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MINUTES OPIOID ABATEMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Columbia County Opioid Abatement Ad Hoc Committee was called to order at 1:00 p.m., by Chair Doug Richmond. The meeting was publicly noticed.

ROLL

An attendance sheet was distributed by Gretchen Halvorsen.

OPIOID ABATEMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Doug Richmond; Tom Drury; Jeff Leckwee; Cheryl Anderson; Susan Fisher; Stephanie Nickel; Liz Miller; Roger Brandner.

OPIOID ABATEMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED: Ellen Ellingsworth; Jessica Beckett; Keith Miller.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICE STAFF PRESENT: Heather Gove, Director; Gretchen Halvorsen.

OTHERS: Jesica Walter, Shonna Neary, Accounting.

AGENDA/ADDITIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE APRIL 12, 2023 OPIOID ABATEMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE AGENDA.

Motion by Liz Miller, second by Jeff Leckwee. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING(s)

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 8, 2023 MEETING OF THE OPIOID ABATEMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE.

Motion by Tom Drury, second by Liz Miller. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF SETTLEMENT FUNDS RECEIVED

Comptroller Shonna Neary reported that the fund balance is unchanged from last month's meeting, other than interest earned. The next scheduled payment from the settlement is due in July in the amount of \$88,252.

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UPDATE ON SETTLEMENTS WITH TEVA, ALLERGAN, CVS, WALMART, WALGREENS

Assistant Corporation Counsel Susan Fisher reported that a resolution has been drafted indicating that Columbia County wishes to participate in the settlement agreement with these particular pharmacies. The resolution will require approval by the full County Board. The settlement amount from these particular pharmacies totals \$18.5 billion.

UPDATE ON RFP FOR MH CLINIC STUDY

Health & Human Services Director Heather Gove reported that the draft RFP is being reviewed by the Accounting Department and then afterwards will need to be reviewed by Corporation Counsel prior to posting. Discussion followed.

DISCUSSION ABOUT REPORT TO COUNTY BOARD

The Committee discussed the template provided by Attorney Fisher. She advised the Board that elements of the report could include that the Committee is continuing to evaluate the County's needs, continuing to review information in regard to new settlement funds, and, continuing to provide oversight of the process for use of the settlement funds. There currently are 15 years left for the initial settlement payout. The Committee discussed the need to create a foundation that everything else is built upon in order to sustain BHLTS services within Columbia County. That foundation is created by establishing a mental health clinic within Health & Human Services that provides services and support to non-insured county residents that private mental health providers don't serve. Creating a mental health clinic allows people in crisis to be served more immediately rather than being placed on wait lists with private vendors. The Committee discussed the most immediate need right now in the community is for peer counselors. BHLTS Division Administrator Stephanie Nickel advised that she is waiting for confirmation from the State on a grant that would provide funding for peer support and she promised to keep the Committee informed about the grant. Susan Fisher, Tom Drury, and Stephanie Nickel were chosen to draft the report to the County Board and present it to the Opioid Committee at next month's meeting. Committee members were encouraged to send their thoughts and suggestions, for the report, to Susan Fisher by Wednesday, April 19.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

No report.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE

Due to conflicts with the regular meeting day in May, the next meeting of the Columbia County Opioid Abatement Ad Hoc Committee is scheduled for Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 1:00 p.m., in Meeting Room 3, at Columbia County Health & Human Services Department, 111 E. Mullett Street, Portage, WI.

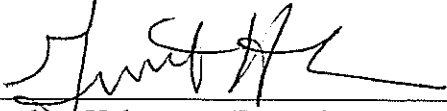
ADJOURNMENT

Chair Richmond declared the meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

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The Columbia County Opioid Abatement Ad Hoc Committee will reconvene for their next meeting on Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 1:00 p.m., in Meeting Room 3, at Columbia County Health & Human Services Department, 111 E. Mullett Street, Portage, WI.

Respectfully submitted,



Gretchen Halvorsen, Executive Secretary
Col. Co. Health & Human Services Dept.

cc: County Board Chair Chris Polzer
County Board 1st Vice Chair Denise Brusveen
County Board 2nd Vice Chair Matthew Rohrbeck

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