



OPIOID ABATEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

Kentucky Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission

Meeting Agenda

February 13, 2024, 1:00 p.m. ET

Capital Complex East, 1024 Capital Center Drive, Suite 200, Frankfort, KY 40601

MINUTES

Members Present: Christopher Evans, Chair (in person), Karen Butcher (in person), Carlos Cameron (in person), Patricia Freeman (in person), Secretary Friedlander (in person), Van Ingram (in person), Russell Webber (proxy-Treasurer Metcalf, in person), and Von Purdy (in person).

Members Absent: Representative Danny Bentley, Jason Roop, and Law Enforcement Representative (vacant)

Staff Present: Alison Chavies and Jessie Halladay

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Evans called the Kentucky Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission (KYOAAC) meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. on Tuesday, February 13, 2024.

II. CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

Secretary Friedlander moved to adopt the February 13, 2024, agenda. Patricia Freeman seconded, and the motion carried.

III. BUSINESS MEETING SCHEDULE

1. March 12, 2024, 1:00 p.m.
2. April 9, 2024, 1:00 p.m.
3. May 14, 2024, 1:00 p.m.
4. June 11, 2024, 1:00 p.m.

**** All business meetings will take place at 1024 Capital Center Drive, Suite 200, Frankfort, KY 40601**

IV. MINUTES

1. January 9, 2024, Business Meeting

Van Ingram moved to approve the January 9, 2024, minutes. Von Purdy seconded, and the motion carried.



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V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATES

Chair Evans announced the Commission, along with any subcommittee meetings, will go into Executive/Closed Session for any discussions on pending grant applications. Votes to deny or approve applications will take place in open session. This process follows what is allowable under KRS 61.810(1)(n).

Staff are working on tools and guidelines to help the Commission develop methodologies, along with formal policy and procedures to help the Commission move forward and provide clarity to the general public.

Chair Evans also announced that Attorney General Coleman has named Darren “Foot” Allen as the Law Enforcement Representative to fill the remainder of the term following a resignation from the Commission.

VI. GENERAL COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Chair Evans proposed to the Commission members an updated schedule for the remainder of the year. The proposal includes having business meetings take place every other month starting with March 12. In addition, for the remainder of the year, those meetings will take place at the Capitol Annex located at 702 Capital Ave, Frankfort, KY 40601. The formal room will be announced as it becomes available from the Legislative Research Commission (LRC) staff. Subcommittee meetings will take place as needed and agreed on by those committees.

Karen Butcher moved to approve the new meeting schedules as we discussed – including vacating previously scheduled meetings, relocating meetings to the Capitol Annex building, alternating full commission meetings resulting in those meetings occurring on March 12, May 14, July 9, Sept. 10 and Nov. 12. Subcommittee meetings will occur as decided by those committees. Patricia Freeman seconded, and the motion carried.

VII. SUBCOMMITTEE BREAKOUTS

1. Treatment and Recovery
2. Prevention, Reform and Compliance

1:12 p.m. – Von Purdy moved to dismiss to the subcommittee meetings. Secretary Friedlander seconded, and the motion carried.

Chair Evans dismissed the Commission members to their subcommittee groups.

1:33 p.m. – Van Ingram moved to return to the scheduled business meeting of the KYOAAC. Secretary Friedlander seconded, and the motion carried.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration of Treatment and Recovery Application Review Meeting



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Van Ingram announced the Treatment and Recovery Subcommittee voted and approved April 9th, 1 p.m., April 16th, 10 to 3 p.m., and April 26th, 10 a.m. as additional subcommittee application review dates. The subcommittee also voted to cancel the February 23rd date. All meetings will be located at 1024 Capital Center Drive, Suite 200, Frankfort, KY 40601.

Patricia Freeman moved to approve the Treatment and Recovery Subcommittee Application Review meeting as discussed. Karen Butcher seconded, and the motion carried.

2. Consideration of Prevention Application Review Meeting

Von Purdy announced the Prevention, Reform, and Compliance Subcommittee voted and approved to add March 25th at 10 a.m., April 9 at 1 p.m., and April 24th at 10 a.m., as additional subcommittee application review dates. The subcommittee also voted to cancel the February 26th and March 11th meetings. The meetings will be held at the Capitol Annex located at 702 Capital Ave, Frankfort, KY 40601. The formal room will be announced as it becomes available from the Legislative Research Commission (LRC) staff.

Russell Webber, proxy for Treasurer Metcalf, moved to approve the Prevention Subcommittee Application Review meeting dates as discussed. Secretary Friedlander seconded, and the motion carried.

IX. ANOUNCEMETNS

Karen Butcher requested the number of emails/letters or other communications received regarding Ibogaine since the January 9 meeting. In addition, she wanted to know if the County and City governments follow the same guidelines as provided in the statutes and regulations and what are the penalties for those who do not follow those guidelines?

Chair Evans explained he would need to see the specific actions of an entity/organization before commenting on what might be a violation and what those penalties would be.

Karen Butcher lastly enquired about Attorney General Coleman's prevention efforts he has mentioned prior to taking office, and since being elected as Attorney General. She said she would like to hear more about his vision for prevention.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND REMARKS

Michael Fry and Struggle Jennings discussed the new opportunities they will be bringing to Eastern Kentucky at the Pineville Medical Center.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

1:54 p.m. Secretary Friedlander moved to adjourn the scheduled business meeting of the KYOAAC. Von Purdy seconded, and the motion carried.