



**Montana Opioid  
Abatement Trust**

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*July 18th, 2024*

*Operating Trustees Meeting Minutes*

*490 N. 31st St., #500*

*Meeting called to order at 1:00PM by Chairman Will Selph*

*Roll Call Taken*

**Operating Trustees Present**

Steve Crawford, Rebecca de Camara, Maureen Ward, Scott Malloy, Drenda Niemann,  
Phil Bain, Will Selph, Jake Strissel, Brenda Kneeland

**Operating Trustees Absent**

Becky Rice

**Staff Present**

Rusty Gackle (Executive Director), Steffanie McGowan (Program Director)

**Approval of April 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes**

Approval of minutes was properly moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

**MOAT Updates**

MOAT staff updated Trustees on correspondence with abatement regions and gave an overview of each abatement region's governance structure status. A summary of submitted grant applications as of 2.29.24 was given as well as updates made to the MOAT grant application.

A financial update was given by the MOAT staff. As well as an update on additions to the MOAT website *montanaopioid.org*.



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### **Old Business**

Executive Director, Rusty Gackle gave an update on progress made with Clark Nuber (*accounting and consulting services*). Mr. Gackle gave an overview of several MOAT Memo communications sent to the abatement regions governance structures, as well as County Commissioners and County Attorneys.

### **New Business**

Trustees discussed MOAT Employee Retirement Program Options.

As the MOAT begins to disburse funding, Trustees discussed the MOAT Grant Agreement for awarded applicants. MOAT Grant Agreement was properly moved, seconded, and passed unanimously

Trustees reviewed two submitted applications from Lake County Metro Region.

*Never Alone Recovery Services ~ \$78,240.00 ~ 1 Year*

Approval of the application Never Alone Recovery Services was properly moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

*Friends of the Children West ~ \$180,000.00 – 3 Years (\$60,000 each year)*

Approval of the application Friends of the Children West was properly moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

*\*\*Disbursements for proposed Opioid Remediation programs and services to Participating Abatement Regions shall be reviewed by the MOAT Advisory Committee to determine whether the proposed disbursements meet the criteria for Opioid Remediation and Approved Purposes. The MOAT may not deny a proposal for distribution of funds from a Region or Local Government, provided the proposal identifies Approved Purposes for which the funds are currently available and will be expended as defined and provided for in the Settlement Agreements.*

**Next Meeting:** TBD

**Meeting adjourned at 1:55PM**