

OPIOID TASK FORCE
August 27, 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

David Upah-x	Grace Schmidt-x
Chelsea Herber-x	Jean Ohlen-x
Hayley Rippel-x	Ray Lough-x
Brian Meeker-no	Ben Parmater-x
James Bieschke-no	Cindy Pattee-x
Monica Cox-no	Dan LaGrange-x
Tina Eden-x	Katie Cox-x

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 P.M.

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the April 29, 2025, meeting were approved.

- Motion: Grace Schmidt
- Second: Cindy Pattee

3. Fund Updates

- Auditor Hayley Rippel reported the current Opioid Fund balance as **\$247,027.61**.
- Ray provided an update on settlement activity, including new settlements joined, ongoing activity, and recent deposits.

4. Proposals and Project Discussions

- **Virginia Gay Hospital (VGH):** Preparing a revised proposal/quote for CPI to be reviewed at a future meeting. VGH noted another program has already launched and is expected to be implemented within a few months.
- **Inmate Treatment Proposal (Shelby Chekal):**
 - Proposal to allocate **\$50,000 of the Opioid Fund** to offset inmate treatment in the jail.
 - Motion: Hayley Rippel
 - Second: Grace Schmidt
 - The Sheriff also presented a new proposal requesting **\$50,000** to cover medical care and prescription expenses directly related to SUD treatment. Updated language to include mental health care will be provided later.
- **Safe RX Locking Pill Bottles:**
 - Cost: \$50 per case (60 bottles per case).
 - Dan noted pharmacies may only need 10 bottles to pilot effectiveness.
 - Proposal to purchase two cases was discussed but **tabled until the next meeting**.

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for **October 1, 2025, at 1:30 P.M.** in the basement.

6. New/Old Business & Public Comments

No additional items were raised.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:26 P.M.

- Motion: Cindy Pattee
- Second: Grace Schmidt