

GRANT COUNTY OPIOID SETTLEMENT TASK FORCE  
July 18, 2023

The Opioid Settlement Task Force met on Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at 1: 00 p.m. at the Community Services Building, 8820 Hwy 35/81/61, Lancaster, WI 53813 in the Lobby Conference Room.

Those present in the room were: Robert Keeney, Gary Ranum, Megan Wolf, Mark Hoehne, Carol Beals, Holly Knapp, Nate Dreckman, Brett White, Sue Mahaney, Chris Frakes, Shane Drinkwater and Tonya White. Those present by Zoom were: Jim Boebel.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 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:** Gary Ranum, second by Megan Wolf made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Minutes:** Carol Beals, second by Robert Keeney made a motion to approve the minutes from June 26, 2023.

**Discussion and possible action on allocation of Opioid Litigation funds:** Holly Knapp gave an overview of the discussion from the June meeting. The goal is to figure out how and where to spend the funds without duplicating programs.

Sue Mahaney spoke about some funding that could be useful for prevention. Guidance with forming a 501(3)c and insurance for events. She has also been working to get Narcan in schools. Sources of Strength would be a good training opportunity for adults in communities.

There is a great need for housing in Grant County. There is currently a Sober house in Iowa County. The staff cost is not covered by any funding. Transitioning people out of the sober house has become difficult. Finding owners of rental properties who will allow former drug offenders to rent from them is not easy. SWCAP does have some houses that they own in Grant County. There is a chance to do transitional housing with some of these properties.

Jim Boebel, Mark Hoehne and Shane Drinkwater left the meeting 1:57 p.m.

The next step will be for SWCAP to do an inventory of the housing for sober housing and have a game plan for renovation to report back at the next meeting.

There have been a few grants that have come up but the turnaround time has been quick.

Megan Wolf left the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

It was the consensus of the group that funds need to be allocated in the 2024 budget and establish the needs that are being focused on.

**Adjournment:** Carol Beals, second by Gary Ranum made a motion to adjourn to August 15, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.