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DUBUQUE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Opioid Working Group

August 13th, 2025, at 1:00pm

Dubuque County Offices - West Campus

1225 Seippel Rd. Dubuque, IA

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Allie White, Dubuque Co Public Health Director; Carissa Brown, Dubuque Co Project Coordinator; Wayne Kenniker, Dubuque Co Supervisor; Keith Lucy, Dubuque Co Auditor; Andrea White, Dubuque Co Budget Analyst; Emma Hilkin, Dubuque Co Public Health Coordinator; Scott Simpson, ASAC Care Navigator Manager; Cherie Duggan, ASAC Director of Adult Outpatient Services; Chelsea Herber, ASAC Director of Fund Development; Deb Prior, Hillcrest Family Services Addiction Recovery Program Manager; Courtney Runde, Turning Point Treatment Center Counselor; Mike Fidgeon, Hillcrest Family Services CEO; Amy Crow Sunleaf, Mental Health Counselor.

Announcements and Updates: Brown updated that at least 430 boxes of Narcan have been dispersed via the Naloxone Distribution Machines. Brown also shared that ASAC, NAMI, Operation Empower, and the Dubuque Drug Task Force were awarded opioid settlement dollars via the Opioid Settlement Fund General Application Opportunity. Hillcrest Family Services was also awarded opioid settlement dollars to enhance their MAT program by running a Contingency Management Program.

Duggan shared that ASAC has already hired an assessment counselor with money awarded and Prior stated Hillcrest is taking steps using money awarded as well.

Unfinished Business: Discussion focused on next steps in enhancing prevention education and marking the information in Dubuque County. The group decided to enhance knowledge around the Your Life Iowa platform with posters, stickers, billboards, radio advertisements, community events, and possibly other avenues, some for no cost and some with use of settlement dollars. Brown will research the options discussed above and present information gathered at the next meeting.

New Business: Detox availability was discussed and if that is a need to look to fill with settlement funds. Very limited places to detox with medical staff in Dubuque County and the agencies people were being referred to outside the county have limited their hours and acceptance of Medicare and Medicaid. Brown will research whether it is a feasible cost to run a Detox center or what other options are.

Next Scheduled Meetings: Wednesday, September 10th at 1:00pm

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Adjournment: Brown adjourned the meeting.

Minutes by: Carissa Brown