



ADDENDUM

Eau Claire County
Committee on Administration
Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at 2:30 p.m.
Eau Claire County Government Center
721 Oxford Ave., Eau Claire • Room 1277

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After item 8: Resolution for ARPA funds for Broadband Contract: Fairchild Fiber Connect Project – **Discussion/Action**

9. File No. 23-24/023: Resolution approving the Eau Claire County Opioid Task Force to expend funding for Community Sharps Disposal Containers, Lock Bags, and Lock Boxes – **Discussion/Action**
10. File No. 23-24/024: Resolution approving the Eau Claire County Task Force to expend funding for Narcan and Fentanyl test strips – **Discussion/Action**

Prepared by: Samantha Kraegenbrink – Assistant to the County Administrator

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Fact Sheet

File No. 23-24/023

The Opioid Task Force is 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.

Reducing the overall amount of opioids in the community is essential to begin addressing the root of the opioid crisis. Providing no-questions-asked disposal options for both licit and illicit opioids and related paraphernalia is one way to begin the reduction of overall quantity. Individuals can simply place unused or unwanted opioids in receptacles that are routinely emptied. Lock boxes and lock bags provide a method to keep medications safely stored at home and out of the hands of children, pets, or others. The Eau Claire City-County Health Department has received some funding from the state for the past several years to purchase medication lock boxes and lock bags, however the demand exceeds what the supply is each year, and funding is not guaranteed each year. This proposal recommends purchasing additional lock boxes and lock bags to reach more county residents, as well as providing additional locations for sharps disposal.

In fall of 2022, a group of Eau Claire city and county department representatives came together to identify options for disposal of sharps for community members, and identified there is a gap for the public to safely dispose of sharps. The county has several medication disposal containers throughout the community for community members to dispose of expired and unused medications but does not have community drop-box options for sharps. Input from the community and experiences of staff supported this as a need. All departments participating in the work group have had staff encounter sharps in public locations such as parks, or have had multiple questions/inquiries from the community about found sharps and questions related to how and where to dispose of sharps.

To address this need, the team created a plan that includes efforts to 1) Educate both the public and staff in city and county agencies about disposing of sharps safely, and 2) Place 8 outdoor sharps containers in public areas with 24/7 access in the community (Big Falls Park, Harstad Park, Owen Park, Altoona City Hall, Eau Claire County Government Center, Village of Fairchild, EC bike trail at Galloway and Dewey St., Augusta City Hall).

On June 21, 2023, on a vote to 8 yes, 0 no, 3 absent, the Task Force voted to recommend eight sharps disposal containers for initial set up and one year of funding for no more than a cost of \$45,000 and one-hundred lock bags and three-hundred lock boxes for no more than \$12,000 for one year of funding.

Fiscal Impact: \$57,000 from the account dedicated to the Opioid Settlement

Respectfully submitted by,

Samantha Kraegenbrink – Assistant to the County Administrator

4 APPROVING THE EAU CLAIRE COUNTY OPIOID TASK FORCE TO EXPEND FUNDING
5 FOR COMMUNITY SHARPS DISPOSAL CONTAINERS, LOCK BAGS, AND LOCK
6 BOXES

7 WHEREAS on September 20, 2022, the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors authorized
8 the creation of the Opioid Task Force, and,

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10 WHEREAS the task force is tasked with recommending uses of the settlement funds for
11 community assessment and opioid abatement purposes such as expanding addiction treatment
12 workforce, increasing adoption of clinical best practices, and improving enforcement of mental
13 health parity and consumer protection laws at the state level; and,

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15 WHEREAS in fall of 2022, a group of Eau Claire city and county department
16 representatives came together to identify options for disposal of sharps for community members, and
17 identified there is a gap for the public to safely dispose of sharps. The county has several medication
18 disposal containers throughout the community for community members to dispose of expired and
19 unused medications but does not have community drop-box options for sharps. Input from the
20 community and experiences of staff supported this as a need; and,

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22 WHEREAS to address this need, the team created a plan that includes efforts to 1) Educate
23 both the public and staff in city and county agencies about disposing of sharps safely, and 2) Place 8
24 outdoor sharps containers in public areas with 24/7 access in the community (Big Falls Park, Harstad
25 Park, Owen Park, Altoona City Hall, Eau Claire County Government Center, Village of Fairchild,
26 EC bike trail at Galloway and Dewey St., Augusta City Hall); and,

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28 WHEREAS the Opioid Task Force is recommending to the Eau Claire County Board of
29 Supervisors to support purchasing eight sharps disposal containers for initial set up and one year of
30 funding for no more than a cost of \$45,000 and one-hundred lock bags and three-hundred lock boxes
31 for no more than \$12,000 for one year of funding to come from the allocated Opioid Settlement
32 Funding.

