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**Meeting Notes
King County Methadone Preparedness Workgroup
August 1, 2008**

Present: Ron Jackson (Chair), Evergreen Treatment Services; Charissa Fotinos, Michelle McDaniel & Sarah Wagner, Public Health-Seattle & King County; Glenn Baldwin & Deb Cummins, Department of Alcohol & Substance Abuse

1. Update: CDC grant application – Michelle

We have not received a decision from the CDC regarding Public Health's grant request to expand the opiate related disaster preparedness work. CDC's originally timeline for announcing grant recipients was last April. We hope to hear by year's end if our grant is accepted. Stay tuned!

2. Memorandum of Agreement Update

- Hold harmless/staff liability issue
- List other opioid substitution medications beyond methadone?
- Next steps

MOA conversation deferred due to lack of representation from OTP providers. Decision was made to add use of KCHealthTrac software as part of the provider's tasks during activation of the MOA.

Michelle will continue to move the process forward and report back at our next meeting.

3. Emergency access to hospital methadone supply - Joe

Joe was unable to attend today's meeting and report out to the group on his efforts to ascertain if Harborview has a precedent and/or opinion as to whether OTPs can have access to hospital methadone supply in an emergency.

Michelle will work with Joe and other hospitals on the issue and report out at our next meeting.

4. KCHealthTrac rollout update – Michelle

Michelle reported on the roll-out plan for the KCHealthTrac software to be used by behavioral health providers who are contracted with the KC Mental Health, Substance Abuse Division. Proposed plan is for Michelle & Allison to hold a series of 90 minute software demonstrations for providers in September. In October, key staff members from each agency will be trained to operate the software. "Go live" date is tentatively scheduled for November 3rd.

5. Table Top Exercise Planning – Michelle

We will be doing a 3-4 hour table-top exercise for workgroup members in January (exact date TBA by October). Michelle will be leading the development of the exercise based on an earthquake scenario. The purpose of the table-top exercise is to bring together key organizations and partners involved in OTP delivery to test existing plans, policies, or procedures. The exercise will also allow participants to thoroughly work through an earthquake event to understand our planning strengths and gaps.

6. Pan flu planning: Video “Business As Usual” & discussion

Video can be found at the Public Health Seattle-King County website at:

<http://www.metrokc.gov/health/portal/videos.htm>

Next meeting: Friday, October 10th, 11:00 – 1:00, Evergreen Treatment Services

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