Opioid Abatement Council Emergency Meeting

- Thank you for joining the Opioid Abatement Council's Emergency meeting.

- All are welcome. Guests' audio and video will be disabled. Chat is disabled, too.

- Council members, please leave your camera on and mute yourself when not speaking

- This meeting is being recorded.

Introductions & Role Call

- **Dr. Stephen Loyd** - Chair, Opioid Abatement Council

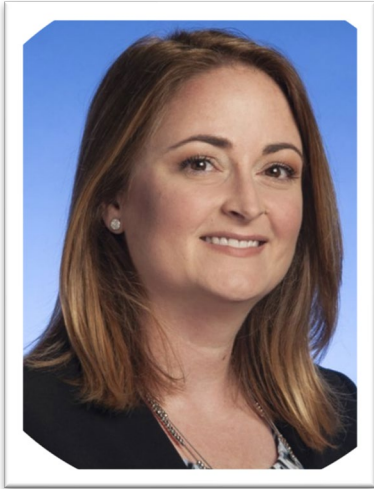- **Mary Shelton**, Executive Director, Opioid Abatement Council

Emergency Meeting Necessity Statement

- The Opioid Abatement Council is holding this virtual emergency meeting to expedite the planning and design of the community grant applications process

Agenda

- Overview of Strategic Technology Solutions (STS), the TN state department which manages SmartSimple
  - TDMHSAS Deputy Commissioner Heather Gunderson

- Overview of TDMHSAS Contracting & Grants Process
  - TDMHSAS Deputy Commissioner Matt Yancey

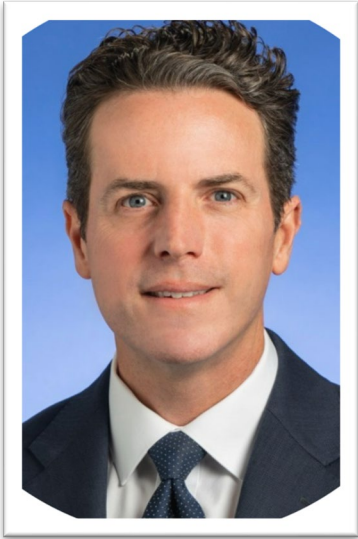- Review and discussion of the SmartSimple platform

Overview of Strategic Technology Solutions (STS)

Heather Gunderson
Deputy Commissioner of Administrative and Regulatory Services

Overview of TDMHSAS Contracting & Grants Process

Matt Yancey
Deputy Commissioner of Behavioral Health Community Programs

Review of SmartSimple

- SmartSimple is a grants management web-based platform that is owned by the State of Tennessee for government use. Many Tennessee state departments administer grants, and this platform was acquired to streamline the process.

- Grantees and state employees can apply, score, award, communicate and issue a contract through SmartSimple. SmartSimple is integrated with Edison, the state payment and contractor system.

- SmartSimple is supported through the Tennessee state IT department – Strategic Technology Solutions – or STS, which is the centralized IT department created under Governor Haslam.

- Tennessee state departments may use SmartSimple for a nominal fee (around $30 a transaction). There is no bidding or contracting with STS, as this is an enterprise-wide technology service available to state departments.

- Other attributes:
  - It is an 'off-the-shelf' product
  - It is customizable
  - There is tech support
  - All actions and statuses of the grant process are tracked and operationalized within SmartSimple

- Tennessee state departments using SmartSimple:
  - Department of Health
  - Department of Labor and Workforce
  - Department of Environment and Conservation
  - Office of Criminal Justice Programs (Finance and Administration)

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Discussion & Decision Point

- Does the Council approve the use of the SmartSimple platform for the community-based grants?

**Motion
&
Council Vote**

Thank you