

GRANT COUNTY OPIOID SETTLEMENT TASK FORCE
AUGUST 15, 2023

The Opioid Settlement Task Force met on Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at the Community Services Building, 8820, Hwy 35/61/81, Lancaster, WI 53813 in the Lobby Conference Room.

Those present in the room were: Robert Keeney, Gary Ranum, Nate Dreckman, Mark Hoehne, Chris Frakes, Carol Beals, Brett White, Shane Drinkwater, Holly Knapp and Tonya White. Those present by Zoom were: Michelle Farrell and Teri Welter-Knoke.

The meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m. by Robert Keeney. Tonya White 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 Nate Dreckman made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Minutes: Carol Beals, second by Nate Dreckman made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 18, 2023 meeting. Motion approve by voice vote.

Discussion and possible action on allocation of Opioid Litigation funds: Holly Knapp discussed the three objectives for the meeting. The three objectives are; 1) Iowa County application and list, 2) sober living and, 3) small asks from UCS and the Sheriff's Office. Holly Knapp presented the small asks from UCS. Those asks are; 1) residential treatment costs for one individual a month for \$3,000/month; \$36,000/year, 2) training for APMP who provides MAT; \$3,000/year, 3) EMDR training for four staff members; \$1,500/staff member; \$6,000, 4) technology needs to support new staff members; \$4,200; \$21,000. Total for UCS is \$66,000. The priority would be the residential treatment costs. Nate Dreckman presented the small asks from the Sheriff's Office. Those asks are; 1) increase mental health capacity in the jail and, 2) wellness for law enforcement staff; \$9,000/year.

SWCAP did a review of properties that they own. They have a duplex in Fennimore that is a rental property that could potentially be sober housing. There are some minor renovations costs to the house that would need to happen. Both sides of the duplex would be available for sober housing. In Iowa County the program participation fees cover the cost of running the house. The renovation costs for the duplex could potentially be around \$30,000 - \$40,000. There may be other opportunities later for capital projects. Jeff Kindrai stated that DHS has, in the past, done grants that support staff. There may be other entities that could oversee and manage the sober living home.

Jeff Kindrai left at 1:59 p.m.

The Task Force looked at Iowa County's application as an example of how to accomplish small projects. An application process could be used for community non-profits to submit requests for funding. The Task Force does feel that a certain percentage needs to be allocated in the 2024 budget.

In the 2024 budget, the items that could be allocated are community non-profit funding, small training and residential needs and the next phase of planning. The budget will include prevention \$20,000, residential \$40,000, training, wellness and staff support \$20,000 and strategic planning \$5,000 for a total of \$85,000 allocated.

Adjournment: Carol Beals, second by Gary Ranum made a motion to adjourn until October 3, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.