

OPIOID TASK FORCE

November 12, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.

Benton County Courthouse

3rd Floor Jury 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 - Absent	Grace Schmidt - Present
Stephanie Boesenberg - Absent	Jean Ohlen - Present
Hayley Rippel - Present	Ray Lough - Present
Brian Meeker - Absent	Ben Parmater - Absent
James Bieschke - Absent	Cindy Pattee - Absent
Monica Cox - Present	Dan LaGrange - Absent
Tina Eden - Present	Katie Cox - Present
Shelby Chekal - Present	Josh Karsten - Present

1. Approve the minutes from October 1, 2025

Minutes from October 1, 2025, meeting were approved.

- Motion: Jean Ohlen
- Second: Hayley Rippel

2. Updates since last meeting

- Shelby Chekal provided update on Safe RX Locking bottle dispensing. Could use assistance with dispensing. Katie Cox offered to assist.

3. Review the deposits and balance of the Opioid Fund

- Auditor, Hayley Rippel, reported current Opioid Fund balance as **\$243,842.70**. \$25,000 currently remains as uncommitted funds.
- Additionally, it is reported that there are no known upcoming deposits as deposits are sporadic.

4. Discuss/Act on proposals

- **Benton County Sheriff:** Submitted proposal to allocate \$50,000 of the Opioid Funds to assist in covering rising costs associated with providing treatment to incarcerated individuals, specifically costs associated with SUD treatment. Requested additional \$15,000 to allow nurse in jail to transition from part-time to full-time to provide more medical support and care coordination for SUD and mental health treatment.
 - First Motion: Allow reallocation of funds previously allocated for transportation to the cost of supporting the transition of RN from part-time to full-time.
 - Motion: Hayley Rippel
 - Second: Katie Cox
 - Second Motion: Add \$15,000 of the Opioid Funds to support the cost of supporting the transition of RN from part-time to full-time.
 - Motion: Grace Schmidt
 - Second: Jean Ohlen

5. Set next meeting date

- Next meeting set for **Wednesday, February 4th, 2025 at 1:30pm**

6. New/Old Business/Public Interest Comments

- Committee discussed need for data in order to guide continued strategic discussions on the needs of Benton County related to the Opioid Epidemic and best way to utilize funds moving forward. ASAC Prevention team has completed a needs assessment for all counties served, including Benton County. Needs assessment data will be brought to next meeting for committee review and further discussion.
- Committee reminded that UIHC Mobile Mat Clinic would be visiting Virginia Gay from 1:30pm- 4pm on 11/3/25 and committee members were invited to attend.

7. Adjourn

- Motion: Tina Eden
- Second: Jean Ohlen