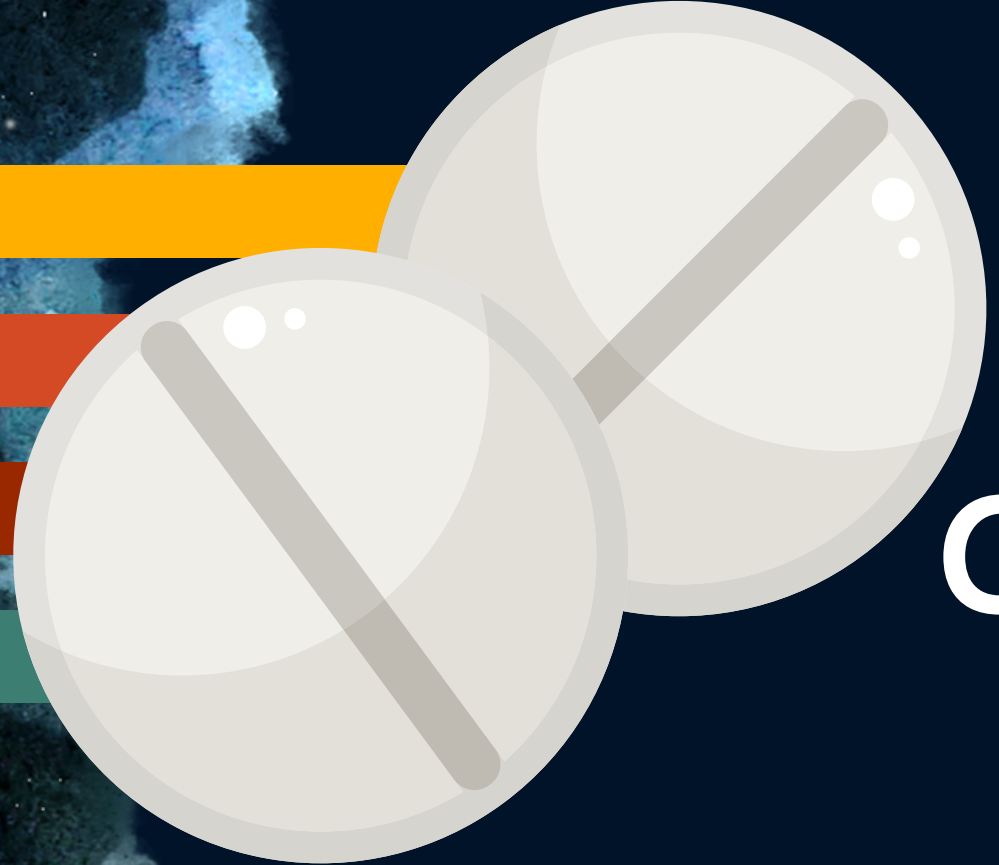


# EAU CLAIRE COUNTY

OPIOID SETTLEMENT  
TASK FORCE



# A SUPER BRIEF TIMELINE OF THE CRISIS

## The 90s

### The beginning...

Pain was declared the 5th vital sign and there was a significant push to treat pain more seriously (which was good). But in the mid-90s Purdue Pharma got OxyContin approved and began deceptive marketing practices which resulted in massive overprescribing.

## 2000-2020

### hits the fan...

The first charges against Purdue get filed in 2007. Some who lost Rx access turned to street drugs. Synthetic opioids start popping up and overdoses increase.

## 2020-Now

### Third Wave & Action

A number of support options and funding has been put in place but often it's not adequate for the need. Communities are fighting on local levels. Lawsuits begin to settle and funds distributed. But people are still struggling with addiction and communities are losing neighbors to addiction.



## Drug-Involved Overdose Deaths

(Source: CDC WONDER); Tiktok ID: @thebeautyofdata

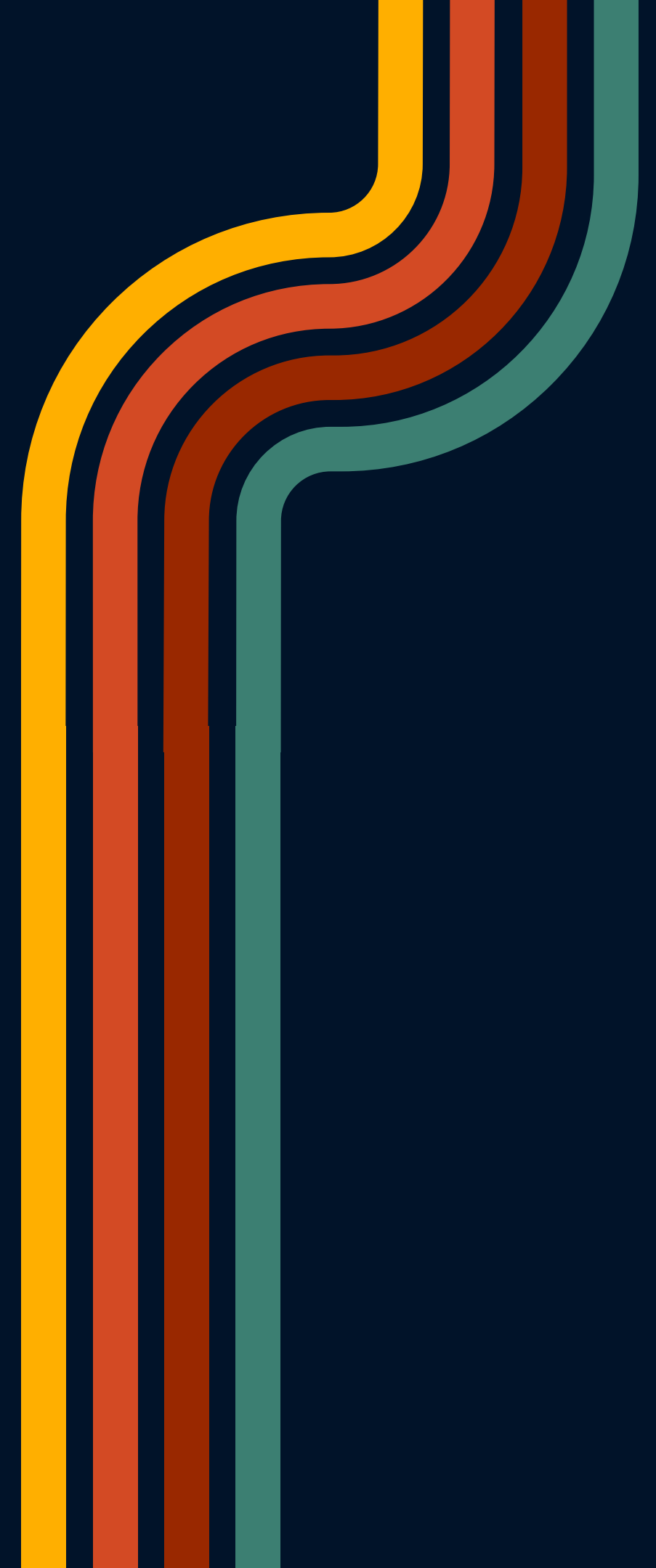
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# SEPTEMBER 20, 2022

**Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors authorized the creation of the Opioid Task Force**

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.



# WHO IS ON IT?

## County Board Members:

Supervisor David Hirsch - Chair  
Supervisor Allen Myren  
Supervisor Kimberly Cronk

## Public Health

Health Department Director, Lieske Giese

## Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Dave Riewestahl

## City of Eau Claire Police Department:

Chad Hoyord

## Department of Human Services

Deputy Director, Ron Schmidt

## Criminal Justice System:

Criminal Justice Manager, Tiana Glenna

## Citizen Members:

James Rick  
Renee Sommer - Co-Chair  
Tim Rabolt



# WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING?

- ✓ Lived Experience Panel
- ✓ Community Survey
- ✓ Data Collection & Review
- ✓ White Paper Review
- ✓ EC County Jail Roundtables
- ✓ Current Resource Compiling & Review
- ✓ Project Development



# WHAT HAVE WE RECOMMENDED SO FAR?



## **Sharps Disposal in Parks**

(\$45,000) Eight sharps disposal containers for initial set up and (\$12,000) One-hundred lock bags and three-hundred lock boxes  
(Resolution 23-24/023)

## **Additional Community Resource Supplies**

(\$22,000) One-year supply of two hundred and fifty Narcan units (2 doses/unit), and two hundred and fifty Fentanyl test strips (community use) (Resolution 23-24/024)

# COMMON POINTS OF DISCUSSION

## Education

- Stigma
- Reality of Use
- State of the County
- Available resources
- Data & Statistics
- Narcan/Test Strip Use

## Treatment & Support Resources

- Medication Assisted Treatment
- Clinical Therapeutic Supports
- Inpatient Options
- Peer Support
- Harm Reduction

## Life in Recovery

- Community Socioeconomic Needs
- Gaps in Recovery Community



# WAYS TO HELP

## Share your opinions & story!



Leave a comment for the Task Force  
Keep an eye out for future meetings to attend for public comment or just to listen. You can attend in person or virtually!  
Take the survey

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## Educate Yourself



The Opioid Epidemic is very real and it's causing real harm to our community. But the origin of it and the faces of addiction don't look how people expect. Knowledge is power.

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## Talk about this more...



In your workplaces, at home, in your community. This crisis is impacting all of us whether we know it or not. By increasing conversations, we help to end stigma.





**PLEASE GET TRAINED  
ON HOW TO  
ADMINISTER NARCAN**





**QUESTION**

**TIME!**

