

South Carolina Opioid Recovery Fund Board Retreat
September 22, 2023
1201 Main Street, Suite 600, Columbia, SC

Welcome

Board Chairman Eric Bedingfield welcomed everyone to the Board of Directors Retreat at 9:05 AM. Those in attendance were:

Toby Chappell, Steve Donaldson, Gary Mixon, Hon. H. Bruce Williams, Eric Bedingfield, Martine Helou-Allen. **Board Members Present via Zoom:** Lisa Montgomery, Aditi Bussells, Mayes DuBose

Introductions

Alana Williams, SFAA Director of Strategic Initiatives, led the Board in an introductory activity and asked the Board to think about suggestions for any process changes or goals they would like to see met in the coming year.

Shatterproof Presentation

Leah Kaufman, Assistant Vice President of Public Policy, gave an in-person presentation on improving access to care, disparities and challenges related to health equity and access to care depending on socioeconomic status, and examples of how other states, cities, and counties are addressing these challenges.

The Board took a 10- minute break.

The meeting resumed at 10:00 AM.

RTI International Presentation

Epidemiologist consultant overview and initial data discussion. Dr. Sazid Khan, research and public health analyst in SUD, Laura Raymond, research and public health analyst, Jessica Kantz, research and public health analyst, and Nicholas Villacort, public health analyst, gave a Zoom overview presentation to the Board and engaged in initial discussion with the Board. Dr. Khan explained the group offers evaluations, programmatic assistance, consultations, fact sheets, briefs, data sets, process of outcome evaluations, and drafting plans. They look at outcomes related to funded groups to determine who is effective and should be funded while considering longevity of plans. They offer logic models, evaluation questions, and measures. Board discussion regarding data collection options.

Staff briefly discussed overdose maps with the Board and said they will work on setting up a SCORF Board account to access this information since this information is confidential.

The Board took a 5-minute break.

The meeting resumed at 11:00AM.

Planning Discussion

- The first item on the planning discussion agenda was priority funding areas and encouraging partnerships for funds. Board discussed sending an annual letter from the Board to PSDs to encourage collaborations. It would outline priority areas of interest for funding which will be influenced by better data from RTI.
- The next agenda item was capital requests, which includes land and building purchases. Board discussion about limited guidelines from other states. Chairman Bedingfield asked the Board to consider what should be required for capital requests? Board suggestions included limitations for re-sale, audit letters and the end of project cycles, match requirements from other investors. Chairman Bedingfield said he will get with legal to see about this. Board discussion about real estate and capital, and the agreed upon terms for each.

- The next item on the agenda was closeout packages. Staff went over the reporting documents in the closeout package. This included a tangible and real property report which shows items purchased with any of the funds, and requirements for purchased property including potential audit requirements, payroll reports, and a no cost extension for projects.
- The next agenda item was proposed staggered application dates for DSF new applicants and current awardees. The application open and close dates are different and would be staggered during the same time frame to allow current awardees to report progress for their funded work if they are applying for more funds. The Board discussed how to go about designating funds.
- The next agenda item was suggestions for changes in processes. Ms. Helou-Allen suggested the Board discuss top ranked scores from each group when the Board evaluated DSF applications. Mr. Mixon said this idea would need a full board discussion. Motion by Mr. Mixon and second by Mr. Donaldson to schedule a meeting just for this, approved. Legal information from Jared is needed. Staff requested the Board email them additional goals and ideas.
- The next agenda item was the Governor's Opioid Summit in March 2023 and a discussion was held about the Board's participation.
- Mr. Donaldson gave a short update from the State Opioid Settlement Learning Network Meeting sponsored by the National Academy for State Health Policy that he attended in Boston, MA on August 14, 2023. He reported that essentially, everyone is doing things differently, but everyone would like uniformity, and there is a need for more conversations.

The retreat was adjourned at 12:15 PM.