



**CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD
OPIOID SETTLEMENT TASK FORCE**

County of Champaign, Urbana, Illinois
Tuesday, February 20, 2024 - 6:30 p.m.

Shields-Carter Meeting Room
Brookens Administrative Center
1776 E. Washington St., Urbana

Committee Members:

Jennifer Locke - Chair
Jennifer Straub
Chris Stohr
Emily Rodriguez

Ed Sexton
Aaron Esry
Diane Michaels

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MINUTES – Subject to Approval

DATE: Wednesday, January 31, 2024
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: Steve Summers (County Executive), Michelle Jett (Director of Administration), Kyle Patterson (County Board Chair), Lynn Canfield (Executive Director of the Mental Health Board) and Megan Robison (Recording Secretary)

Agenda Items

I. Call to Order

Chair Locke called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

II. Roll Call

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

III. Approval of Agenda/Addendum

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

IV. Approval of Minutes

A. December 4, 2023

MOTION by Mr. Stohr to approve the minutes of December 4, 2023; seconded by Ms. Michaels. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

V. Public Participation

None

48 **VI. Communications**

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52 **VII. New Business**

53 **A. Mental Health Board Opioid Information**

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55 Ms. Canfield has been keeping up with what the state is doing with opioid settlement money, and she
56 disbursed information regarding that. She stated the Mental Health Board spends about 17% of their
57 funding on substance use disorders but does not currently fund any opioid specific programs. Ms.
58 Canfield has met with others in the community regarding this same topic and she is concerned that the
59 recovery community is not involved in these discussions. If the recovery community is not calling for
60 these programs, they are not going to work. She stated her biggest wish would be to put the recovery
61 community in a position to direct services and funding to some extent.

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63 Ms. Straub asked how they can find representatives from the recovery community for their discussions
64 and unfortunately Ms. Canfield does not have any specific contacts. Ms. Jett mentioned the possibility of
65 funding a community-based survey to reach out to the people most affected in our community.

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67 Ms. Canfield mentioned their funding for drug court and how the drug court was unable to apply for a
68 grant because there was no money in it for other County Departments. The County Departments would
69 need to be fully staffed in order to take on more work through the drug court programs and she thought
70 this might be an option for some of the funding.

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72 **B. Updates from Staff**

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74 Ms. Jett reminded everyone that the link for the dashboard has been sent out and she asked everyone
75 to take a look at the information provided and let her know if they have any edits to the dashboard.
76 After a few weeks she will be reaching out to the governmental entities in the community to discuss
77 how they collect their data to make sure they have all the data going forward.

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79 Ms. Locke spent hours going through the information contained in the dashboard and shared some
80 highlights explaining that there has been an increase in use of almost all types of opioids, not just
81 fentanyl, and that most users are males aged 21-65. She would like everyone to look through the
82 dashboard in order to make the best decisions on how to use the funding.

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84 For the C-CARTS program, Ms. Jett will be sitting down with Probation and Drug Court to get more
85 concrete figures on who would be using this service to determine what the cost will be for this type of
86 service. This will be a matching grant from the federal government and seems like something they
87 should try even if the ridership is low in the beginning. She hopes to have more information for the next
88 meeting.

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90 Ms. Michaels mentioned RPC has an upcoming budget deadline to ensure this program can be funded
91 and the Task Force needs to be mindful of that deadline. Also, she threw out the idea of buying a vehicle
92 to be used for this service along with giving out passes for riding C-CARTS or MTD in the future after they
93 graduate from Drug Court.

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96 C. Next steps discussion

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98 Mr. Stohr would like to see the County sponsor an event for the various entities/stakeholders to come
99 together for discussion and collaboration. Ms. Straub likes this idea but believes there needs to be an
100 agenda and someone to run the discussion.

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102 Ms. Jett asked if there is a countywide joint effort around addition or addiction treatment. Ms. Canfield
103 doesn't know of any existing groups but believes that would be a really good idea. A joint effort like that
104 would be something that is created with the grant funding that Carle is seeking. She believes this might
105 be something better run by the County.

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107 Ms. Michaels really thinks Rosecrance would be the best entity to put these ideas together and she
108 would like to know where they stand in the discussion. Ms. Locke agrees that the Task Force should
109 invite Rosecrance to their next meeting.

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111 Ms. Rodriguez believes it would be good start to reach out to recovery alliances.

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113 **VIII. Other Business**

114 A. Date of next meeting

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116 The Task Force members would like to invite Rosecrance to their next meeting and will wait to see their
117 availability before scheduling the next meeting.

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119 **IX. Chair's Report**

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123 **X. Adjournment**

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125 Chair Locke adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

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