

APPROVING THE EAU CLAIRE COUNTY OPIOID TASK FORCE TO EXPEND FUNDING FOR THE EAU CLAIRE COUNTY JAIL MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT (MAT) MAINTENANCE WHILE INDIVIDUALS ARE INCARCERATED

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 Medication Assistant Treatment (MAT) is relevant at each point of contact across the justice system. Upon intake and booking into jail, correctional staff can provide screening to identify individuals appropriate for further assessment and consideration for MAT. Once referred to a provider and approved by said provider during incarceration, individuals may begin MAT and establish the relationships and plans needed to continue treatment after release; and

WHEREAS the Opioid Task Force is recommending to the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors to support funding no more than \$24,000 for MAT programming in the Eau Claire County Jail for the duration of one-year, with evaluation of the program after 9-months by the Eau Claire County Opioid Settlement Task Force before any additional funding, if available, will be considered to continue the program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors hereby approves funding of no more than \$24,000 for MAT programming in the Eau Claire County Jail.

ADOPTED: November 7, 2023

Sue McDonald  
County Clerk