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DUBUQUE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Opioid Subcommittee

July 18, 2023

METING MINUTES

2:00pm

Call to Order: Sandra Larson called the meeting to order at 2:02pm.

Roll Call: Sandra Larson; Pat Lehmkuhl; Jess Smith (via zoom); Mike Fidgeon. ABSENT: Amy Crow Sunleaf; Adam Hoffman; Hendrik Schultz. A quorum was established.

Others Present: Harley Pothoff, Dubuque Co Supervisor; Ann McDonough, Dubuque Co Supervisor; Wayne Kenniker, Dubuque Co Supervisor (via zoom); Allie White, Dubuque Co Health Director; Joe Kennedy, Dubuque County Sherriff (via zoom); Mary Rose Corrigan, Public Health Director for the City of Dubuque (via zoom); Stacey Killian, Director of Dubuque Visiting Nurse Association (via zoom); Kevin Dragotto, Dubuque Co Auditor & Opioid Settlement Fund Administrator; Diane Heiken; Mae Hingtgen, MHDS East Central Region CEO (via zoom, but did not introduce self or speak); Courtney Runde, MeryOne Coordinator of Turning Point Treatment Center (via zoom); Shirley Horstman, Dubuque Community School District (via zoom); Brendan Welsch, PIO for Dubuque Police Department (via zoom); Evan Hudson, Program Coordinator for Dubuque Harm Reduction (via zoom); Megan Bonert, Dubuque Co Finance Director (via zoom); Maia Bond, Telegraph Herald Reporter; Sherrie Watkins, Opioid Response Network (via zoom).

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Approval of Agenda: Motioned by Fidgeon to approve the July 18, 2023, subcommittee meeting agenda; seconded by Lehmkuhl. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentations & Reports: Larson welcomed all and discussed goals of subcommittee meeting. White facilitated introductions and expressed the need to build framework to utilize funds. Dragotto shared funding projection over the term of the settlement and discussed investment options. Smith shared that Narcan is available at most pharmacies in town for free without a prescription, but stigma prevents some from requesting Narcan from a pharmacist. Corrigan recommended mapping of current resources and needs assessment. Kennedy voiced support for sustainability of resources and proposed that 50% of jail social worker costs be funded by opioid settlement funds. Runde identified the need for local inpatient treatment center; Welsch and Hudson agreed. Heiken suggested inconsistencies with Narcan distribution locally and requested opioid death data be reported. Watkins presented virtually describing the services that the Opioid Response Network offers.

Action Items: Motioned by Larson to present to the Board of Health 1) map available resources and needs assessment, 2) develop a proposal for an Opioid Settlement Fund Coordinator funded by settlement funds, 3)

enlist assistance of Opioid Response Network as much as possible, and 4) develop a program to reduce barriers to Narcan access; seconded by Lehmkuhl. The motion passed unanimously.

Response to Public Questions: There were no public questions.

Next Scheduled Meeting: The next scheduled Opioid Subcommittee meeting will be August 15, 2023, at the Conference Room at the Health Department Building and via zoom at 2pm.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Adjournment: Motion by Fidgeon to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously, and Larson adjourned the meeting at 3:49pm.

Minutes by: Allie White