

AUTHORIZING THE CREATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EAU CLAIRE COUNTY OPIOID TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, Eau Claire County is scheduled to receive an Opioid settlement of approximately \$2.5 million dollars, or approximately \$137,000 each year, for 18 years to be used for opioid abatement purposes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the settlement agreement, the opioid settlement funds are to be used for opioid abatement purposes such as expanding addiction treatment workforce, increasing adoption of clinical best practices, and improving enforcement of mental health parity and consumer protection laws at the state level; and

WHEREAS, the county board finds it appropriate to create an Eau Claire County Opioid Task Force to ensure the expenditure of the Opioid Settlement funds complies with the required guidelines and criteria; and

WHEREAS, task force members will consist of Eau Claire County Board members, Eau Claire County staff and citizens with a community wide view who are otherwise not acting on behalf of their own organization /project.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors hereby creates a special committee, known as the Eau Claire County Opioid Settlement Task Force, for the purpose of developing an objective process for distributing and expending the Opioid Settlement funds in compliance with the required guidelines and criteria; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Opioid Task Force will be tasked with recommending uses of the settlement funds for community assessment and opioid abatement purposes such as: enhancing addiction treatment; Evaluating and implementing community-based prevention; and increasing adoption of best practices, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Opioid Task Force shall consist of at least 11 members appointed by the County Board Chair, and confirmed by the County Board, who shall be chosen as follows: Three (3) members from the Eau Claire County Board, One (1) member representing public health, One (1) member from the Sheriff's department, One (1) member from the City of Eau Claire Police Department, One (1) member from the Department of Human Services, the Criminal Justice Services Director, and Two (2) Citizen members – One (1) who has or is working in opioid abatement, and at least Two (2) who have had lived experience.

ADOPTED: September 20, 2022

Sue McDonald
County Clerk