



**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 Board of Health, Laurie Thiel
☐ Merrill Area Public Schools – Amber Haluska

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

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

☐ Aspirus – Joni Hahn
☐ 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 Daley | ☐ Merrill Emergency Services – Josh Klug
☐ Tomahawk Emergency Services – Bob Kirkley |
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Guests Present: Christine Vorpapel

Agenda Item	Notes:	Action Items
1. Call to Order	Meeting called to order by Thiel at 2:03pm.	
2. Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting	Velleux motions to approve the April meeting minutes. Second by Rumsey. All ayes, motion carried.	
3. Written Update by Opioid Task Force Grant Coordinator	Ray submitted a written update for activities completed since last meeting. This will be a new standing agenda item.	
4. Approve Final Draft Substance Use Report a. Final Draft Substance Use Report b. Substance Use Report Companion Document	All in attendance liked the edits made to the substance use report. Rumsey made a motion to approve the Final Draft of the Substance Use Report. Second by Thiel. All ayes, motion carried. Rumsey made a motion to approve the Substance Use Companion Document. Second by Byer. All ayes, motion carried.	
5. Approve Substance Use Report Distribution Plan	Add link to both the Substance Use Report and Companion Document to the Opioid Task Force webpage. Create a flyer with a QR code linked to full Substance Use report to distribute around community.	Ray to create the flyer and get webpage updated.

6. County Board Approval Process a. Substance Use Report Executive Summary	Members in attendance liked the overall summary. Comment to add QR code to full report made. Will bring a final draft for approval once a decision is made for spending settlement funds.	
7. Discuss and Approve Spending Priorities a. Crosswalk – Recommendations to approves spending categories b. Review and approve Vital Strategies Grant	Lengthy discussion had regarding recommendations and what each member sees as priorities. The 12 recommendations were narrowed down to 8. A written vote was completed narrowing down the recommendations to the group's top 2 priorities: Strengthening Families & Peer Recovery Support.	Ray to meet with Rumsey to discuss Strengthening Families framework and bring findings back to the group. Ray to meet with Moore to discuss Peer Recovery and bring information back to the group. Ray to draft grant application and bring back to the group for approval.
4. Next Meeting Agenda Items	Present information on Strengthening Families and Peer Recovery Present and approve Vital Strategies Grant Application Review Drug Free Community Support Program and Requirements	
5. Set Next Meeting Date; Adjourn	Wednesday, June 11, 2025 @ 2pm. Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.	

Minutes submitted by: Erin Ray, Opioid Grant Coordinator on 5/19/2025.