

GRANT COUNTY OPIOID SETTLEMENT TASK FORCE
May 11, 2023

The Opioid Settlement Task Force met on Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at the Administration Building, 111 S. Jefferson Street, Lancaster, WI 53813 in Room 264, Second Floor.

Those present in the room were: Robert Keeney, Gary Ranum, Jeff Kindrai, Mark Hoehne, Sheriff Dreckman, Carol Beals, Tonya White and Holly Knapp. Those present by Zoom were: Megan Wolf, Michelle Farrell and Jim Boebel.

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m. by Robert Keeney. The County Clerk verified that the meeting was in compliance with the open meeting law, posted in the Administration Building, Courthouse and on the county website.

Agenda: Nate Dreckman, second by Mark Hoehne made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Minutes: Robert Keeney, second by Jeff Kindrai made a motion to approve the minutes from December 2, 2022.

Discussion on Final Needs Assessment: Jeff Kindrai was surprised to see in the assessment that Grant County ranks low in prevention. Gary Ranum noticed that stigma reduction was mentioned several times in the assessment. The assessment also noted that a coordinator was needed but the funding for that position is not there.

Discussion and possible action on allocation of Opioid Litigation funds: Sheriff Dreckman would like to see an increase in counselor hours in the jail. He would also like to see some funding for provisions of trauma for first responders.

Holly Knapp explained that the need is for treatment facilities but there is not enough funding. Unified Community Services treatment staff would like to see support for smaller needs and living such as gas cards, rent and daycare.

Carol Beals feels that we need to regionalize for best use of resources and that the focus should be on short term objective and then concentrate on the bigger items.

Megan Wolf thought one of the ideas was for a website that laid out all the resources.

Mark Hoehne feels that the need is in the programs that are already in existence.

Adjournment: Gary Ranum, second by Carol Beals made a motion to adjourn until June 8, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.