

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

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

WHEREAS the task force is tasked with recommending uses of the settlement funds for community assessment and 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 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; and,

WHEREAS 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); and,

WHEREAS the Opioid Task Force is recommending to the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors to support purchasing 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 to come from the allocated Opioid Settlement Funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; that the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the purchase of 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 to come from the allocated Opioid Settlement Funding.

ADOPTED: July 18, 2023

Sue McDonald  
County Clerk