



## AGENDA

Eau Claire County Opioid Settlement Task Force  
Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.  
Eau Claire County Government Center  
721 Oxford Ave., Eau Claire • Room 3312

### **Join from the meeting link:**

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### **Join by meeting number:**

Meeting number: 2599 068 4696 Password: pMjAZbEc927

### **Join by phone:**

Dial in: 415-655-0001 Access Code: 2599 068 4696

1. Roll call
2. Public Comment
3. Review and Approval of Minutes – **Discussion/Action**
  - a. December 20, 2022
  - b. January 17, 2023
4. Debrief of the Learning Opportunity on February 20, 2023 – **Discussion**
5. Existing services in place in Eau Claire County - **Discussion**
6. Community Input Idea Discussion – **Discussion**
7. Budget – **Discussion**
8. Opioid Data Presentation (tentative) – **Discussion/Information**
9. Future Agenda Items - **Discussion**
10. Adjourn

Prepared by: Samantha Kraegenbrink – Assistant to the County Administrator

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## MINUTES

Eau Claire County Opioid Settlement Task Force

Tuesday, December 20, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

Eau Claire County Government Center 721 Oxford Ave., Eau Claire • Room 3312

Present: Ron Schmidt, David Hirsch, Allen Myren, Kimberly Cronk, Lieske Giese, James Rick, Renee Sommer, Nick Smiar (ex-officio)

Others: Kathryn Schauf

### Call to Order and confirmation of meeting notice

Chair of the County Board, Supervisor Smiar, called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. and confirmed meeting notice.

### Roll call and introductions

Roll call was taken and is listed above under present. Those in attendance gave introductions.

### Public Comment

No members of the public wished to make comment.

### Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Supervisor Hirsch was nominated as Chair of the Task Force with no objections. Renee Sommer was nominated as vice-chair of the Task Force with no objections. All in favor, officers are confirmed.

### Meeting decorum

The Task Force received information on meeting decorum including:

- Open Meetings Law
- Roberts Rule Overview

### Scope of the Task Force

The Task Force discussed the scope of the Task Force.

### Set meeting schedule

Future meetings to be held the third Tuesday of each month prior to the County Board of Supervisors meeting.

### Future agenda items:

- Review White paper and materials

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kathryn Schauf, County Administrator



## MINUTES

Eau Claire County Opioid Settlement Task Force  
Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.  
Eau Claire County Government Center  
721 Oxford Ave., Eau Claire • Room 3312

Present: Tim Rabolt, Tiana Glenna, Supervisor Allen Myren, Renee Sommer, Supervisor David Hirsch, Ron Schmidt, Dave Riewestahl, Lieske Giese

Others: Samantha Kraegenbrink – Committee Clerk, Andy Falk (City of Eau Claire Police Department)

### Call to Order and confirmation of meeting notice

Chair Hirsch called the meeting to order 5:30 p.m. and confirmed meeting notice.

### Roll call

Public Comment

### Review of Opioid White Paper

Ron Schmidt provided background on the opioid white paper. Lieske Giese advised that as of last week, the health department has released an update on information and status in Eau Claire County. A document will be provided at the next meeting along with a subject matter expert on the data. Suggestions for other uses of funds: prevention, funding services that exist such as peer support (specialists, etc.), consideration of existing providers.

### Approved Opioid Abatement Language

Ron Schmidt provided details about exhibit E, approved opioid abatement language.

Tiana Glenna left the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

### February Meeting Date

The next meeting will be February 22, 2023. (confirm)

Future Agenda Items:

- Updated white paper/data along with a subject matter expert from Health Department
- Existing services in place in the County
- Conversation with Dunn and Chippewa County regarding their efforts
- Community Input (stakeholder groups (recovery groups, schools, etc.))
- Inviting individuals with diverse, lived experience to share story (potential hosting by At the Roots, LLC)

### Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Samantha Kraegenbrink – Assistant to the County Administrator

**Currently available resources across the continuum of care** (Eau Claire City-County Health Department, Eau Claire Department of Human Services, Eau Claire Criminal Justice Services)

**Prevention projects/programs**

- *What do you know about Opioids* workshop – 1.5 hour workshop on what opioids are, local data, signs and symptoms of an overdose, Narcan, local resources
- Community Drug Disposal program: Medication drop box location promotion for EC county (ongoing through video series, advertising/promotion, social media) and Drug Take Back events (April, October)
- Medication safety community education campaign (promotion of videos throughout community – advertising, website, and social media)
- Training for agencies, community members on how to use Naloxone/Narcan
- ECCCHD providing support through grants to implement substance misuse prevention curriculum K-12
- ECCCHD convenes the Eau Claire Health Alliance, Substance Misuse Action Team made up of community partner agencies and individuals to implement evidence-informed prevention efforts
- In progress: Creation of a data dashboard on opioid misuse, overdoses, treatment, program data, etc.; city/county group coming together to discuss sharps disposal in EC county
- Prevention gap: Ongoing funding to support educational campaigns and prevention curriculum in schools including staffing; currently supported through grants

