

Minutes of the Public Meeting of May 18, 2023
Pennsylvania Opioid Misuse and Addiction Abatement Trust

MINUTES

Attendees:

Tom VanKirk – Chair
The Honorable Kevin Boozel – Trustee
Erin Dalton – Trustee
Secretary Latika Davis-Jones – Trustee
The Honorable Gene DiGirolamo – Trustee
The Honorable Jim Gregory – Trustee
Steve Jasper – Trustee
Shea Madden – Trustee
The Honorable Robert Postal – Trustee
The Honorable Greg Rothman – Trustee
The Honorable Mark Rozzi – Trustee
Attending for the Honorable Christine Tartaglione – Trustee, Nathan McClellan and Kathy Benton
Dr. H. Jean Wright II – Trustee
Neil Marra – OAG (remote)
Tyler Ritchie – OAG (remote)
Dennis Scanlon – PSU
Lisa Schaefer – CCAP
Heather Hiester – CCAP
Kimberly Ade – CCAP
Alexis Noble – CCAP

Items to Note:

- Meeting is being recorded.
 - Public is invited as observers.
 - Quorum is present.
 - Chair Tom VanKirk noted Senator Greg Rothman was inadvertently not included in communication regarding the Trust's March meetings following his appointment to the Board of Trustees. The Trust regrets this oversight. Senator Rothman indicated he would have voted "no" to the action taken at the March 1, 2023 meeting to waive the 2023 reporting requirement.
1. Approval of Minutes from January 26, 2023, March 1, 2023 Special Meeting, and March 30, 2023 Public Meeting
 - Chair Tom VanKirk requests approval of the minutes with a correction to the allocation formula presented in the March 30 meeting minutes. The allocation formula should be presented as follows: 70% to counties, 15% to litigating subdivisions, 15% to the Commonwealth of PA.
 - Representative Gregory made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected.

- Commissioner Postal seconded the motion.
 - All in favor, no opposition.
2. Update on "Wave 2" Settlements by AG's office – PowerPoint document presented
- Chair Tom VanKirk reviewed information presented via PowerPoint by the Attorney General's office noting that due to lower than anticipated participation by counties and subdivisions, less funding will be received in "Wave 2" than previously anticipated.
 - If maximum participation levels are achieved, PA will receive \$772 Million across all five settlements.
 - At current participation levels, PA will receive \$566 Million across all five settlements.
 - Current participation levels:
 - Teva – 99%
 - Allergan – 99%
 - Walgreens – 97.8%
 - CVS – 97.8%
 - Walmart – 99%
 - The Trust will continue to work with the Attorney General's office to encourage participation in future settlements.
2. Presentation on Proposal by Penn State, Pitt, and Temple to provide Data Collection Services to the Trust
- Chair Tom VanKirk noted it is the responsibility of the Trust to implement a reporting system for the counties and subdivisions to ensure funds are spent in accordance with Exhibit E.
 - Dennis Scanlon from PSU presented an overview of the proposal submitted for PSU to develop data collection services for the Trust in partnership Pitt and Temple.
 - PSU proposes to work with Pitt, Temple, and CCAP to develop a user friendly collection tool, the results of which will be posted to the Trust website, enabling constituents to see how dollars are being sent as well as to track other intervention efforts.
 - Chair Tom VanKirk noted the contract amount would be \$180,000 per year, for a three year renewable contract.
 - Commissioner Postal made a motion to approve a contract with PSU, Pitt, and Temple for data collection services on the terms as presented.
 - Commissioner Boozel seconded the motion.
 - All in favor, no opposition.
3. Trust approval of recommendations by Subcommittee formed to address Exhibit E questions raised by political subdivisions
- Chair Tom VanKirk indicated a subcommittee has been formed to answer questions posed to the Trust.
 - The subcommittee consists of Chair Tom VanKirk, Commissioner Boozel, Secretary Davis-Jones, and Shea Madden.

- Review of questions already addressed.
 - The subcommittee will continue to meet and review questions posed on the Trust website. Once reviewed by the full Trust Board, those Q&As will be posted on the website.
4. Discussion of Proposal by Buchanan, Ingersoll and Rooney to Provide Legal Services to the Trust
- Chair Tom VanKirk indicated several Right to Know requests have been made of the Trust.
 - It is recommended that the Trust retain an outside legal firm to both help respond to these requests and to provide advice to counties and the Trust, given the public service nature of the Trust.
 - Senator Rothman made a motion to approve the proposal by Buchanan, Ingersoll and Rooney to provide legal services to the Trust.
 - Representative Gregory seconded the motion.
 - All in favor, with Chair Tom VanKirk abstaining from the vote, no opposition.
5. New Business
- No new business.
 - Commissioner Boozel made motion to adjourn the meeting.
 - All in favor, no opposition.

Reminder of Next 2023 Meetings:

- September 7, 2023
- November 30, 2023