

Health Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes



January 15, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
Livingston County Administration Building
304 E. Grand River, Conference Room 4, Howell, MI 48843

Voting Members Present: Nancy McGuire, Holly Austin, Thomas Latchney, Lee Ann Blazejewski, Dawn Smith

Non-Voting Members Present: Lindsay Kalberer, Wes Nakagiri

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by D. Smith at 6:00 PM.

2. Roll Call

Roll Call by D. Smith indicated the presence of a quorum.

3. Approval of Minutes

Meeting Minutes dated: December 18, 2024

Motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Moved by H. Austin

Seconded by N. McGuire

Yes (5): H. Austin, L.A. Blazejewski, T. Latchney, N. McGuire, D. Smith;

No (0): none; Absent (0): none

Motion Carried (5-0-0)

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Moved by H. Austin

Seconded by N. McGuire

Yes (5): H. Austin, L.A. Blazejewski, T. Latchney, N. McGuire, D. Smith;

No (0): none; Absent (0): none

Motion Carried (5-0-0)

5. Reports

5.1 Opioid Abuse Prevention

A presentation was given by Matt McCord, MD, to the HAC regarding opioid abuse prevention. A supplemental fact sheet is included as Exhibit 1.

5.2 Specific Wording for Webpage

D. Smith discussed the general layout of the webpage. Reports in Sections 5.2 – 5.5 discuss where statements will be added on the webpage.

5.3 Placement of Public Masking Statement

Will be added under public statements section on website.

5.4 Covid Vaccine Guidance Information Statement and Placement

Will be added under public statements section on website.

5.5 Emergency Use Statement and Placement

Will be added under public statements section on website.

5.6 Toxic Food Additives Report

More research is needed on this topic. The HAC will continue to review literature.

6. New Business

The HAC will review the Opioid Abuse Prevention presentation and determine the best way to interpret and facilitate the information.

7. Call to the Public

One comment from public

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:27 PM.

Moved by N McGuire

Seconded by H. Austin

Yes (5): H. Austin, L.A. Blazejewski, T. Latchney, N. McGuire, D. Smith;

No (0): none; Absent (0): none

Motion Carried (5-0-0)

Recorded by, Thomas Latchney

Facts About Michigan's Non-Opioid Directive Legislation

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: APRIL 8, 2022

Contact: Matt McCord, MD, Opioid Free Solutions and Opioid Free Surgery, (810)623-4703.

About the Non-Opioid Directive

The Non-Opioid Directive law gives Michigan patients the right to deny treatment with opioids. It requires health professionals and insurers to inform patients of their right to refuse opioids and to provide accessible documentation for this directive. The law aims to address the opioid epidemic, which took thousands of lives in Michigan, including 2,591 deaths in 2018.

Key Legislative Components of the Non-Opioid Directive

1. HB 5261

- Mandates procedures for recording a non-opioid directive form in a patient's medical record, including electronic medical records, to ensure healthcare professionals are informed of a patient's refusal of opioids.

2. HB 5262

- Requires insurers operating in Michigan to provide a non-opioid directive form to insured individuals during enrollment. This ensures all insured patients have the opportunity to access and complete this directive.

3. HB 5263

- Obligates insurers to make the non-opioid directive form available on their websites, enhancing accessibility for patients and making the process more transparent and user-friendly.

4. HB 5264

- Compels hospitals to publicly post the non-opioid directive form on their websites. This enables patients to easily find, sign, and submit the directive as part of their medical care preferences.
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Implementation and Supporting Legislation

- The laws were signed by Governor Gretchen Whitmer on **March 23, 2022**.
- The legislation was part of a broader set of healthcare bills addressing the opioid crisis.
- Prominent leaders, including state officials, union representatives, and healthcare professionals, have voiced support for these measures.