

OPIOID TASK FORCE
September 25, 2024 at 2:30 p.m.
Benton County Courthouse
Jury Room-3rd Floor
111 E 4th Street. Vinton, IA

** Agenda is not printed in any particular order; only time specific items will be addressed at certain times

John Lindaman-No	Grace Schmidt- x
Chelsea Herber-x	Jean Ohlen-x
Hayley Rippel-x	Ray Lough-x
Brian Meeker-No	Ben Parmater-No
James Bieschke-No	Cindy Pattee-x
Monica Cox-x	

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 PM.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting on August 9, 2024, were presented for approval.

Motion to approve:

1st - Hayley Rippel

2nd - Grace Schmidt

Outcome: Minutes approved.

3. Updates Since Last Meeting

Updates were discussed and approved.

Motion to approve:

1st - Hayley Rippel

2nd - Grace Schmidt

Outcome: Updates approved.

4. Opioid Fund Review

The current balance of the Opioid Fund was reviewed, totaling \$227,430.73.

5. Proposal Updates

- **Grace Schmidt:** One additional proposal was received from the RFP, with a cutoff date of September 12th. Jean Ohlen's proposal was the only other submission.
- Both Foundation 2 and Jean's proposals still need review.
- It was noted that not all members could attend the meetings; the decision was made to continue distributing minutes to those who are unable to attend.

6. Presentation by VGH

VGH presented on several topics:

- **Suboxone Clinic Partnership:** Potential partnership with UIHC or UCS was discussed.
 - UIHC is currently piloting in Linn County, with possibilities for future collaboration.
 - VGH will reach out to UIHC and report back next month.
 - UCS may connect with ASAC regarding interest in a MAT clinic.
- Program cap: 10 patients, costing approximately \$60k. Insurance coverage for Suboxone is queried.
- **CPI Training Expansion:** Total cost is \$18k, with train-the-trainer options available. Initial training will involve hospital staff, followed by community outreach (EMS, schools, law enforcement, group homes).
- **Billboard Campaign:** Estimated cost of \$62k, which includes partnerships with other project collaborators. The campaign will focus on available resources and assistance.
- **Drug Disposal/Take Back Program:** A request of \$12k was made. Logistics for disposal will depend on volume; connections with the sheriff's office may be needed for larger quantities. Media funds could support promotion of this initiative.

7. Proposal Discussions

Jean Ohlen's Proposals:

- **Project 1:** Total cost \$96,810 for SBIRT/Connections Matter initiative. Focused on community engagement through incentives.
- **Project 2:** Treatment/Recovery-based project for \$20,280, aimed at linking Narcan users to support services, including jail outreach with a Peer Support Specialist.
- **Project 3:** Prevention-focused project requesting \$2,375 for EMS education and skill-building for overdose response.

Foundation 2 Proposal:

- **Total Requested:** \$12,350
 - **Project 1:** Crisis Services Homeless Recovery Kit targeting individuals with SUD and MH issues, including essential survival equipment and treatment resources.
 - **Project 2:** Transportation Barrier project aimed at improving access to care, using funds for gas or transportation services for individuals seeking treatment.

8. Proposed Project Presentations

Grace Schmidt will create an Excel sheet summarizing all proposals for group review.

9. Discussion on Disbursements and Responsibilities

Discussion on the approval of disbursements and assignment of responsibilities will continue in subsequent meetings.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for October 23, 2024, from 1:30pm-3:00pm.

11. New/Old Business/Public Interest Comments

- Questions raised included targeting the most in-need individuals in the county, best outreach strategies, and necessary services.
- Inquiry about the feasibility of offering a group in the jail and potential funding sources for such an initiative.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:48 PM.

Motion to adjourn:

1st - Grace Schmidt

2nd - Jean Ohlen