

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF
ALABAMA OPIOID OVERDOSE AND
ADDICTION COUNCIL
MINUTES

September 5, 2017
1:00 pm

The Alabama Opioid Overdose and Addiction Council, created by Executive Order No. 708, issued by Governor Kay Ivey on August 8, 2017, met for its organizational meeting on September 5, 2017, at the Office of the Attorney General located at 501 Washington Avenue, Montgomery, Alabama.

The newly created Council was called to order by Attorney General Steve Marshall, Co-Chair. Attorney General Marshall made opening remarks. He then introduced Co-Chair, Commissioner Lynn Beshear of the Alabama Department of Mental Health who made her opening remarks. (See Audio Recording at 10:50)

Co-Chair Beshear then introduced Co-Chair Acting State Health Officer, Alabama Department of Public Health, Dr. Scott Harris who made his opening remarks. (See Audio Recording at 17:17)

Attorney General Marshall asked for introductions and brief remarks from the roundtable. (See Audio Recording beginning at 18:59 and ending at 44:18)

Attorney General Marshall then gave an overview of the Council from the Executive Order, and the vision of the Co-Chairs for the Council. (See Audio Recording at 44:22)

Attorney General Marshall then asked for any reports from the sub-committees or committees. The reports were given as follows:

Data Committee Report by Diane Baugher, MBA, CPA, Alabama Department of Mental Health, Associate Commissioner Mental Health & Substance Abuse. (See Audio Recording 46:19-51:14)

Treatment/Recovery Support Committee Report by Sarah Harkless, Director of Substance Abuse Treatment and Development, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Division, Alabama Department of Mental Health. (See Audio Recording 52:37-59:44)

Law Enforcement/Criminal Justice, Darrell Morgan, Assistant Executive Director, Alabama Board of Pardons and Paroles. (See Audio 1:00)

Prescriber/Dispenser Practices, Senator Jim McLendon. (See Audio 1:01)

Rescue Committee, Foster Cook, UAB School of Medicine. (See Audio 1:10)

Prevention/Education/Media, Josh Johnson, WSFA TV. (See Audio 1:22)

Attorney General Marshall then introduced Anne M. Schmidt, M.D., Medical Director of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama for a presentation on “What’s The Cost? A Blue Cross Perspective.” After the presentation, the Council opened for questions and answers (See Audio beginning at 1:25)

Attorney General Marshall then introduced Mr. Alan Miller, Director of Compact 2020 and the Chief Assistant District Attorney of Shelby County, Alabama. Mr. Miller then gave an overview of Compact 2020 and opened up for questions and answers. (See Audio 1:49)

The meeting was closed with closing remarks by Attorney General Marshall, Commissioner Beshear and Dr. Harris with the announcement that the next meeting of the Council would be held on October 24, 2017 at 1 pm in the same location. (See Audio 2:09)

Dated this the 19th day of September, 2017.

Recording Secretary