

Meeting of the OSAC Finance/Compliance Subcommittee
Monday August 21st, 2023
Microsoft Teams
Teams Virtual meeting
1:00pm

ATTENDANCE

Members present: Representative Toni Walker Liz Fitzgerald, Christine Gagnon, Judy Dowd, Kimberly Grove, Tim Birch

Members absent: Mayor Lisa Marotta

Visitors/Presenters: Christopher McClure, Katie Ramos

Recorder: Katie Ramos

Topic	Discussion	Action
Welcome & Introductions	Katie Ramos, welcomed all in attendance	Noted
Review and approve minutes	Committee approved minutes, Kim made a motion to approve, and Judy and Liz seconded. Minutes approved by all	Noted
Agenda	<p>Rep. Walker: reviewed the agenda, Katie will provide an update on the conference she attended. we will discuss the priorities for finance and discuss what we are expecting, and what we are thinking about when we talk about priorities with finance.</p> <p>Katie Provided update on conference, discussed the categories, harm reduction, prevention treatment and recovery supports, reported out on what some other states are doing in terms of designating percentages of their budgets to each bucket.</p> <p>Tim: Discussed having flexibility with allocating funds and not designating a specific percentage to each bucket as it will be difficult to predict what's going to be needed a year from now or six months from now.</p> <p>Rep. Walker commented that it would be helpful to have a baseline on what the state/towns are spending. Discussed concerns with supplanting. Committee discussed having some guidance for municipalities and oversight.</p> <p>Kim: For continual funding, for different towns and municipalities, are we going to be looking at some sort of reporting for them to report to OSAC.</p> <p>Chris: Provided clarification that the parties to the settlement are responsible for compliance, the state and this committee do not have oversight, we just ask for them to report and will post online.</p> <p>Committee had discussion surrounding municipalities 15% and discussion around what municipalities are spending.</p> <p>Katie provided an update to the committee regarding the municipalities reporting form and requirement for municipalities to report by Oct 1, the report will be posted on the OSAC website. Committee felt it was premature to assign percentages to each bucket, wants to have flexibility as needed as the recommendations are received, wants to identify what municipalities are already spending, what each received and what key priorities are identified in the draft CORE report.</p> <p>Committee discussed the draft CORE report and list of funding priorities.</p> <p>Rep Walker: This committee can look to figure out a way to be able to disperse these funds in a way that is a little bit timelier</p> <p>Committee suggested looking at how some of the other states have provided emergency funding, and if there is a way to adopt that process.</p> <p>Judy: Suggested looking at recommendations/contracts annually and concerned about obligating money too far because of the inconsistent amounts being received, we want to make sure we are not obligating more than we have for the future, we should be mindful of outcomes, and should have flexibility to do so.</p>	Informational

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	Committee will discuss municipality reports at next meeting. Christine: inquired about when the portal will open for public input- Katie reported out on public participation subcommittee guidelines and will present at the next OSAC. Katie provided update on the portal/link to receive public input and sample budget spreadsheet. Committee agreed to meet in October following the municipality reporting and OSAC meeting.	
Other Business	Next meeting will be Tuesday October 10 th , 2023, via Teams. Committee in agreement to meet bi-monthly at present time, will re-evaluate need to meet more frequently at next meeting.	

NEXT MEETING – October 10th, 1:00pm-2:30pm, Microsoft Teams Virtual meeting

ADJOURNMENT – August 21st, 2023, meeting adjourned at 2:20pm