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34 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that the Eau Claire County Board of
35 Supervisors hereby approves the purchase of eight sharps disposal containers for initial set up
36 and one year of funding for no more than a cost of \$45,000 and one-hundred lock bags and three-
37 hundred lock boxes for no more than \$12,000 for one year of funding to come from the allocated
38 Opioid Settlement Funding.

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Vote: _____AYE and _____NO

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2023.

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Fact Sheet

File No. 23-24/024

The Opioid Task Force is 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.

Currently the Eau Claire City-Health Department provides both Narcan and Fentanyl test strips to agencies and community members free of charge through grant funding. Naloxone/Narcan is a fast-acting opioid antagonist that can safely reverse the oftentimes fatal effects of an opioid overdose. Fentanyl test strips can identify the presence of fentanyl in drugs. By ensuring first responders, community agencies, organizations, and citizens have access to and education about the proper administration of naloxone and use of fentanyl test strips, opioid overdose fatalities can be reduced.

This funding would provide additional harm reduction materials to the community and ensure that these tools are available if grant funding ends, with materials going to organizations and community members based on request. Funding will be used to directly purchase Narcan®/naloxone, and fentanyl test strip supplies.

On June 21, 2023, on a vote to 8 yes, 0 no, 3 absent, the Task Force voted to recommend an additional one-year supply of two hundred and fifty Narcan units (2 doses/unit), and two hundred and fifty Fentanyl test strips for no more than \$22,000.

Fiscal Impact: \$22,000 from the account dedicated to the Opioid Settlement

Respectfully submitted by,

Samantha Kraegenbrink – Assistant to the County Administrator

4 APPROVING THE EAU CLAIRE COUNTY OPIOID TASK FORCE TO EXPEND FUNDING
5 FOR NARCAN AND FENTANYL TEST STRIPS

6 WHEREAS on September 20, 2022, the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors authorized
7 the creation of the Opioid Task Force, and,

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9 WHEREAS the task force is tasked with recommending uses of the settlement funds for
10 community assessment and opioid abatement purposes such as expanding addiction treatment
11 workforce, increasing adoption of clinical best practices, and improving enforcement of mental
12 health parity and consumer protection laws at the state level; and,

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14 WHEREAS currently the Eau Claire City-Health Department provides both Narcan and
15 Fentanyl test strips to agencies and community members free of charge through grant funding.
16 Naloxone/Narcan is a fast- acting opioid antagonist that can safely reverse the oftentimes fatal
17 effects of an opioid overdose. Fentanyl test strips can identify the presence of fentanyl in drugs. By
18 ensuring first responders, community agencies, organizations, and citizens have access to and
19 education about the proper administration of naloxone and use of fentanyl test strips, opioid
20 overdose fatalities can be reduced; and,

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22 WHEREAS This funding would provide additional harm reduction materials to the
23 community and ensure that these tools are available if grant funding ends, with materials going to
24 organizations and community members based on request. Funding will be used to directly purchase
25 Narcan®/naloxone, and fentanyl test strip supplies; and,

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27 WHEREAS the Opioid Task Force is recommending to the Eau Claire County Board of
28 Supervisors to support purchasing an additional one-year supply of two hundred and fifty Narcan
29 units (2 doses/unit), and two hundred and fifty Fentanyl test strips for no more than \$22,000 to come
30 from the allocated Opioid Settlement Funding.

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32 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that the Eau Claire County Board of
33 Supervisors hereby approves the purchase of an additional one-year supply of two hundred and
34 fifty Narcan units (2 doses/unit), and two hundred and fifty Fentanyl test strips for no more than
35 \$22,000 to come from the allocated Opioid Settlement Funding.

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48 Vote: _____ AYE and _____ NO

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50 Dated this _____ day of _____, 2023.