



**Lincoln County  
Opioid Task Force  
July 9, 2025 2:00 P.M.  
Draft Meeting Minutes**

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**Members Present:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lincoln County Health Department, Erin Ray and Shelley Cohrs | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lincoln county Social Services, Jessi Rumsey                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Lincoln County Sherriff                               |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lincoln County Board of Health, Laurie Thiel                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> North Central Healthcare, Kimberly Moore (via teleconference) | <input type="checkbox"/> Aspirus – Joni Hahn                                   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Merrill Area Public Schools – Amber Haluska                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lincoln County Probation and Parole, Michelle Hubbard         | <input type="checkbox"/> Lincoln County Emergency Management, Tyler Verhasselt |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tomahawk School District –Adam Spiegel                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Lincoln County Administration, Renee Krueger                             |                                                                                |

**Partners Present:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Merrill Police Department – Corey Bennett                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Tomahawk Police Department                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Merrill Emergency Services – Josh Klug    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Justice Department Representative – Becky Byer (via teleconference) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Representatives, Jean Daley | <input type="checkbox"/> Tomahawk Emergency Services – Bob Kirkley |

Guests Present: Deanna Engel

| Agenda Item                                              | Notes:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Action Items                                                                                                                         |
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| 1. Call to Order                                         | Meeting called to order by Haluska at 2:00pm.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                      |
| 2. Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting                 | Thiel motions to approve the June meeting minutes. Second by Rumsey. All ayes, motion carried.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                      |
| 3. Written Update by Opioid Task Force Grant Coordinator | Written update reviewed, no questions.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                      |
| 4. Prevention Brainstorming                              | Common prevention themes discussed include providing support systems, including the entire family, substitute risky behaviors with healthy behaviors, multi-systems approach.<br>Ideas mentioned: Sober community events, Student/Peer lead groups, Parenting/coping skills seminars.<br>Two potential pathways: 1. Create position (Community Prevention Coordinator) to help compile what is already happening and work with partners to plan events. 2. Create a mini-grant application process for organizations to apply for project funding. | Ray to draft Community Prevention Coordinator job description and evaluate cost.<br><br>Ray to draft mini-grant application process. |

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| 5. Next Meeting Agenda Items         | Review Community Prevention Coordinator job description.<br>Review Mini-Grant Application Process<br>Discuss future direction for settlement fund decision making and spending. |  |
| 6. Set Next Meeting Date;<br>Adjourn | Wednesday, July 9, 2025 @ 2pm.<br>Motion by Rumsey to adjourn the meeting. Second by Thiel. All ayes, meeting adjourned at 3:11pm.                                              |  |

**Minutes submitted by: Erin Ray, Opioid Grant Coordinator on 7/16/2025.**