



Montana Opioid Abatement Trust

July 10th, 2025

Operating Trustees Meeting Minutes

1597 Avenue D, Suite 6 Billings, MT 59102

Meeting called to order at 1:00PM by

Roll Call Taken

Operating Trustees Present

Jake Strissel, Drenda Niemann, Brenda Kneeland, Jeanna Miller, Becky Rice

Operating Trustees Absent

Scott Malloy, Will Selph, Steve Crawford, Rebecca de Camara, Maureen Ward

Staff Present

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

Approval of April 10th Meeting Minutes

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

MOAT Updates

Executive Director, Rusty Gackle, updated the Trustees on the progress of the governance committee's status in the unorganized regions. He also provided updates 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
- Settlement Disbursements Received
- Updated 3 Year Distribution Table

Allied Investments gave an update on investment portfolio.



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Old Business

Trustees reviewed 6 Month follow up reports provided from approved applications from Oct. 15th, 2025.

- Montana Meth Project – FENTANYL Education, Prevention & Outreach Region 3
- Montana Meth Project – FENTANYL Education, Prevention & Outreach Flathead County Metro Region
- Ravalli County Sheriff's Office – Wellness Program
- Lewis & Clark County Sheriff's Office – Detention Center Medical Provider

New Business

Trustees reviewed MOAT Goals and Objectives Guidelines

Trustees reviewed nine submitted applications:

Lake County Metro Region approved

Montana Meth Project – FENTANYL Education, Prevention & Outreach ~ \$35,000.00

Approval of the application Montana Meth Project – FENTANYL Prevention, Education & Outreach was properly moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

Simulation in Motion Montana – Simulation Training & Opioid Response Plan Improvement (STORPI) ~ \$30,000.00

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

Boys & Girls Club of the Flathead Reservation & Lake County – Prevention & Resiliency ~ Year 1: \$76,905.00 ~ Year 2: \$79,166.75 ~ Year 3: \$81,210.50

Approval of the application Boys & Girls Club of the Flathead Reservation & Lake County – Prevention & Resiliency was moved, seconded and passed unanimously.



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Abatement Region 3 approved

Montana Meth Project – FENTANYL Education, Prevention & Outreach ~ \$35,000.00

Approval of the application Montana Meth Project – FENTANYL Prevention, Education & Outreach was properly moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

Abatement Region 5 approved

Sanders County Sheriff's Office – Body Scanner ~ \$141,500.00

Denial of application Sanders County Sheriff's Office – Body Scanner pending further clarification from the applicant.

Butte-Silver Bow Metro Region

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Butte-Silver Bow – Prevention in Mentoring Programs ~ \$16,445.09

Approval of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Butte-Silver Bow – Prevention in Mentoring Programs was properly moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

Flathead Metro Region

Montana Eleventh Judicial District Court – Eleventh Judicial District Court Adult Treatment Court ~ Year 1: \$115,769.80 ~ Year 2: \$115,769.82

Approval of the Montana Eleventh Judicial District Court – Eleventh Judicial District Court Adult Treatment Court was properly moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

Lewis & Clark Metro Region

YWCA Helena – Women Initiation New Growth & Stability (WINGS) ~ \$50,000.00

Approval of the YWCA Helena – Women Initiation New Growth & Stability (WINGS) was properly moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

Intermountain Deaconess Children's Services – Expansion of Intermountain's Day Treatment Program ~ \$106,791.00

Approval of the Intermountain Deaconess Children's Services – Expansion of Intermountain's Day Treatment Program 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: October 9th, 2025

Meeting adjourned at: 2:00PM