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MINUTES OPIOID ABATEMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 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; Ellen Ellingsworth; Liz Miller; Jessica Beckett; Roger Brandner.

OPIOID ABATEMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED: Keith Miller.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICE STAFF PRESENT: Gretchen Halvorsen.

OTHERS: Jesica Walter, Accounting.

AGENDA/ADDITIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MAY 11, 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 APRIL 12, 2023 MEETING OF THE OPIOID ABATEMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT OF SETTLEMENT FUNDS RECEIVED

HHS Accounting Supervisor Jesica Walter presented the financial report showing a balance of \$441,574.83.

UPDATE ON RFP FOR MH HEALTH CLINIC STUDY

Assistant Corporation Counsel Susan Fisher reported that she has reviewed the RFP.

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UPDATE ON FOCUS GROUPS

Public Health Officer Ellen Ellingsworth reported that the focus groups are set up for Wednesday, May 17 in Columbus, from 3:30-5; Wednesday, May 24 in Lodi, from 9-10:30; and on Wednesday, May, 31 in Portage from 9-11 and 5:30-7:00. Advertising for the focus groups has been done through FaceBook, Columbia County News & Events, mental health clinics, hospitals and clinics, churches, and support groups.

DISCUSSION ON COMMITTEE REPORT TO COUNTY BOARD

The Committee discussed the draft of the report to the County Board. Discussion followed about the \$700,000 cost of finishing the shell on the second floor of the HHS building to house a mental health clinic; the authority and oversight that the HHS Board already has to approve and expend money for HHS contracts and business purposes under State Stat 165.12; concern for the amount of the funds sitting in one account in one bank after the U.S. has recently experienced multiple bank failures; and whether a resolution from the HHS Board is needed to present to the full County Board to secure the ability for the Ad Hoc Committee to have authority to vote on expenditures, and whether to include language for the Safety Committee to approve expenditures related to the Sheriff's Department by including an "and/or for approval" phrase in the recommendations.

MOTION: TO APPROVE DELIVERY OF THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT TO THE COUNTY BOARD AT THEIR MAY MEETING WITH THE CORRECTIONS DISCUSSED.

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

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chair Richmond reported that he and Tom Drury plan to meet with Tom Farley in Lodi tomorrow morning to discuss how Tom Farley can help Columbia County with an event around the subject of substance abuse and recovery.

Chair Richmond asked Sheriff Brandner to share with the group his email to Chair Richmond regarding a \$6,000 request for settlement funds for the Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Brandner explained that the Department has begun providing trauma counseling to their staff this year as a way to address job stress. The Sheriff asked for \$6,000 to pay for these services. Discussion followed in regard to the settlement rules around not supplanting funding for services already provided by the County. Discussion followed. Chair Richmond agreed to add this topic to the June agenda.

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SET NEXT MEETING DATE

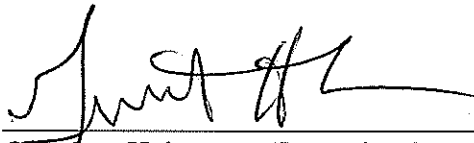
The next meeting of the Columbia County Opioid Abatement Ad Hoc Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at 1:00 p.m., in Meeting Room 3, at Columbia County Health & Human Services Department, 111 E. Mullett Street, Portage, WI.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The Columbia County Opioid Abatement Ad Hoc Committee will reconvene for their next meeting on Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at 1:00 p.m., in Meeting Room 2&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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