



KENTUCKY OPIOID ABATEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

Kentucky Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission
Prevention, Reform, and Compliance Subcommittee
March 11, 2025

MINUTES

Members Present: Executive Director Evans (in person), Chair Von Purdy (in person), and members Darren Allen (in person), Karen Kelly (via Zoom until 2:00 pm), Secretary Friedlander (in person), and Deputy General Counsel Rob Gullett served as Proxy for Treasurer Mark Metcalf.

Members Absent: Representative Chris Fugate

Staff Present: Jessica Bowman, Alison Chavies, Jessie Halladay, and Michelle Lopez

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Purdy called the Prevention, Reform, and Compliance Subcommittee application review meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11th, 2025.

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Darren Allen moved to adopt the agenda for March 11th, 2025. Secretary Eric Friedlander seconded, and the motion carried.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. March 5th, 2025, Application Review Meeting

Secretary Eric Friedlander moved to approve the minutes for March 5th, 2025. Darren Allen seconded, and the motion carried.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND REMARKS

Steve Pendry, Judge Executive Campbell County; Boone, Kenton, and Campbell are three of the hardest hit counties in Kentucky due to the transportation infrastructure of I-75 that runs through the area. Their collaboration efforts such as Saint Elizabeth, which employs over 10,000 people in the area, have changed the trajectory within the region. This scourge is too complicated to deal with as one agency but takes collaboration.

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Amanda Peters, Executive Director, Northern KY Office of Drug Control Policy; over 8 years, stigma has been the biggest barrier she has seen. NKY ADD has led the charge with collaboration efforts in their area. They have been working to get prevention engrained into their communities, especially 988.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1:20 p.m. – Darren Allen moved the Subcommittee go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing bidders for award moneys from the opioid abatement trust fund established in KRS 15.293, pursuant to KRS 15.291(5), but only include matters that are allowed to be discussed during executive session pursuant to KRS 61.810. Secretary Eric Friedlander seconded, and the motion carried.

Chair Purdy stated a motion was made, seconded, and adopted for the Subcommittee to retire into closed, executive session. This motion has passed by a majority vote of the members present, with enough members present to form a quorum, and thereafter the Chair announced:

“Pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(n), of the Kentucky Open Meetings Act, the Committee will now retire into closed, executive session. Specific justification under the Kentucky Open Meetings Act for this action are as follows: meetings of any selection committee, evaluation committee, or other similar group established under KRS Chapter 45A or 56 or other state or local law, to select a successful bidder for award of a state or local contract.

This meeting will consider matters mandated by KRS 15.291(5), which comports with the exception found in KRS 61.810(1)(n).”

VI. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

2:23 p.m. – Secretary Eric Friedlander moved the Subcommittee to return to open session. Rob Gullett seconded, and the motion carried.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Secretary Eric Friedlander moved that the Subcommittee consider the following applications for award consideration to the full commission for review at the scheduled business meeting on March 25, 2025. Grant Specialist Alison Chavies read the following application numbers:

11, 19, 69, 137, 65, 160, 156, 178, 58, 5, 62, 34, 78, 32, 141, 25, 175, 70, 83, 63, 157, 29, 23, 116, 73, 98, 89, 107, 133, 79, 103, 16, 113, 43, 50, and 94

Darren Allen seconded, and the motion carried.

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VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Lake Cumberland Community Action Agency

Deputy Director Jessie Halladay explained to the subcommittee members that it was discovered that Lake Cumberland Community Action Agency had a balance of \$100,000 after their final reporting period.

Secretary Eric Friedlander moved the subcommittee to consider staff recommendations for the organization to return the \$100,000. Darren Allen seconded. The motion carried.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

2:30 p.m. – Secretary Eric Friedlander moved to adjourn the subcommittee meeting. Darren Allen seconded, and the motion carried.