

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

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 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; and,

WHEREAS 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; and,

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

ADOPTED: July 18, 2023

Sue McDonald
County Clerk