

APPROVED MINUTES

Opioid Settlement Fund Taskforce WEDNESDAY, May 24, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. Health and Human Services Community Room 303 W. Chapel Street.; Dodgeville, Wisconsin lowa County Wisconsin

Item	
1	Chairman Davis called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.
2	Roll Call:
	Members Present in Community Room: Chairperson Joan Davis, Justin O'Brien, Sheriff Michael Peterson,
	Jesse Brogley, Miranda Magnuson, Chris Frakes, Dr. Rachel Hartline (left at 7:30 p.m.)
	Members Present Remotely: Justinn Jenkins, Holly Knapp, Levi Zimmerman
	Members Excused: Brad Stevens, Deputy Richard Severson
	Others Present in Community Room: Nikki Mumm, Bruce Paull, Sheryl Brokopp, Melissa Peterson
3	Approval of the May 24, 2023 Agenda: Motion by O'Brien and seconded by Peterson to accept the agenda. Aye: 10; Nay: 0. Motion carried.
4	Approval of the April 12, 2023 Meeting Minutes:
4	Motion by Frakes and seconded by O'Brien to accept the minutes Aye: 10; Nay: 0. Motion carried.
5	Reports From Task Force Members and an Opportunity for Members of the Audience to Address the Task
3	Force. No action will be taken.
	No comments.
6	Presentation by Chris Frakes of Southwest Community Action Program:
	Frakes presented on thoughts from the last meeting. Her presentation outlined the two ways opioids are
	entering our communities: prescriptions and street drugs. She discussed which root causes the Opioid
	Settlement Funds could be used to mitigate and which would require legislative or medical provider policy
	changes. Dr. Hartline shared changes that she has experienced as a medical provider with regard to
	prescribing opioids; for example, additional education, the automated prescription of Narcan when an
	opioid is prescribed by their electronic health record software, and new State regulations. Magnuson
	shared that a program or group to help patients taper off pain management opioid medications would be
	beneficial. Brogley shared that, on average, an opioid addiction can develop in three to five days. Advocacy
	and outreach opportunities to help combat prescription misuse could include vigorous promotion of
	medication take back events and sites, patient education around the negative impact of prescription
	sharing, and dispensing at-home medication deactivation bags with opioid prescriptions. Discussion was
	had on whether Opioid Use Disorder treatment options known to work for prescription dependent
	addiction, medically assisted treatment (MAT) and behavioral health/AODA treatment, would work for
	street drug addiction, which is often caused by an underlying trauma or the need for connection and
	belonging. Possible strategies include prevention strategies (creating connection and belonging),
	intervention (rapid response teams), and postvention (recovery house, treatment Court, IOP). Discussion
	was had regarding rapid response teams, which would require a multi-agency effort between first
	responders like law enforcement, fire fighters, EMTs, and Peer Support Specialists. The day after an
	overdose, the first responder would introduce a Peer Support Specialist to the person who overdosed. The
	Peer Support Specialist could provide this person with the tools and agency connections needed to help
	combat their addiction disorder. Peer Support Specialists are hard to come by. Knapp shared that Unified
	Community Services currently has three part-time Peer Support Specialists that they would like to increase
	to full-time positions. Davis attended a Mental Health Summit and learned of barriers to becoming a Peer
	Support Specialist like cost, access to training, and whether the person is ready to take on the role.
	Discussion was had on providing scholarships for residents to become Peer Support Specialists or
	Substance Abuse Counselors.
7	Approximate Percent Funding Allocations to Each Needs Assessment Goal:
	Davis had taskforce members put ideas onto posters in the following areas: Prevention Efforts, Treatment
	and Recovery Efforts, Address Provider Shortage, and Connecting To & Creating Community Resources.

	Discussion was had as to whether ranking the areas in order of importance would be better than
	percentage allocations.
8	Proposed Grant Application Form:
	Davis shared a draft application that she created with the help of O'Brien. Sheriff Peterson wants to ensure
	that applicants can maintain long-term sustainability beyond the funding. Discussion was had regarding
	scholarships and applicant commitment to providing service to Iowa County for a set number of years. The
	taskforce discussed revising the Resolution to have the taskforce meet quarterly to screen applications
	prior to HHS approval.
9	Develop a Plan to Share with the HHS Committee:
	The taskforce is not ready to present to HHS at this time but plans to meet again on Wednesday, May 31,
	2023 to put together a plan to present at the June 7, 2023 HHS Committee meeting.
10	Consider and Discuss Next Steps:
	Poster ideas and draft Grant Request will be typed and presented to taskforce members for review. The
	plan is to take this information to the next HHS Committee meeting and consider a revision to the
	Resolution for the taskforce to review applications prior to the review and selection by the HHS Committee.
11	Wednesday, May 31, 2023: Approved for the next Opioid Task Force meeting at 5:30 p.m., Law
	Enforcement Center, Conference Rooms 101 and 102, Dodgeville.
12	Motion by Magnuson and seconded by Brogley to adjourn. Aye: 10, Nay: 0. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.