

Interagency Working Group on Arts, Health and Civic Infrastructure (IAWG AHCI)

Second Quarterly Meeting - May 16, 2024

Meeting Minutes

AGENDA

- Framing remarks from Interagency Working Group Chairs, Maria Rosario Jackson, Chair, National Endowment for the Arts and Xavier Becerra, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services
- Federal and local “bright spot” presentations from Kristen K. Harper, M.Ed., Public Health Advisor, Office of Recovery, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and Michael Rohd, Civic Collaboration Director, One Nation One Project.
- NEA report-back on trends from listening sessions with IWG members
- Group discussion to refine IWG goals, identify gaps, and elevate priorities

ACTION ITEMS & NEXT STEPS

- Help amplify IWG colleagues’ exciting upcoming opportunities!
 - Department of Homeland Security’s Spring 2024 [Invent2Prevent \(I2P\) Final Presentation & Competition Event](#) will be held in Downtown DC on **Wednesday, June 26, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. EST**, where I2P finalists will present their projects to prevent targeted violence, terrorism, and hate crimes to a panel of judges from academia, education, and government sectors. I2P challenges high school and university students to identify risk factors that may lead to violence and create initiatives that encourage connectedness and inclusivity in their communities.
 - One Nation One Project’s [Washington DC event](#) will take place **July 27 from 12-8pm** at the National Mall. Email Carolyn Bartley (bartleyc@arts.gov) for more information.
 - [Our Town](#) is the NEA’s creative placemaking grants program. Through project-based funding, the program supports activities that integrate arts, culture, and design into local efforts that strengthen communities over the long term. Nonprofit organizations, units of local government and federally-recognized tribes are eligible to apply. **Applications for FY25 funds are due August 1, 2024.**
 - In celebration of National Recovery Month, SAMHSA’s Office of Recovery will launch its exhibition, [“Gallery of Hope: Artistic Expressions of Recovery Across the Nation”](#) in **September 2024**. The exhibition will take place online and at an in-person gallery in Washington DC. Submissions of artwork are being accepted through June 28.
- Several participants indicated interest in topical sub-groups; this was also echoed in listening sessions. NEA staff will work with IWG participants to explore feasibility of sub-groups focused on themes such as “Disaster, Recovery, Resilience” and “Climate Sustainability & Adaption.”
- Calendar invites are forthcoming for upcoming IWG meetings:
 - September 24, 2024 (potential for in-person / hybrid option)
 - December 10, 2024

MAY 16th MEETING READOUT & PRESENTATION MATERIALS

- **For a summary of the meeting and a list of participating agencies, please see the [readout posted on hhs.gov](#).**
- Please see appended slide deck from report-back on IWG member listening sessions.

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- Please see appended slide decks from federal and local “Bright Spot” presentations.
 - [Art of Recovery](#) aims to highlight the transformative impact of art on mental health and substance use recovery. This is a new initiative by SAMSHA to support the over 50 million Americans who consider themselves to be in mental health or substance use disorder recovery. Art of Recovery, will display visual artworks created by artists with lived or living experience on SAMSHA’s website, and also includes a public webinar and in-person gallery exhibition. The initiative was launched on May 7, 2024, with upcoming events timed in September around National Recovery Month.
 - [One Nation One Project](#) (ONOP) is a national arts and health initiative designed to leverage the power of the arts to repair the social fabric of our nation and heal our communities, with a goal of better understanding how connecting participation in the arts in all its forms connects to and impacts individual and community health. Several years of collaboration around this will culminate on July, the 27th 2024, when the 18 communities that are a part of this initiative will share their stories through large public art. One [Chicago-based example](#) is being led by the Chicago Department of Arts, Culture and Special Events, in partnership with the Chicago Department of Public Health, is piloting a paid job training program, exploring career pathways for artists centered in creative therapy and health advocacy by establishing one-year artist apprenticeships at city-run mental health clinics. In another [example from Providence, RI](#), the health communities office, the Providence Housing Authority and the Providence Department of Arts, Culture and Tourism are partnered to embed artists through an artist residency program. NEA is supporting Epi Arts Lab at University of Florida Center for Arts and Medicine around [ONOP’s research component](#).

RESOURCES SHARED

[Art of Recovery \(SAMHSA\)](#)

[Assistance for Arts Education \(ED\)](#)

[Citizens Institute for Rural Design \(NEA\)](#)

[Heritage Emergency National Task Force \(HENTF\)](#)

[Informationliteracy.gov \(IMLS\)](#)

[NOAA Voices \(NOAA\)](#)

[OJJDP FY24 Arts Programs for Justice-Involved Youth \(DOJ\)](#) (Grants.gov deadline May 23, 2024, JustGrants deadline June 6)

[ONOP events this summer \(July 27 – to include activities in Washington, DC\)](#)

[President’s Committee on the Arts and the Humanities \(PCAH\)](#)

[Rural Partners Network \(USDA\)](#)

[Save Your Family Treasures \(HENTF\)](#)

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Resources on the arts, substance abuse disorder, and pain management:

<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/1524839921996065>

<https://www.arts.gov/sites/default/files/Arts-Strategies-Opioid-Crisis.pdf>

<https://www.neh.gov/article/stories-opioid-crisis>