



Lincoln County Opioid Task Force March 12, 2025 2:00 P.M. Draft Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

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| ☒ Lincoln County Health Department, Erin Ray and Shelley Cohrs | ☒ Lincoln county Social Services, Jessi Rumsey | ☐ Lincoln County Sherriff |
| ☒ Lincoln County Board of Health, Laurie Thiel | ☐ North Central Healthcare, Kimberly Moore | ☐ Aspirus – Joni Hahn |
| ☐ Merrill Area Public Schools – Amber Haluska | ☒ Lincoln County Probation and Parole, Michelle Hubbard | ☒ Lincoln County Emergency Management, Tyler Verhasselt |
| ☒ Tomahawk School District – Deb Velleux | ☐ Lincoln County Administration, Renee Krueger | |

Partners Present:

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| ☐ Merrill Police Department – Corey Bennett | ☐ Tomahawk Police Department | ☐ Merrill Emergency Services – Josh Klug |
| ☒ Justice Department Representative – Becky Byer | ☒ Community Representatives, Jean Daley | ☐ Tomahawk Emergency Services – Bob Kirkley |

Agenda Item	Notes:	Action Items
1. Call to Order	Meeting called to order by Thiel at 2:05pm.	
2. Approve Minutes from March Meeting	Verhasselt missed on attendance. Velleux motions to approve the March meeting minutes. Second by Verhasselt. All ayes, motion carried.	
3. SOR Funding Awarded	\$12,500 in State Opioid Response Funding was awarded to the task force. Resolution to accept the funding will go to the County Board for a vote on April 15, 2025.	
4. Review Draft Substance Use Report and Create Distribution Plan	Ray presented the Substance Use Report created by ICPG to summarize the assessment and gap analysis results. Discussion around formatting decisions and length of the report. Final report will be available electronically.	Any edit/change requests need to be emailed to Ray no later than 10am Friday, April 11. Ray to create executive summary.
5. Approved Settlement Expenses – Exhibit E	Brief overview of Exhibit E which spells out what settlement funds can be used for.	Ray to cross-reference recommendations in substance use report with Exhibit E.

6. State & Other County Plans for Settlement Dollars	State fiscal plan can be viewed here: https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/opioids/settlement-funds.htm County reporting of funds spent can be viewed here: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/liYYo5rd1fd4MpRpZzJkODF4S9IaTFosn	
7. Harm Reduction	Ray described what harm reduction is and its purpose. Round table discussion to gauge overall task force feelings on harm reduction in Lincoln County.	
4. Next Meeting Agenda Items	Vote on Priorities for spending. County Board Approval process discussion.	
5. Set Next Meeting Date; Adjourn	Wednesday, May 14, 2025 @ 2pm. <u>In person attendance preferred.</u> Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.	

Minutes submitted by: Erin Ray, Opioid Grant Coordinator on 4/10/2025.