

MONTCALM COUNTY OPIOID TASK FORCE MEETING NOTES

Wednesday, August 30, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.
3rd Floor Conference Room, Administrative Building
211 W. Main Street, Stanton, MI 48888

Members Present: Liz Braddock
Jim Dimitriou
John Kroneck
Brenda Taeter
Kate Behrenwald
Julianna Kozara
Kristen Lindsey

Members Absent: Andy Doezema

Others Present: Michelle Becker

The group discussed the RFP for the 2024 Opioid Settlement Funds that was approved by the Board of Commissioners at their August 28th meeting where Liz Braddock, Kate Behrenwald, John Kroneck, Jim Dimitriou and Brenda Taeter presented.

The committee agreed to put public notices in The Daily News and the Lakeview Area News at least twice after Labor Day Weekend. The RFP and application will be located on the County of Montcalm website under Hot Topics as well as the County's Facebook page. Other agencies are encouraged to provide a link to the site or add the information to their website and Facebook pages.

Applications will be accepted beginning October 1 through October 31, due by 12:00 p.m. (noon) on October 31, 2023. Brenda Taeter will be accepting the applications and will forward those to members as they come in. Member are asked to score be prepared to share the results at the next meeting.

The committee discussed investing a portion of the funding as some of the payers prepaid for the next 5 years, therefore limiting funds received over the next 5 years. The committee will seek guidance from Michigan Association of Counties, as they have a person dedicated to assist counties in Michigan with a sustainable plan. There was also discussion of MSU providing an assessment plan to assist counties as well.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 1st at 8:00 a.m. in the same location.