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Eau Claire County Opioid Settlement Task Force
Thursday, May 11, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.
Eau Claire County Government Center
721 Oxford Ave., Eau Claire • Room 3420

Present: David Hirsch, Lieske Giese, Dave Riewestahl, Ron Schmidt, Tiana Glenna, Renee, Sommer, Tim Rabolt, James Rick (at 5:53 p.m.)

Others: Kathryn Schauf, Nick Smiar, Sarah Dillivan-Pospisil, Peggy O'Halloran

Roll call and confirmation of meeting notice

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

Roll call

Roll call is listed above under present.

Public Comment

No members of the public wished to make comments.

Review and Approval of Minutes from March 31, 2023

Motion by Ron Schmidt, seconded by Lieske Giese. No deletions, corrections, or additions. Motion carries.

Opioid Data Presentation

Sarah Dillivan-Pospisil and Peggy O'Halloran presented data on opioid use in the County. They acknowledged that there are some data gaps. From the data they presented information on existing resources and potential strategies.

Budget

Funds are available to begin the work. Not all settlements have been finalized at this time – final funding is unknown. Discussion around how to use the funds as they are one-time investments.

Proposed areas of spending

Members discussed potential areas of spending.

Existing services in place in Eau Claire County

Discussion centered around the earlier presentation and identifying areas of work and where gaps in service were. A key focus area was on developing “recovery ready communities”. This is a connected system that allows individuals to find care and have a community that supports sober living.

Multiple avenues for achieving these goals were discussed: Creating peer communities; Grant program to develop community capacity; Narcan vending machines; sober recovery events and living. It was also deemed important to work on community awareness and stigma reduction. Public perception is key in

achieving desired outcomes. The need for programming is desired not only in the City of Eau Claire but equitably throughout the County.

Committee members were tasked with designing program models to bring to the next meeting for vetting and discussion.

Establish time frame to bring recommendations to County Board

Members will review recommendations that are being crafted per discussion and will identify a timeline for bringing initial recommendations to the board.

Community Input/Engagement

Goals for engagement were discussed. Discussed goals for engagement and sought to identify spots for engagement. There will be a separate community engagement meeting. Lieske Giese will be preparing an action plan for discussion at a future meeting based on input received.

Future meeting frequency/length

A doodle poll will be sent for a meeting in one month for two hours.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kathryn Schauf, County Administrator