

**STATEWIDE SUBSTANCE USE RESPONSE WORKING GROUP**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND AGENDA**

December 14, 2022 – 9 a.m.

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**1. Call to Order and Roll Call to Establish Quorum.**

Chair Ford

**2. Public Comment. (*Discussion Only.*)**

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**3. Review and Approve Minutes for October 3, 2022, SURG Meeting. (*For Possible Action.*)**

Chair Ford

**4. Introduce new SURG member, Assemblywoman Melissa Hardy, in the seat for *One member of the Assembly who is appointed by the Assembly Minority Leader***

Chair Ford

**5. Update on Opioid Litigation, Settlement Funds, and Distribution. (*Information Only.*)**

Chief Deputy Attorney General (DAG) Mark Krueger, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Office of the Attorney General

**6. Review Amended Bylaws with Updated Member Appointments and Terms.** *(For Possible Action.)*

Terry Kerns, Ph.D., Substance Abuse/Law Enforcement Coordinator, Office of the Attorney General

**7. Update on Cross-Sector Task Force to Address Overdoses.** *(Information Only.)*

Stephanie Woodard, PsyD, Senior Behavioral Health Advisor, Department of Health and Human Services and Terry Kerns, Ph.D., Substance Abuse/Law Enforcement Coordinator, Office of the Attorney General

**8. Review draft Annual Report of the SURG.** *(For Possible Action.)*

Dr. Terry Kerns, Office of the Attorney General and Laura Hale, Subcontractor for Social Entrepreneurs, Inc.

**9. Approval of Recommendations for Annual Report.** *(For Possible Action.)*

Chair Ford and Kelly Marschall, Social Entrepreneurs, Inc.

Specific items for discussion include the following and any other items identified by members:

- Recommendation #11 Expand access to MAT and recovery support for SUD, limit barriers to individuals seeking treatment regardless of the ability to pay, and encourage the use of hub and spoke systems, as well as recovery support, including use and promotion of telehealth, considering the modifications that have been made under the emergency policies, and pursuing innovative programs such as establishing bridge MAT programs in emergency departments.
  - (This recommendation may fit better under service coordination, but the action steps focus on state and local spending)
- Recommendation #12 Support Harm Reduction
  - (Incorporates language from recommendation #11)
- Recommendation #17 Implement changes to recruitment, retention, and compensation of health and behavioral health care workers and enhance compensation in alignment with the Commission on Behavioral Health Board's letter to the Governor of June 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - Additionally, continue to sustain and expand investment in Community Health Workers, Peer Recovery Specialists, and Certified Prevention Specialists by implementing changes to recruitment, retention, and compensation.
    - (Incorporates language from recommendation #16)

**10. Review and Consider Items for January Meeting.** *(For Possible Action.)*

Dr. Terry Kerns, Office of the Attorney General, and Emma Rodriguez, Social Entrepreneurs, Inc.

**11. Public Comment.** *(Discussion Only.)*

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**12. Adjournment.**

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