



**Montana Opioid
Abatement Trust**

Jan. 27th, 2025

Operating Trustees Meeting Minutes

1597 Avenue D, Suite 6 Billings, MT 59102

Meeting called to order at 2:30PM by Chairman Will Selph

Roll Call Taken

Operating Trustees Present

Drenda Niemann, Rebecca de Camara, Brenda Kneeland, Will Selph, Maureen Ward

Operating Trustees Absent

Scott Malloy, Steve Crawford, Rebecca Rice

Staff Present

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

Approval of Oct. 15th 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.

- Settlement Distributions
- Review of 2024 Budget
- 2025 Budget Projections
- Review of Allied Investments



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Old Business

Executive Director, Rusty Gackle, gave an update of Advisory Committee terms and open positions, as well as reviewed processes of appointing/reappointing Advisory Committee members.

Trustees reviewed MOAT Employee Retirement Program.

New Business

Introduction by accounting firm Mrachek Popp & Associates was given by Jeff Mrachek.

Trustees reviewed eight submitted applications:

Yellowstone County Metro Region approved

STAR Court – 13th Judicial District ~ STAR Treatment Court Expansion Program ~ 1 Year ~ \$72,200.00

Approval of the application STAR Treatment Court Expansion Program was properly moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

Montana Meth Project ~ FENTANYL Prevention, Education and Outreach ~ one time ~ \$35,000.00

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

*STEP, Inc ~ Recovery Housing for Pregnant & Postpartum Women & Children ~ **Budget approval** ~ \$169,072.00*

Approval of the application budget for Recovery Housing for Pregnant & Postpartum Women & Children was properly moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

Abatement Region 3

The Naloxone Project ~ one time ~ \$34,382.67

Approval of the The Naloxone Project was properly moved, seconded and passed unanimously.



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Simulation in Motion Montana ~ Simulation Training & Opioid Response Plan Improvement (STORPI) ~ Year 1: \$50,000.00 ~ Year 2: \$40,000.00

Approval of the Simulation Training & Opioid Response Plan Improvement (STORPI) was properly moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

Flathead Metro Region

Samaritan House ~ Opioid Prevention & Support for Homeless Individuals through Case Management ~ Year 1: \$74,008.00 ~ Year 2: \$73,008.00 ~ Year 3: \$75,508.00

Approval of the Opioid Prevention & Support for Homeless Individuals through Case Management was properly moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

Lewis & Clark Metro Region

St. Peter's Health Foundation ~ No Wrong Door: Expanding OUD/SUD/COD Treatment Access via Peer Support in the St. Peter's Health ED ~ one time ~ \$215,051.00

Approval of the No Wrong Door: Expanding OUD/SUD/COD Treatment Access via Peer Support in the St. Peter's Health ED was properly moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

Simulation in Motion Montana ~ Simulation Training & Opioid Response Plan Improvement ~ 1 Year ~ \$75,000.00

Approval of the Simulation Training & Opioid Response Plan Improvement 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 April 10th, 2025

Meeting adjourned at: 3:45PM