



**Lincoln County
Opioid Task Force
January 14, 2026 2:00 P.M.
Draft Meeting Minutes**

Members Present:

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| ☒ Lincoln County Health Department, Erin Ray, Shelley Cohrs
☒ Lincoln County Board of Health, Laurie Thiel

☐ Merrill Area Public Schools – Amber Haluska

☒ Tomahawk School District –Adam Spiegel | ☒ Lincoln county Social Services, Jessi Rumsey

☒ North Central Healthcare, Kimberly Moore (virtual)
☒ Lincoln County Probation and Parole, Michelle Hubbard
☐ Lincoln County Administration, Renee Krueger | ☐ Lincoln County Sherriff

☒ Aspirus – Joni Hahn (virtual)

☐ Lincoln County Emergency Management, Tyler Verhasselt |
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Partners Present:

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| ☐ Merrill Police Department – Corey Bennett
☒ Justice Department Representative – Becky Byer | ☐ Tomahawk Police Department
☒ Community Representatives, Jean D | ☐ Merrill Emergency Services – Josh Klug
☐ Tomahawk Emergency Services – Bob Kirkley |
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Guests Present: Felicia B, Deanna E, Judge Fehrenbach, Theresa S and Wyatt Massey

Agenda Item	Notes:	Action Items
1. Call to Order	Meeting called to order by Theil at 2:02pm.	
2. Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting	Spiegel motions to approve the February meeting minutes. Second by Byer. All ayes, motion carried.	
3. Written Update by Opioid Task Force Grant Coordinator	Written update reviewed.	
4. Financial Update	Ray shared the current amount in the opioid settlement funds account.	
5. Family Treatment Court Presentation	Judge Fehrenbach provided information to the task force about the benefits of Family Treatment Court, as well as what the current hurdles are to implementing one in Lincoln County.	
6. Review and Approve TD Social Worker Proposal	Spiegel shared the job description and a proposal for the task force to fund a portion of the salary for 4 years. Approval held until next meeting when there is more information on treatment court and jail MAT program available.	

7. Review and approve mini-grant applications.	Applications were pre-screened by Ray, Cohrs and Rumsey. Application summaries and the screening team's recommendations were reviewed. Byer made a motion to fully fund the applications from Kinship, Boys & Girls Club, Three Bridges – SMART Recovery, Children's WI and Three Bridges – ORSEP at \$10,000/each. Second by Ray. All ayes to approve.	Ray to notify applicants of funding decision.
8. Next Meeting Agenda Items	Review proposals for Treatment Court, School Social Worker, Jail MAT program and Task Force Coordinator Position.	
9. Set Next Meeting Date; Adjourn	Wednesday, April 8, 2026 @ 2pm. Meeting adjourned at 3:35pm.	May need to schedule short meeting sooner to discuss DFC grant application.

Minutes submitted by: Erin Ray, Opioid Grant Coordinator on 3/12/2026.