

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Name of Governmental Body: State Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (SCAODA)			Attending
Date: 6/6/2025	Time Started: 9:30 a.m.	Time Ended: 12:16 p.m.	SCAODA Members: Beth Collier, Kevin Florek, Autumn Lacy, Chris Wardlow, Chrissy Barnard, Christina Malone, Danielle Long, Felice Borisy-Rudin, Fil Clissa, Jan Brebel, Jenny Fahey, Jesse James, Lakesha J, Mark Rather, Michelle Haese, Michelle Streetman, Paul Krupski, Paula Jolly, Denise Johnson, John Acter, Jan Grebel, Rep Rather, Elizabeth Salisbury-Afshar, Audra Cohen-Plata, Sudhadeep Barman, Coral Manning, Connie Calderon DHS Staff: Alison Elisius, Allison Weber, Hannah Foley, Annie Vulpas, Brenda Scheurer, Joannette Robertson, Robin Matthies, Jason Cram, Katelyn Blatter, Alex Cammilleri Guests: Tyler Re, Cody J. Wenthur, Sheila Weix
Location: Zoom			Presiding Officer: Kevin Florek

Minutes

Call the Meeting to Order

Kevin Florek welcomed the SCAODA members and guests and called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. after quorum was established.

Review and approve March 7, 2025, meeting minutes

Beth Collier moved to approve the minutes.
Denise Johnson seconded.
The minutes were approved unanimously.

Public Comment: The council will accept comments from the public relating to any SCAODA business

No public comment.

Updates from the Wisconsin Council on Mental Health (WCMH)

Chrissy Barnard shared updates from the May 2025 WCMH meeting. The WCMH is planning the fall tour, an annual two-day meeting showcasing a region of the state or specific populations. It will occur September 16-17, 2025. Historically, the fall tour has occurred in-person in regions across the state or at specific agencies/organizations. The fall tour moved to a virtual, and now, hybrid platform due to the pandemic.

C. Barnard shared an update regarding the Hope Haven Respite Center. Douglas County's Health and Human Services and the Health and Human Services Board have agreed to use their [Opioid Settlement Funds to support Hope Haven](#). Due to various finishing steps, Hope Haven is hoping to open their doors July 7, 2025.

Guest Speaker: Cody J. Wenthur, PharmD, PhD, Wisconsin Opioid Overdose Recovery Center

Dr. Cody Wenthur, with the University of Wisconsin Department of Pharmacy, shared information regarding the Wisconsin Opioid Overdose Recovery Center (WOORC). The regional center, based at the School of Pharmacy, aims to combat the

opioid crisis within the U.S. and Wisconsin with a special focus on fentanyl, which accounts for over 75% of annual opioid overdose deaths. In March 2024, the U.S. Senate approved a \$2 million appropriations request as part of the fiscal year 2024 appropriations package to fund the launch of the center (Parquette, 2024). To learn more about WOORC and their work, please visit: [UW–Madison Launches Pharmacy-Focused Regional Center to Combat the Opioid Crisis](#).

Discussion and Feedback Request: Interagency Council on Mental Health

Members from the Interagency Council on Mental Health (ICMH) joined the meeting to coordinate breakout rooms on behalf of the ICMH. SCAODA members spent 30 minutes in breakout rooms with facilitators to have conversations regarding recommendations for the future of mental health initiatives across the state.

When members returned to the main room, an overview discussion was facilitated by Karen Odegaard. Council members shared discussion highlights including a recommendation for councils and state agencies to improve communication amongst themselves and the public. Members also shared they would be interested in having a representative from the Office of Insurance to learn more about insurance gaps across Wisconsin.

SCAODA also shared the importance of person-first language and having universal services tailored for individuals in certain situations, i.e. support for veterans returning home/support for a child in foster care, versus having to go through a lengthy process and having to receive a mental health diagnosis before services can be accessed.

K. Odegaard thanked SCAODA for their participation and shared the ICMH will begin the process of reviewing input from listening sessions with the help of an analyst. Data will be collected and put into an action plan and shared with the state. You can learn more about the ICMH and share additional input here: www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/icmh/index.htm. This survey will be open until June 30, 2025.

