



**CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD**  
**OPIOID SETTLEMENT TASK FORCE**  
County of Champaign, Urbana, Illinois

**MINUTES** – Approved with an Amendment on May 20, 2025

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DATE: Monday, February 24, 2025  
TIME: 6:30 p.m.  
PLACE: Shields-Carter Meeting Room  
Brookens Administrative Center  
1776 E. Washington St., Urbana, IL 61802

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**Committee Members:**

<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Aaron Esry	John Farney
Brett Peugh	
Emily Rodriguez	
Ed Sexton (Vice-Chair)	
Chris Stohr	
Jennifer Locke (Chair)	

**Others Present:** Kait Kuzio (Grant Coordinator), and Megan Robison (Recording Secretary)

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**Agenda Items**

**I. Call to Order**

Chair Locke called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

**II. Roll Call**

A verbal roll call was taken, and a quorum was declared present.

**III. Approval of Agenda/Addendum**

**MOTION** by Mr. Sexton to approve the agenda; seconded by Ms. Rodriguez. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

A. November 13, 2024

**MOTION** by Mr. Esry to approve the minutes of November 13, 2024; seconded by Mr. Stohr. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

**V. Public Participation**

None

**VI. Communications**

Ms. Locke shared what other communities have are doing with their settlement funds. Peoria County used funds to purchase an app for all of their drug court clients. The Florida Governor used settlement funds to oppose a ballot measure to legalize marijuana. McLean County is using funds to pay an employee at Chestnut Health Systems. She asked that everyone use their own personal judgment when making decisions on ways to spend these funds.

**VII. New Business**

**A. Contract with CU at Home for dedicated beds for opioid impacted individuals**

Ms. Locke noted the changes in the agreement pointing out that CU at Home will be allocating ten beds to be used exclusively for opioid impacted individuals. Ms. Kuzio mentioned that there is not a definition of “opioid impacted” but rather it is dictated by the approved uses list in attachment D. They have identified Drug Court, the County Jail and the Probation Department as being the prioritized clients for the designated rooms.

Cedar King, Project Manager, joined the conversation and explained that they currently have eleven out of twenty-seven clients that are impacted by opioids. He believes they will see even more opioid impacted individuals as they add more beds. Ms. Rodriguez asked about the screening at intake. Mr. King explained how their screening gives priority to certain groups. Mr. Peugh asked if they expect these rooms to be underutilized and Mr. King does not believe and thinks they will continue to be at full capacity.

**MOTION** by Mr. Stohr to recommend County Board approval of a resolution amending the contract with CU at Home to include dedicated beds for opioid impacted individuals; seconded by Mr. Sexton. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

**B. Funding Request for Harm Reduction Program at CUPHD**

Joe Trotter, Harm Reduction Program Coordinator, introduced himself and how his program helps people that use drugs. Currently, they only receive partial funding for the number of syringes that they disburse. They have a funding gap of \$12,000 for syringes. Board members continued to discuss details of this program and how it works.

**MOTION** by Ms. Rodriguez to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing a contract for \$15,000 with the Harm Reduction Program at CUPHD; seconded by Mr. Stohr. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

**C. Next steps**

Chair Locke had a meeting with the Mental Health Board Director about incorporating requests for funding into their current process. She will be continuing those conversations. They will also be getting a request from the County Coroner in the near future.

Ms. Rodriguez mentioned that they might be hearing from the Greater Aids Community Project.

Mr. Peugh will be reaching out to veteran groups to see if they have a need in their community

**VIII. Other Business**

A. Date of next meeting

None

**IX. Chair's Report**

None

**X. Adjournment**

Chair Locke adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.