



OPIOID ABATEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

Kentucky Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission

Public Hearing

September 15, 2023, 9:00 a.m. ET

Administrative Office of the Courts, 1001 Vandalay Drive, Conference Room A125

Frankfort, KY 40601

MINUTES

Members Present: Chair, W. Bryan Hubbard (in person), Lorrان Ferguson (proxy for Treasurer Ball – in person), Karen Butcher (in person), Patricia Freeman (in person), Secretary Friedlander (in person), Van Ingram (in person), Von Purdy (in person), and Jason Roop (in person).

**Von Purdy arrived at 10:50 a.m.

Members Absent: Representative Danny Bentley, Vic Brown, Carlos Cameron

Staff Present: Alison Chavies, Scott Hornbuckle, and Inyang Telfair

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hubbard called the Kentucky Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission (KYOAAC) public hearing meeting to order at 9:12 a.m. on Monday, September 15, 2023.

II. INTRODUCTION

III. BUSINESS MEETING SCHEDULE

1. October 17, 2023, 1:00 p.m.
2. November 14, 2023, 1:00 p.m.
3. December 12, 2023, 1:00 p.m.

****Meetings will take place at 1024 Capital Center Drive, Suite 200, Frankfort, KY 40601**

IV. PERSONAL TESTIMONIES

1. Ben Chandler – Former Kentucky Attorney General, former five-term United States Congressman, President and CEO of Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky
2. Dakota Meyer – Medal of Honor Recipient, Sargent United States Marine Corps. (Ret.)
3. Jerry Catlett – Parent of Ibogaine patient, Investments & Financial Strategies and Salt River Bed & Barn LLC
4. Paria Zandi – Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist
5. Bobby Laughlin – CEO, New Course Enterprises, former gymnast
6. Dr. Joseph Barsuglia, Ph.D. – Psychedelic Medicine & Integrative Healthcare Advisor and Developer



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7. Tommy Aceto – Ibogaine patient and United States Navy SEAL Veteran
8. Ryan Roberts – Operations Consultant, United States Marine Corps veteran, The Mission Within Squad Leader
9. Dr. Peter Hendricks, Ph.D. – Professor of Psychiatry - Behavioral Neurobiology at University of Alabama Birmingham
10. Dr. Andrew Tatarsky, Ph.D.– Founder and Executive Director at Center for Optimal Living

*** Chair Hubbard read Dr. Andrew Tatarsky’s remarks. Dr. Tatarsky contracted an illness a day prior to the hearing and was not able to travel.*

11. Marcus Capone – CO-Founder, Vets Exploring Treatment Solutions (VETS), United States Navy SEAL veteran
Amber Capone – CO-Founder, Executive Director of Veterans Exploring Treatment Solutions (VETS)
12. Susan Ousterman – President, Vilomah Memorial Foundation

11:40 a.m. – Chair Hubbard dismissed guests, Commission members, and those in attendance for an hour lunch break.

12:38 p.m. – Chair Hubbard reconvened the public hearing.

13. Reed Madison – Founder, Tribe Integration Strategies, Parent of Ibogaine patient
14. Angela Hargrove – Wife of Ibogaine patient, Senior Director for Elligo Health Research
15. Steve Viola – United States Navy SEAL veteran, Executive Director of Mission Within
16. Dr. Steve Katsikas, Ph.D. Clinical Psychology, Spalding University
17. Talia Eisenberg – Founder, Beond Ibogaine
18. Adam Marr – United States Army veteran, Co-Founder of Warrior Angels Foundation, Director of Operations for Veteran Mental Health Leadership Coalition
19. Michael Higgs – Parent of Ibogaine patient, United States Navy SEAL veteran
20. Stephane Lasme – Former NBA player from Gabon, Partner with Stedde Capital
21. David Nassim – Blessings of the Forrest
22. Rick Perry – Former Governor of Texas
23. Lt. Martin Steele – Lieutenant General, United States Marine Corps. (Retired), CEO Reason for Hope, President of Veteran Mental Health Leadership Coalition

The Commission heard everyone’s personal testimony as it related to their lived experience with Ibogaine. Several of these testimonies included the individuals’ professional experience as well.

Each Commission member had the opportunity to ask the individual testifying questions.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND REMARKS

Dr. Jeeshan Chowdhury; Physician and Founder of Journey Co Lab Psychedelic Research Company



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Dr. Veronica Slootsky; Board Certified Adult Psychiatrist

Rex Elsass; Chairman of the REID (Reaching Everyone in Distress) Foundation

Kentucky Resident and Psychedelic Practitioner (name not provided).

Evan Clark, Graduate Student at Spalding University's Clinical Mental Health Counseling program.

VI. CLOSING REMARKS

1. Bryan Hubbard, Chair and Executive Director, Kentucky Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission

Chair Hubbard thanked the Commission and members of the public for coming to the public hearing.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

3:28 p.m. - Chair Hubbard adjourned the public hearing of the Kentucky Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission.