



## **AGENDA**

Eau Claire County Opioid Settlement Task Force  
Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.  
Eau Claire County Government Center  
721 Oxford Ave., Eau Claire • Room 3312

Join from the meeting link:

<https://eauclairecounty.webex.com/eauclairecounty/j.php?MTID=mbd5ad2cb88baf5f13fab0b98f965317c>

Join by meeting number:

Meeting number: 2536 659 6889 Password: pJptN9Qhb72

Join by phone:

Dial in: 415-655-0001 Access Code: 2536 659 6889

1. Call to order and confirmation of meeting notice
2. Roll call
3. Public Comment
4. Review and Approval of Minutes – **Discussion/Action**
  - a. September 25, 2023
5. Committee Member (Individual with lived experience) Interviews – **Discussion/Action**
  - a. Dekelen Griffin
  - b. Kerry Bauer
6. Trade Scholarships, Renee Sommer – **Discussion**
7. Peer Support Training, Renee Sommer – **Discussion/Action**
8. Proposal for FTE for City-County Harm Reduction/Prevention Staffing – **Discussion/Action**
9. Opioid Abatement Efforts by Law Enforcement Grant Update: Tiana Glenna and Sheriff Riewestahl – **Information/Discussion**
10. Overview/Review of the Opioid Settlement Task Force Webpage – **Discussion**
11. Financial Report - **Discussion**
12. Future Agenda Items - **Discussion**
13. Adjourn



## MINUTES

Eau Claire County Opioid Settlement Task Force  
Monday, September 25, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.  
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® indicates remote attendance

Present: Renee Sommer, Allen Myren, Lieske Giese, Tiana Glenna ®, Dave Riewestahl ®, Kim Cronk ®, Ron Schmidt (5:12 p.m.)

Others: Samantha Kraegenbrink – Committee Clerk

### Call to order and confirmation of meeting notice

Vice-Chair Renee Sommer called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. The meeting was properly posted.

### Roll call

Members in attendance were noticed and listed above under present.

### Public Comment

No members of the public wished to make comment.

### Review and Approval of Minutes from August 15, 2023

Motion by Lieske Giese, seconded by Supervisor Cronk. No deletions, corrections, or additions. All in favor, minutes were approved.

### Potential Program Proposals

- MAT Support – Eau Claire County Jail (Sheriff Riewestahl)
  - Sheriff Riewestahl provided a proposal of funding request of no more than \$24,000 for the MAT Program (support while individual is in the jail, continuation while the individual is incarcerated.) Motion by Tiana Glenna to begin with one year and a review at the 9-month mark to analyze the funding is being used. On a roll call vote (5 aye, 1 nay (Cronk.)) Motion passed for recommendation to the board.
- All others
  - Renee Sommer – Peer Support specific program for Eau Claire County. Will be providing more information at a future meeting.
  - Ron Schmidt – DHS/Law Enforcement received a 1-year grant of \$350,000 for the Opioid Epidemic. Ron Schmidt provided an opinion on working within this grant for diversion and reflection and holding on diving into the PSIREN project proposal which will be revisited.

*\*Ron Schmidt arrived at 5:12 p.m.*

### **Community Input Report/Feedback**

- Supervisor Cronk and Vice-Chair Renee Sommer to report from roundtable with incarcerated individuals

Vice-chair, Renee Sommer and Supervisor Cronk provided an update on the experience from the roundtable with incarcerated individuals in the Eau Claire County Jail. There were 52 signed up participants.

- Current feedback from survey: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-lc72BiG9lwp7VPWdFO5MNO\\_3D\\_3D/](https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-lc72BiG9lwp7VPWdFO5MNO_3D_3D/)
  - Samantha Kraegenbrink will create a paper copy for individuals.

### Financials

Samantha Kraegenbrink provided an overview of financials.

### Future Agenda Items

- PSIREN Discussion (Q2 of 2024)
- Applications for lived experience individual vacancy
- Survey Summary
- Ongoing Financial Reports to approve and post on the website
- Program Proposals
- Opioid Structure in the Health Department
- Opioid Epidemic Grant Update/Implementation (Sheriff's Office)
- Overdose Data (Health Department)

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Samantha Kraegenbrink  
Assistant to the County Administrator

Submission # 2738861  
IP Address 64.33.163.176  
Submission Recorded On 10/03/2023 7:43 AM  
Time to Take Survey 12 minutes, 25 seconds

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Incomplete applications will not be processed.

Please note, not all board/commission/councils have openings and applications submitted outside of a vacancy will be placed on file.

**\* Today's Date**

10/03/2023 12:00 PM

**Name of Board or Commission You are Applying For (applications are retained for 2 years)**

**\* Please select one from the list below. ?**

Opioid Settlement Task Force

**\* Are you a current employee of Eau Claire County or employed at a firm that is a vendor or has an affiliation with Eau Claire County?**

No

\*

**The majority of Boards/Commissions/Councils and Committees meet on a monthly basis (date and time is determined by the committee.) Can you commit to attending meetings in accordance with the schedule of the Boards/Commissions/Councils and Committees you are applying for?**

?

Yes

**\* Full Name**

Inspirational speaker (Dj) Dekelen Griffin

**\* Age 18 or Older**

Yes

**\* Residence Address**

W2775 Pine Rd  
Eleva Wi 54738

**\* Home Phone Number**

(715) 287-4435

**\* Business/Cell Phone Number**

(715) 215-2929

**\* Email**

dekelengriffin@gmail.com

**\* Do you currently reside/live within Eau Claire County limits?**

Yes

**Number of Years:**

27

**\* Education**

HSED

**\* Do you have relatives employed or appointed to serve in Eau Claire County?**

No

**If yes, please list name, department, and relationship.**

No

**\* Please describe any potential conflicts of interest (or list n/a)**

None

**\* List County Boards, Commissions, or Committees on which you have served**

None

**\* Please describe how you are qualified for the position of interest**

I come from a background of addiction. I'm an overcomer. I understand drug addiction and why people use. My experience on the wrong path in my life has given me clarity in this area to be able to help tackle our city's issues.

**\* If selected, how would you work to better our community?**

I am in the streets speaking with the broken-hearted. I serve at the community table, I served at the Sojourner house, I am at Phoenix Park, creating a dialog with the people that are lost, so we can know how to execute in this area. I am an American black man. That has overcome my issues. So now I can help the city by going into these areas working to get to the bottom of our city's problem.



Application for Appointment to County Boards/Commissions/Council/Task Forces

Incomplete applications will not be processed.

Please note, not all bodies have openings and applications submitted outside of a vacancy will be placed on file for two years.

Date: 10/15/2023

Name of Board/Commission/Council/Task Force you are applying for:

Are you a current employee of Eau Claire County or employed at a firm that is a vendor or has an affiliation with Eau Claire County?

Yes  No

Kerry Bauer  
First Name, Last Name

Are you age 18 or older?

Yes  No

Residence Address:

837 Morningside Dr. Eau Claire WI 54703  
Street Number and Name

Unit/Apartment Number

Eau Claire

City

54703

Zip Code

WI

State

How long have you lived at this residence?

14 years

Phone Number:

715, 458 5331



**Eau Claire**  
C O U N T Y

Application for Appointment to County Boards/Commissions/Council/Task Forces

Email:

B Khauer 920@gmail.com

Education:

Senior in college - no degree

Do you have relatives employed, elected, or appointed to serve in Eau Claire County?

Yes  No

State ?

If yes, please list name, department, and relationship.

Lynn Coulson - Fed Building  
Lisa Bergner - Dept of Rev.

Please describe any potential conflicts of interest.

None - Only a desire to reform the system and break the cycle

List any County Boards/Commissions/Councils/Task Forces, etc. that you have served on.

None, but I can help.



Please describe how you are qualified for this position.

If selected, how would you work to better our community?

I thank you for this opportunity. I've often thought that the money from the Settlement would just go to the lawyers. My daughter became an opioid addict after a severe break in her femur in the summer of 2004 - just after her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. She went down the "path" and became one of those junkies most people look down on. We went through every parent's nightmare. In 2004 opioids were completely unregulated and given out like candy. Big pharma & doctors got rich off of the backs of unsuspecting people. Who should pay for all of the pain? The thousands of dollars spent by her family, her teeth, her future? I would appreciate the opportunity to partner with others to help end this epidemic.

Please & thank you.

Karyn M. Bauer  
Signature of applicant





# Facts to Consider for Trade Funding

## JOB OPENINGS

There is a significant shortage of skilled tradespeople. In fact, the industry as a whole is expected to grow 10 percent by 2028<sup>5</sup>, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Additionally, demand has been greatly outpacing the supply in the United States<sup>6</sup>, with no signs of slowing down. It's estimated that more than 3 million skilled trades jobs will remain open by 2028<sup>7</sup>.

### YEARLY PROJECTED JOB OPENINGS BY TRADES (SOURCE US BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS)

Growth of trades occupations continues to pace the average of the entire labor force, with some professions gaining significant traction. With rapidly developing technology in completely new industries, there are major gaps in specialized careers that must be filled.

Figure 1:<https://www.tradesnation.com/us/en/the-trades-facts-and-figures.html>

"In a 2016 [survey](#) of men aged 25-54 who were not in the labor force, nearly half of respondents reported taking pain medications on a daily basis, two-thirds of whom were taking prescription pain medications. In a follow-up [survey](#) of women in the same age group who were not in the labor force, 54% of respondents reported taking pain medications daily, half of whom were taking prescription medications."

[One estimate](#) suggests the opioid epidemic accounts for 43% of the decline in men's labor force participation rate between 1999 and 2015, and 25% of the decline for women.

<https://www.brookings.edu/articles/the-economic-impact-of-the-opioid-epidemic/>

According to a 2018 [Bureau of Justice Statistics report](#), about two-thirds of all ex-offenders who've been released from state prisons end up getting arrested within three years of their release. Yet, former federal prisoners who secure employment after release are more likely to integrate into society successfully. <https://www.trade-schools.net/articles/jobs-for-felons>

## AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN OVERVIEW

The automotive industry is changing due to consumers demanding vehicles that deliver better mileage, higher safety ratings, increased performance, with comfort and style. CVTC's one-year Automotive Maintenance Technician program will give you basic auto repair training.

You will explore a variety of techniques to maintain and repair automobiles. This program will allow you to acquire detailed knowledge about all vehicle components and diagnostic equipment.

If you decide to continue your education, you will have completed the first year of the two-year program, and may be able to enroll in the second year [Automotive Technician](#) program.

**\* EARN CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING!** Do you have previous educational or work experience in the field? You could be eligible to receive [credit for prior learning](#).

## ELECTRICAL MAINTENANCE OVERVIEW

Develop skills used in the manufacturing industry every day. Course topics include machine tool concepts, industrial electricity principles, repairing automated manufacturing equipment, and troubleshooting PLC systems. The one semester embedded technical diploma is designed to prepare students for the real-world scenarios in the workplace.

Part of a career pathway, the Electrical Mechanic technical diploma credits apply toward the [Mechatronics Specialist](#) associate degree if you choose to continue your education. Call us at 715-833-6300 to learn more.

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### JUST THE FACTS

- AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN**  
29 Credit Technical Diploma
- PROGRAM LENGTH**  
One Year
- DELIVERY METHOD**  
Face-to-Face
- PROGRAM LOCATION**  
Eau Claire
- START MONTHS**  
August

Financial Aid Eligible

[Non-Traditional Occupation](#)

**ESTIMATED PROGRAM COST >**

Estimated Total: **\$6,454**

### JUST THE FACTS

- ELECTRICAL MAINTENANCE**  
10 Credit Technical Diploma
- PROGRAM LENGTH**  
Less Than One Year
- DELIVERY METHOD**  
Face-to-Face
- PROGRAM LOCATION**  
Eau Claire and Menomonie
- START MONTHS**  
August, October, January, March, and June

[Non-Traditional Occupation](#)

**ESTIMATED PROGRAM COST >**

Estimated Total: **\$2,267**



### GET STARTED TODAY!

// [GET MORE INFORMATION](#)

## ELECTRICIAN (CONSTRUCTION)

### WORK DESCRIPTION

Electricians install, connect, test, and maintain electrical systems for a variety of purposes, including climate control, security, and communications. Electricians use a variety of electrical equipment and apply appropriate techniques, plan wiring installation from blueprints, and properly locate boxes and outlets. They test continuity of electrical circuits to ensure compatibility and safety of components following national electrical code and complying with state and local building codes. Electricians may install coaxial or fiber optic cable for computers and other telecommunications equipment.

### WORKING CONDITIONS

Electrical work can be indoors or outdoors and is sometimes physically strenuous requiring prolonged standing in cramped or uncomfortable positions. Electricians follow strict safety procedures to prevent injuries from electrical shock, falls, and cuts.

### TRAINING

- Five year training program
- 8,000 hours on-the-job training
- 700 hours paid related instruction
- Additional related instruction may be required

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants must be at least 18 years of age
- High school diploma or equivalent
- Algebra with a passing grade of "C" or higher or equivalent
- Meet required norms on aptitude test (if required)
- Must be physically able to perform trade
- Valid driver's license or reliable transportation

### ESTIMATED COST

Total Tuition & Fees: \$3,463



## PLUMBER

### WORK DESCRIPTION

Plumbers install, repair and maintain the water supply, waste water treatment, drainage and gas systems in homes, commercial, and industrial buildings. Plumbers assemble, install and repair pipes, fittings, and fixtures of heating, water and drainage systems according to specifications and plumbing codes. Plumbers also install sanitary facilities such as lavatories, toilets, tubs, bathroom fixtures, showers, kitchen fixtures, drinking fountains, and laundry equipment.

### WORK CONDITIONS

Plumbing work can be indoors or outdoors in existing and newly constructed buildings, in various weather conditions and around noise, dirt and mud. The work requires physical strength and stamina with prolonged standing, lifting heavy pipes and equipment, and working in cramped, awkward or uncomfortable positions. Training in safety practices reduces the risk of dangers of falls from ladders, cuts from sharp tools, and burns from hot pipes or soldering equipment.

### TRAINING

Topics include plumbing code, repair and service, materials, installation of fixtures and appliances, system design, trade math, safety, science, blueprint reading, and isometric drawing.

- Five years of not less than 8,000 hours
- Minimum of 7,428 hours on-the-job training
- 572 hours of paid related instruction. Classes are scheduled one full day, eight hours, every two weeks during the school year. Apprentices are paid to attend these classes at the same rate of pay as hours worked on the job. Attendance is mandatory.
- Apprentices are required to attend 260 hours of unpaid night school instruction as designated by the Committee, on their own time.
- Apprentices are paid a percentage of the journeymen's base wage rate as established annually by the State of Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development. The apprentice's wage is a percentage of the skilled rate and is divided into a pay progression. The wage at each level of the progression is a designated percentage of the skilled wage rate. Wage advances are usually given annually. Advances are based on the completion of a designated number of academic and work hours.
- Upon completion of work and school requirements, the apprentice plumber is eligible to apply to write the State of Wisconsin journeyman plumbing exam.

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants must be at least 18 years of age
- Must be a high school graduate or have a GED/HSED
- Must have a valid driver's license or reliable transportation
- Must be physically able to perform trade work
- Must have employer sponsorship & Wisconsin BAS signed contract
- Must take the Next-Generation Accuplacer Placement test or qualifying ACT scores. Accuplacer scores must meet minimum requirements of Reading 244, Arithmetic 237, Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra, and Statistics (QAS) 235. ACT minimum scores of Math 15 and Reading 16 within the last five years

### ESTIMATED COST

Total Tuition & Fees: \$2,587

### GET STARTED TODAY!

Applications are for the following Eau Claire Area counties: Barron, Chippewa, Clark, Dunn, Eau Claire, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, Price, Rusk, St. Croix, Taylor and the northern half of Buffalo, Jackson and Trempealeau.

// [PLUMBER EMPLOYER APPLICATION](#)

// [PLUMBER APPRENTICE APPLICATION](#)

2Above Images <https://www.cvtc.edu/academics/programs>

## Peer Support Training Costs

**The total cost including reasonable accommodations and tech lending  
come out to \$14,300**

*per Gaochi Vang, Peer Specialist Program Manager.*

### **Private funder privileges:**

The private funder (sponsor) of a CPS or CPPS training in Wisconsin has a few specific privileges that are intended to ensure that the training offered is relevant to your needs. These include the following:

- The private funder can make requests regarding trainers with respect to lived experience, especially if the training is of a community-specific nature (community-specific trainings would be slightly more expensive given increased trainer hours - 125 hours each).
- The WIPSEI reserves the right to make the final decision regarding which two trainers will facilitate a training to maintain equality and equity among trainers and training opportunities.
- The private funder can determine "secondary eligibility criteria," narrowing the field of who can apply for a training. They can also determine a selection preference, if this is clearly identified before the training is announced and applications open. Some exceptions may apply to this, and secondary eligibility criteria and selection preference will still need final approval from the WIPSEI.
- The private funder is an active participant in identifying the appropriate training schedule. The timeline of the training and schedule must still adhere to the parameters outlined in the attached processes documents (some exceptions may apply in support of accessibility for participants/trainers). Any alternatives must be approved by the WIPSEI.

### **A private funder may not:**

- Take part in application review, applicant interviews, or make participant selection decisions (this is the role of the trainers)
- Have a guarantee that certain applicants are selected to participate in the training or that every selected participant successfully completes the training and receives the Certificate of Completion (these considerations are based on standardized training application and interview processes as well as course expectations and trainer evaluation)

**They are scheduling privately-funded training out in February at this point.  
All months before that are full.**