**Harm reduction resources**

- Narcan Direct Program – distribution of Naloxone to agencies and community members in Eau Claire County
- Fentanyl Test Strip Direct Program - distribution of Naloxone to agencies and community members in Eau Claire County
- Medication lock boxes and lock bags and Doterra available at health department
- Overdose Fatality Review Team: Team made up of city/county agencies to review local overdose deaths and identify areas for intervention/prevention
- Overdose Spike Alert program through DHS – EC agencies receive alerts when 2 or more overdoses happen in the area to alert agencies to local trends
- In progress: Narcan and FTS distribution at the jail
- Harm reduction gap: Narcan and FTS direct limited to agencies who request it and county is awarded limited supply, so there is opportunity to expand; Current funding dependent on state grants for Narcan, FTS, lockboxes and bags

## Treatment and Recovery Services for persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions

- Outpatient SUD/MH Treatment ECCDHS (last resort) and community providers
- Inpatient SUD/MH treatment – Area Hospital programs
- Residential SUD/MH treatment – Arbor Place closest, other in-state providers
- Comprehensive Community Services – SUD/MH Recovery-based treatment – MA Only
- Community Support Program – Severe and persistent mental health condition - MA primary
- AA/NA 12-Step type recovery support groups

## Diversion and deflection programs for persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions

- Law Enforcement Co – responder program
  - The purpose of the co-response program is to provide a clinical response to our community members' mental health and crisis needs when the police department gets called. This allows the opportunity for our community members to have someone trained specifically in the mental health field meet with them face to face when they are having a mental health crisis, offer support in the moment, connect them with longer term resources, and assist them after their crisis subsides. Eau Claire is one of few communities in the state of Wisconsin that have a co-responder program and is leading the way in being an example of other communities that are considering doing the same.
- BJMHS at the jail
  - The Brief Jail Mental Health Screen (BJMHS) is a powerful booking tool to screen incoming detainees in jails and detention centers for the need for further mental health assessment. This tool is used at the point of booking into the county jail. Information is then shared with the medical and mental health staff to further assess the needs of those scoring high on this tool ***This screen will not:***
    - Guarantee that the detainee has a mental illness
    - Identify everyone with a need for mental health services
    - Identify the specific mental illness a detainee may have
- Comprehensive Community Intervention (CCI) group in the jail
  - The CCI group is an internal stakeholder who meet weekly to discuss those who have been booked into the jail and scored high on the BJMHS or are familiar faces to the system. This group is lead by two DHS staff who work to address immediate needs of the client and those transitioning out of the jail to warm handoffs for services.
- Diversion
  - The Eau Claire County Pre-Charge Diversion Program is founded on the principle that low-risk individuals are generally self-correcting. By limiting formal intervention, the hope is to limit further involvement in the judicial system and potentially reduce recidivism.
- DAGP-star
  - The Eau Claire County STAR program is a District Attorney sentencing option. Access to this program will only be offered by the Eau Claire County District Attorney's office

through the offer of a DAGP. The primary goal of this program is to avail clients who are suffering from addiction, the opportunity to access treatment and services at no cost. Upon successful completion of the program, clients cases will be either dismissed or reduced.

- Pretrial monitoring
  - Pretrial is ordered through the courts as a condition of release. Pretrial is at the discretion and order from the court. The program is monitored by Eau Claire County Pretrial Services. Services for higher risk level are monitored at the Community Transition Center (CTC).
  - The goal of pretrial monitoring is to follow evidence-based practices in pretrial release and detention, to support the goals of Maximizing public safety, Maximizing court appearance, Maximizing release.
- Community service
  - A Community Service sentence is primarily used for adult criminal offenders as an alternative to incarceration. It addresses the traditional sentencing goals of punishment, reparation, restitution, and rehabilitation while simultaneously benefiting the community, victims and offender.
- Treatment courts
  - Eau Claire County Treatment Courts is a sentencing option for people facing jail or prison time as a result of pending charges or potential probation revocation. Our goals are to:
    - increase public safety by reducing recidivism;
    - improve the behavioral health of participants;
    - promote healthy, intact families; and
    - use justice system resources wisely.
- In progress for review
  - Peer Specialists at 3 levels; Client who are incarcerated, at hospitals and with Law enforcement.

Treatment gaps: Providers, MAT, beds?, crisis options?

Recovery gaps: Peer support, safe sober living options

When considering program recommendations, take into account the following:

- Strategy is an approved use
- Program is supported by evidence
- Addresses local need and/or responds to community input
- As a whole, programs address OUD across the spectrum from prevention to recovery

<b>Recommended Strategies</b>		
<i>Prevention Strategies</i>	Description	Annual Cost
None included in original white paper - Could consider funding for gaps identified in county program list		
<i>Harm Reduction Strategies</i>		
Naloxone supply and distribution	Additional or total allocation of naloxone based on jurisdiction or organization	\$18,750.00
Illicit and licit opioid disposal resources	Providing supplies and resources for medication and sharps safety and disposal options across the county	\$31,140.00
<i>Treatment Strategies</i>		
AODA Assessment Services	Expanding AODA assessment services in the ECC Jail to target care and treatment to needs of individual	\$11,440.00
Eau Claire County Jail MAT support	Medication Assisted Treatment support in the jail with a focus on MAT maintenance while incarcerated	\$23,674.00
Regional MAT program		
Opioid treatment Funds Program	Removing financial access barrier for county residents that are uninsured and/or underinsured	\$132,000.00
<i>Recovery Strategies</i>		
Peer support programs	Expanding community-based peer support programs after periods of incarceration or hospitalization	\$62,400.00

Sober Living resources	Increasing available in-patient bed space and peer support	\$36,000.00
	<b>Annual total</b>	<b>\$315,404.00</b>