SCAODA Committee Updates and Committee Membership Discussion

Executive Committee

D. Johnson moved to approve Beth Collier as the new vice chairperson for SCAODA.
Coral Manning seconded.

Beth Collier was voted in unanimously to serve as vice chairperson for SCAODA.

Diversity Committee

D. Johnson shared the diversity committee welcomed a new member, Connie Calderon, at their most recent meeting.

Intervention and Treatment Committee

No updates were shared.

Planning and Funding Committee (PFC)

B. Collier shared that the PFC discussed the [Recovery Residence Registry](#) and concluded the following insights:

- Approximately 50% of the contacts listed on the registry are no longer existing or functioning.
- The application to be listed on the registry asks if the residence accepts individuals on medication assisted treatment (MAT).
- It is a requirement to be listed on the registry for the residence to accept individuals on MAT.
- Some agencies listed on the registry do not accept people on MAT.

In conclusion to this discussion, the committee seeks to understand the requirements for a residence to be listed on the registry, operational practices of the residences on the registry, and determining the appropriate point of contact for any concerns or complaints. The committee proposed inviting Division of Quality Assurance and Division of Care and Treatment Services to a future committee meeting to further this discussion.

Prevention Committee

Chris Wardlow shared that Felice Borisy-Rudin shared a presentation discussing findings on drinking patterns throughout the state. The study identified college towns or cities in Wisconsin that had a four-year college or university and a total population of the jurisdiction of at least 10,000. The largest cities in Wisconsin were excluded because many of them don't fit the intended concept of a college city in that they have multiple colleges or universities, but the proportion of the population comprised by the college or university was low, with Madison being an exception, because it's a very high percentage. Cities were chosen where the proportion of undergraduate students was at least 10% of the total population, and non-college cities were selected for similar mean population and rurality using a propensity score matching system.

Wardlow noted that Yolanda Candler shared an update regarding the Tribal Overdose Prevention program. Overall, the program has conducted primary and secondary prevention and harm reduction strategies with the main strategies being Tribal activities including Naloxone administration, training and distribution, implementing and inputting of Naloxone boxes across their communities for low barrier Naloxone access, utilizing information dissemination strategies, and building culturally responsive educational materials to engage their communities. Y. Candler added that the Tribal Overdose Project has also worked to distribute prescription drug lock boxes and create/promote pro social and pro sober events within their communities, Tribal governments, people with lived experiences related to opioid use and misuse and overdoses, first responders, local business, universities, and other community organizations. The goal is to create and build thoughtful partnerships and collaborations among these groups to provide a comprehensive approach for services.

The committee meets next in July 2025.

2025 conferences

C. Wardlow shared the [Wisconsin Substance Use Prevention Conference](#) is being planned with the intention to have a SCAODA listening session at this conference on how to engage with the work SCAODA does. This conference will occur September 10-11, 2025.

K. Florek shared that SCAODA will host a listening session at the [2025 Mental Health and Substance Use Recovery Conference](#).

Agency reports*Department of Health Services (DHS)*

Paul Krupski shared updates regarding [Governor Evers' Proposed 2025-2027 Budget](#). P. Krupski also shared information regarding the [FY 2026 President's Budget for HHS](#) and [DHS Highlights Impact of Federal SNAP Changes on Wisconsinites](#).

Updates from the Bureau of Prevention Treatment and Recovery

Jason Cram announced Alison Elisius (alison.elisius@dhs.wisconsin.gov) as the new Substance Use Block Grant Planner. A. Elisius will begin staffing SCAODA meetings September 2025.

J. Cram shared a link to [current grant funding opportunities through DHS](#).

Call for Future SCAODA Agenda Items

K. Florek requested to have a State Opioid Response (SOR) presentation from DHS.

Adjourn

B. Collier motioned to adjourn the meeting.

C. Wardlow seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

Prepared by: Hannah Foley on June 9, 2025.

Council reviewed and approved these minutes at its meeting on: 09/05/2025