

NATIONAL OPIOID TASKFORCE
TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023 4:30 PM
, County Board Office

Call to Order (4:32 PM)

Members Present: Knust, Lister and Snyder

Also present: Robert Burns, Bart Hagston, Matthew Leverage

Approval of Minutes

Communication

Old Business

I. [23-8010](#)

Settlement Update

The County Administrator informed the taskforce that the paperwork for the last 5 remaining opioid payments had been completed. She also noted that the County had received its first payment last year for approximately \$45K and this year's payment for approximately \$88K, which would continue for the next 16 years. It was also noted that for the remaining payments, a total amount was not yet known, and that the County expected to receive those remaining payments for the next 15-25 years.

New Business

II. [23-8011](#)

Settlement Funding Proposals

The taskforce had a lengthy discussion on ways to utilize the Opioid Settlement funds and what programs/proposals would be best for the County. Burns commented that he felt the money would be useful to hire a counselor/social worker for the Med/Seg unit. Snyder agreed with Burns suggesting that the money could be used to help pay for things the County already has expenses on. Knust suggested using the money to help fund drug court, noting that she thought it would be helpful to have Judge Solverson at the next meeting to help answer questions. Lister suggested using the money to coordinate efforts to create one taskforce made up of knowledgeable people in the County who could create a plan on how to utilize the money to help educate children and the public which would in turn help keep opioid usage down. Hagston and Leverage provided information on current opioid related programming in Jackson County and helped to answer questions from the taskforce.

At the end of the discussion, it was decided to begin looking into a one-day summit which would provide a better understanding of the needs of the County. This summit would include representatives from County organizations who are knowledgeable on opioids. The County Administrator commented that she would invite Judge Bost and/or Solverson to the next Opioid Taskforce meeting. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 2nd at 4:30pm.

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Executive Session

Adjourn (6:47 PM)

Knust moved and Lister seconded to adjourn, motion carried.

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