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MINUTES
OPIOID ABATEMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 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; Susan Fisher; Stephanie Nickel; Ellen Ellingsworth; Liz Miller; Jessica Beckett; Keith Miller; Cheryl Anderson; Jeff Leckwee.

OPIOID ABATEMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED: Roger Brandner.

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

OTHERS: Jessica Walter, Shonna Neary, Accounting.

AGENDA/ADDITIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 2, 2023 OPIOID ABATEMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE AGENDA.

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

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING(s)

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 7, 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

Comptroller Shonna Neary reported that there were no changes to the settlement funds from last month.

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UPDATE ON RFP FOR MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC STUDY

HHS Director Heather Gove reported that proposals are due by today at 2:00 p.m.

RESOLUTION: DRUG TREATMENT COURT

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE DRAFT RESOLUTION REGARDING USING
OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS FOR DRUG TREATMENT COURT.

Motion by Liz Miller, second by Keith Miller. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF RFPs AND CONTRACTS

The committee discussed the RFP process and what topics to include in it. The group discussed the need to define the types of services being sought by the County under the categories of Prevention, Education, Peer Support/Treatment, and Enforcement, provide demographics regarding the population proposed to be served, identify qualifications of consumers likely to be served, identify qualifications of vendors, and the need to include measurement standards/metrics to determine success of program participants and the overall success of the programs. The committee also suggested including language in the service description that encourages pairing Prevention and Education programs with law enforcement in the schools and in the community.

MOTION: TO CREATE A SUB COMMITTEE, WHOSE MEMBERS INCLUDE
SHERIFF BRANDNER, HHS DIRECTOR HEATHER GOVE, TOM DRURY, VICE
CHAIR JEFF LECKWEE, AND BHLTS DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR STEPHANIE
NICKEL, TO DRAFT THE RFP(S) WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF COMPTROLLER
SHONNA NEARY AND ASSISTANT CORPORATION COUNSEL SUSAN FISHER,
AND TO PRESENT THE DRAFT RFP(S) AT THE SEPTEMBER OPIOID
ABATEMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING.

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

Vice Chair Leckwee volunteered to chair the RFP sub committee.

The group discussed the possible need to hold interviews or arrange a pre-bid conference of potential vendors wishing to submit proposals. This could be done in person or by TEAMS or Zoom and the session could be recorded and posted for all potential vendors to view.

The group discussed the creation of a new Social Work position, paid for from settlement funding, to pair with Sheriff Department personnel to address the Enforcement category. Director Gove suggested that she and Sheriff Brandner need to meet to discuss the details

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of this proposal. The Committee requested placing this item on the September agenda hoping to move it forward quickly.

Stephanie provided an update on new mental health services in the County, specifically the school districts of Randolph, Rio, Cambria, and Pardeeville receiving a \$5.5 million/5-year grant to provide mental health services to students in those communities. Stephanie reported that the potential vendor she reported on at last month's meeting to provide peer support services is no longer interested in expanding to Columbia County. However, Stephanie advised that a new potential vendor has been identified. Discussion followed about the need to prioritize what services to work on first in an RFP, and that an RFP for each category of service may be needed instead of lumping them all together in one RFP. The sub-committee will need to consider this issue.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

No report.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE

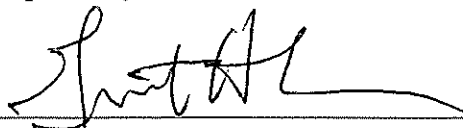
The next meeting of the Columbia County Opioid Abatement Ad Hoc Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 1:00 p.m., in Meeting Room 2 & 3 in the Columbia County Health & Human Services Building, 111 E. Mullett St., Portage, WI.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Richmond declared the meeting adjourned at 1:51 p.m.

The Columbia County Opioid Abatement Ad Hoc Committee will reconvene for their next meeting on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 1:00 p.m., in Meeting Rooms 2 & 3 in the Columbia County Health & Human Services Building, 111 E. Mullett St., Portage, WI.

Respectfully submitted,



Gretchen Halvorsen, Executive Secretary
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cc: County Board Chair Chris Polzer
County Board 1st Vice Chair Denise Brusveen
County Board 2nd Vice Chair Matthew Rohrbeck

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