site is Oak Creek, WI with a turnaround of at least 24 hours. The Siemens Pro E device has a turnaround time of about 20 minutes.

Following research, the Siemens device was selected based on quality and price.

3. Review of minutes – From June 26, 2023; Chief Smetana moved to accept, Sheriff Zoerner seconded, minutes approved.
4. Update on Recommendation to County Executive – Approval of \$13,500 for a maximum of 18 participants to take the state approved peer specialist training which will begin in late January/early February. Keri Pint will take the lead on getting the information out to our recovery community on how to register and the obligations to participate.
5. Data Collection and Management – Dan Sanfelippo reported that another meeting is scheduled for next week. He distributed and explained KC opioid data. The final slides will be shared when authorization is received from all agencies involved in reporting. In summary, ambulance run data (Kenosha County) shows:
  - Ambulance runs are slightly down from 2022; 5-year average is on par.
  - Male opioid runs twice as high as female; age is broadly distributed.

- Majority of runs are for white residents; by incidents/ethnic group: highest in the African American community per population.
- Fatal ODs increased nearly 8-fold from 2016-22; fentanyl present in 53% of fatal ODs in '22 and 70% of opioid-related fatal ODs in '22; cocaine's presence steadily increasing since 2019; xylazine is also showing up.
- Heat maps show incidents mostly in city of Kenosha downtown/central and some north of downtown.

Where is outreach occurring, can we correlate outreach and Narcan training to determine the effectiveness of both? Can the data tell the story? If you know of partners who may have data, please encourage them to reach out to [levi.stevenson@kenoshacounty.org](mailto:levi.stevenson@kenoshacounty.org) or [daniel.sanfelippo@kenoshacounty.org](mailto:daniel.sanfelippo@kenoshacounty.org)

6. Settlement Updates – Total funds received of \$1.7M, interest of approximately \$40K, an additional \$375K expected in 2023, these numbers include funds approved to date. Will still receive payment from pharmacies which will follow the pharmaceutical payout in which 30% is allocated to the State and 70% to Counties. County disbursement of pharmacy funds will follow the same as pharmaceutical disbursement. Pharmacy payout expected to be about 2/3 of the pharmaceutical payout.

Other items – Kari Foss made motion to recommend the approval of \$31,800 of settlement dollars to allow KCPH to purchase a fentanyl detection device. Becky seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Sheriff Zoerner provided an update to the discussion in March about spectrometers to detect fentanyl. There are concerns that the device could start a fire. Sheriff Zoerner will continue to research other devices, with the help of Racine County.

Next meeting will be held October 24 at 6:30 p.m. at Pleasant Prairie Village Hall (to be confirmed). When confirmed we will message the community to join.

7. Adjournment – Sheriff Zoerner made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Becky Dutter seconded; meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.