



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

MINUTES – Approved as Distributed on January 31, 2024

DATE: Monday, December 4, 2023
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
PLACE: Shields-Carter Meeting Room
Brookens Administrative Center
1776 E. Washington St., Urbana, IL 61802

Committee Members:

Present	Absent
Aaron Esry	
Jennifer Locke (Chair)	
Diane Michaels (Vice-Chair)	
	Emily Rodriguez
	Ed Sexton
Chris Stohr	
Jennifer Straub	

Others Present: Michelle Jett (Director of Administration), Dustin Heuerman (Sheriff), Karee Voges (Captain - County Jail) and Megan Robison (Recording Secretary)

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. Esry to approve the agenda; seconded by Ms. Straub. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

IV. Approval of Minutes

A. October 30, 2023

MOTION by Ms. Michaels to approve the minutes of October 30, 2023; seconded by Mr. Stohr. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

V. Public Participation

None

VI. Communications

Ms. Michaels stated she recently attended the VA Stop the Violence event in Rantoul. She said it was well attended and appreciates the assistance the County Board has given to veterans in our County.

VII. New Business

- A. Effects of Opioids in Champaign County
 - 1. Champaign County Jail

Chair Locke invited Captain Voges and Sheriff Heuerman to share information about the effects of opioids within the Champaign County Jail. Captain Voges stated she has been having conversations for with different people over the years on what they can do within the jail and the biggest problem is the handoff when they are released, they would like to see better options upon being released. She is concerned with bringing the MAT (Medical Assisted Treatment) program into the jail but also doesn't know much about it. She continued by explaining some of the current processes/medical procedures within the jail, stating that heroin, alcohol and opioids are the biggest issues.

Ms. Michaels acknowledge that we all see the need but the County Jail is not a mental health facility. She believes educating the staff is really important. Ms. Straub mentioned the money that the County gives to Rosecrance for re-entry and believes they should be able to help with a little more when people are released from jail. Ms. Locke asked if there is a typical age group and Captain Voges has not noticed it being a specific age group that is affected by opioids.

Sheriff Heuerman just wanted to note that this is not just a problem in the jail. His road deputies are having to administer Narcan on a very regular basis. The conversation keeps coming back to community resources for prevention. Something needs to happen to get the resources to the people that need it.

- B. Updates from Staff

Ms. Jett stated she will be meeting with C-CARTS this week about the interest the Task Force had in providing assistance with transportation for people seeking treatment. Also, GIS is reaching out to Metcad for information pertaining to the dashboard that they are creating. The GIS Director suggested reaching out to local police departments to ask them to consider coding their data differently so in the future they can clearly see which calls are opioid related.

- C. Discussion

The members continued to discuss who they would like to hear from at the next meeting. Probation, Mental Health Board and Rosecrance are on the list of groups they would like to invite.

VIII. Other Business

- A. Date of next meeting

The Task Force has decided to wait to see what information they receive from the dashboard before scheduling the next meeting.

Mr. Stohr would like to sponsor a few meetings to bring the all the stakeholders together for discussion.

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IX. Chair's Report

None

X. Adjournment

Chair Locke adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.