



**Montana Opioid
Abatement Trust**

Oct. 15th, 2024

Operating Trustees Meeting Minutes

1597 Avenue D, Suite 6 Billings, MT 59102

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

Roll Call Taken

Operating Trustees Present

Will Selph, Brenda Kneeland, Steve Crawford, Becky Rice, Rebecca de Camara, Phil Bain, Drenda Niemann

Operating Trustees Absent

Jake Strissel, Maureen Ward, Scott Malloy

Staff Present

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

Approval of July 18th Meeting Minutes

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

MOAT Updates

MOAT staff informed Trustees of each abatement region's governance structure status and gave updates on communications with all abatement regions, County Commissioners and County Attorneys. A summary of submitted grant applications was given as well as revisions made to the MOAT grant application.

A financial update was given by the MOAT staff.



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Old Business

Executive Director, Rusty Gackle, gave an overview of the MOAT Framework for Awarding Opioid Abatement Dollars, a guide to provide information on Montana evidence-based data, and contact points across the State.

New Business

Trustees discussed MOAT Employee Retirement Program and Health Program options. Trustees adopted a monthly health stipend for employees of the MOAT effective until a structure can be put in place. Resolution to adopt a monthly health stipend was moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

Trustees discussed adopting Mrachek Popp & Associates to take over accounting for the MOAT. Resolution to adopt Mrachek Popp & Associates as the MOAT accounting firm was properly moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Trustees discussed Advisory Committee terms.

Trustees discussed scheduling dates for the quarterly Advisory Committee meetings. Tentative dates were set for 2025.

Trustees reviewed twelve submitted applications:

Gallatin County Metro Region approved

*Community Medical Services - Montana MAT Gap Funding Program (MGFP) ~
\$71,280.00 ~ 1 Year*

Pending non-profit verification, approval of the application Montana MAT Gap Funding Program (MGFP) was properly moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

*Community Medical Services - Montana Bup LAI Access & Recovery Initiative ~
\$39,600.00 ~ 1 Year*

Pending non-profit verification, approval of the application Montana Bup LAI Access & Recovery Initiative was properly moved, seconded and passed unanimously.



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HRDC - HRDC Supportive Housing Response ~ \$400,000.00 ~ One time

Approval of the application HRDC Supportive Housing Response was properly moved, seconded and passed unanimously. Note: Scott Malloy abstained from vote

Abatement Region 3

Montana Meth Project - FENTANYL Prevention, Education & Outreach ~ \$35,000 ~ One time

Approval of the FENTANYL Prevention, Education & Outreach was properly moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

Flathead Metro Region

Montana Meth Project - FENTANYL Prevention, Education & Outreach ~ \$35,000 ~ One time

Approval of the FENTANYL Prevention, Education & Outreach was properly moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

Ravalli Metro Region

Ravalli County Sheriff's Office – Wellness Program ~ \$11,198.10 ~ One time

Approval of the Ravalli County Sheriff's Office - Wellness Program was properly moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

Lewis & Clark Metro Region

Lewis & Clark County Sheriff's Office - Detention Center Medical Provider Program ~ \$115,200.00 ~ One time

Approval of the Detention Center Medical Provider Program was properly moved, seconded and passed unanimously. Note: Drenda Niemann abstained from vote

Yellowstone Metro Region

Step Inc. - Recovery Housing for Pregnant & Postpartum Women & Children

Pending budget approval by Yellowstone County Metro Region governance committee, approval of the Recovery Housing for Pregnant & Postpartum Women & Children was properly moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

South Central Regional Mental Health Center - When the Game Slows Down

Pending budget approval by Yellowstone County Metro Region governance committee, approval of When the Game Slows Down was properly moved, seconded and passed unanimously.



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South Central Regional Mental Health Center - Bad Drug Mega Phone

Pending budget approval by Yellowstone County Metro Region governance committee, approval of Bad Drug Mega Phone was properly moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

Friends of the Children – Eastern Montana - Nurturing Youth Opioid Misuse Prevention Through Relationship-Based Professional Mentoring

Pending budget approval by Yellowstone County Metro Region governance committee, approval of Nurturing Youth Opioid Misuse Prevention Through Relationship-Based Professional Mentoring was properly moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

406 Recovery - Montana Treatment Access Program (MTAP)

Pending budget approval by Yellowstone County Metro Region governance committee, approval of Montana Treatment Access Program (MTAP) was properly moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

Veterans Navigation Network - Hero Path: Veterans Opioid Use Prevention and Recovery

Pending budget approval by Yellowstone County Metro Region governance committee, approval of Hero Path: Veterans Opioid Use Prevention and Recovery 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: Thursday Jan. 9th, 2025

Meeting adjourned at: 2:30PM