

OPIOID TASK FORCE

April 29, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.

Benton County Courthouse

Courthouse Basement Conference Room 111 E

4th Street, Vinton, IA

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

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 1:31 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes (March 26, 2025)

- Motion to approve: Cindy
- Second: Grace
- Motion carried.

3. Updates Since Last Meeting

General updates were shared.

4. Financial Report – Opioid Fund

- Current balance: **\$216,211.75**
- Deposits and fund activity were reviewed.

5. Proposal Discussion

- Jean raised a question on whether to revisit a proposal from VGH around staff education on the opioid crisis (CPI).
- Jean emphasized that investing in staff education at VGH could increase safety within the building, which may positively impact the broader community.

6. ASAC Care Navigator Presentation & Discussion

- Josie (ASAC Care Navigation) shared an overview of services, including outreach with the jail, sheriff's department, and "boots on the ground" efforts to connect people with treatment and address social determinants of health (employment, housing, food).
- Discussion points included:
 - Potential new outreach opportunities for ASAC.
 - Updates on the Stepping Up initiative (not active in the past year).
 - Shelby shared jail intake process: assessments lead to direct referrals to ASAC Care Navigator or other providers.
 - Shelby is tracking referral data from the jail.
 - Discussion on how data should be maintained and shared with the community.
 - Updates on District 6 system navigators (ASO conversation).
 - Dan asked if proposals remain open; Grace suggested reposting to gather new ideas.
 - Transportation was identified as a significant barrier, especially for individuals leaving jail.

- Discussion on options with County transportation services and needs in Benton County (transportation, crisis, housing). Law enforcement noted occasional committals to Linn County, but many are discharged quickly from the ER.
- **Action Item:**
 - Set aside \$10,000 in wraparound transportation dollars for specific jail-related needs (Exhibit 1, Section E.7).
 - Motion to approve petty cash allocation: Hayley
 - Second: Ben
 - Motion carried.
 - Shelby and Hayley will determine logistics for use of funds.
 - Group will explore grant opportunities to match funds for transportation.

7. Next Meeting

- Discussion on scheduling was tabled.
- Tentative plan to meet in July 2025.

8. New/Old Business & Public Comment

No additional comments or business raised.

9. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn: Hayley
- Second: Jean
- Motion carried.
- Meeting adjourned.