



## Montana Opioid Abatement Trust

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*April 10th, 2025*

*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**

Brenda Kneeland, Jake Strissel, Drenda Niemann, Will Selph, Steve Crawford, Becky Rice, Maureen Ward, Rebecca de Camara

### **Operating Trustees Absent**

Scott Malloy, Jeanna Miller

### **Staff Present**

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

### **Approval of Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes**

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

### **MOAT Updates**

Executive Director, Rusty Gackle, updated the Trustees on governance committee's status in the unformed regions. He also provided an update on communications with abatement regions, County Commissioners and County Attorneys.

A financial update was given by the MOAT staff.

- 2025 Projected Budget vs. Actual Q1
- Grant Dollars Disbursed
- Additional Allocations 25/26



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Rusty Gackle announced the reappointment and appointment of the following Advisory Committee members:

- Multi-County Region – Commissioner Jake Strissel was reappointed to a 3-year term
- Metro Region
  - Scott Malloy was reappointed to a 3-year term.
  - Jeanna Miller was appointed to a 3-year term

### **Old Business**

Trustees reviewed the 6 Month follow up reports provided from two approved applications from July 2024.

- Never Alone Recovery Support Services – NARSS Program Support
- Friends of the Children Western Montana – Preventing and Addressing Opioid Use Disorder through Relationship-Based Mentoring Model

### **New Business**

A Finance Subcommittee update was given. The Finance Subcommittee approved the MOAT 401K Safe Harbor employee retirement plan.

Trustees reviewed allocation recommendations provided by Allied Investments. The proposed allocation recommendations were properly moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

Trustees reviewed ten submitted applications:

#### **Yellowstone County Metro Region approved**

*Boys & Girls Club of Yellowstone County ~ Boys & Girls Club Opioid Resistance & Prevention Program ~ \$260,500.00*

Approval of the application Boys & Girls Club Opioid Resistance & Prevention Program was properly moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

*Yellowstone CASA – Advocating for Children in Crisis: Supporting Youth Impacted by Opioids ~ \$91,217.07*

Approval of the application Advocating for Children in Crisis: Supporting Youth Impacted by Opioids was moved, seconded and passed unanimously.



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### Butte-Silver Bow Metro Region

*Action Inc. ~ Supportive Housing ~ \$212,850.00*

Approval of Supportive Housing was properly moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

*Butte Silver Bow Health Department ~ Opioid Abatement Project ~ \$33,590.25*

Approval of the Opioid Abatement Project was properly moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

*Butte Rescue Mission ~ Recovery Program Director ~ \$52,500.00*

Approval of the Recovery Program Director was properly moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

*Butte SPIRIT Homes ~ Capacity Expansion During Women's Home Startup ~ \$100,000.00*

Approval of the Capacity Expansion During Women's Home Startup was properly moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

*Southwest Montana Community Health Center ~ \$54,526.00*

Approval of the Southwest Montana Community Health Center was properly moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

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

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

### Flathead Metro Region

*Western Montana Mental Health Center ~ Flathead Opioid Crisis Stabilization & Treatment ~ Year 1: \$385,119.00 ~ Year 2: \$375,952.00 ~ Year 3: \$375,952.00*

Approval of the Flathead Opioid Crisis Stabilization and Treatment was properly moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

### Lewis & Clark Metro Region

*Good Samaritan Ministries ~ Strategic Outreach Peer Specialist (STOPS) Campaign ~ \$100,000.00*

Approval of the Strategic Outreach Peer Specialist (STOPS) Campaign was properly moved, seconded and passed unanimously.



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*\*\*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 July 10th, 2025**

**Meeting adjourned at: 2:00PM**