



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

**MINUTES** – Approved as Distributed on August 7, 2024

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DATE: Tuesday, February 20, 2024  
TIME: 6:30 p.m.  
PLACE: Shields-Carter Meeting Room  
Brookens Administrative Center  
1776 E. Washington St., Urbana, IL 61802

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**Committee Members:**

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

**Others Present:** Michelle Jett (Director of Administration), Samantha Carter (County Board Chair), Melissa Pappas (Executive Director, Rosecrance) and Megan Robison (Recording Secretary)

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**Agenda Items**

**I. Call to Order**

Chair Locke called the meeting to order at 6:30 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. Sexton. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

A. January 31, 2024

**MOTION** by Mr. Esry to approve the minutes of January 31, 2024; seconded by Mr. Sexton. Ms. Locke suggested a friendly amendment to the motion to clarify some of the language on lines 67-70 of the minutes. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

**V. Public Participation**

Benjamin Beaupre reminded Task Force members that it is greatly appreciated when they speak into the microphone for those listening at home. He also appreciates the information that has come from this Task Force and the gaps we currently have in our community. It is great to bring everyone together, so they aren't all working in silos. He reminded everyone of the recommendation of the Racial Justice Task Force a few years ago.

**VI. Communications**

Mr. Stohr stated the recommendation from the Racial Justice Task Force to form a Citizen Oversight Committee was talked about many times but for some reason never came to fruition.

**VII. New Business**

**A. Rosecrance**

Melissa Pappas, Executive Director, listed the different type of services provided by Rosecrance. Detox is the only service they don't provide in Central Illinois but people in need can go to the Pavilion, or to their center in Rockford. They recently added youth psychiatry to their services, and they are now hiring for youth case management to add that service in the home.

Ms. Straub asked for more information about the Assertive Community Treatment Program. Ms. Pappas explained that this is an entire team of professionals who work towards the health and wellness of the client. There is very specific criteria to be in this program and it provides about 80% of their therapy needs. Ms. Straub also asked about Medically Assisted Treatment and how that fits in with their current programs. Ms. Pappas explained that their FY25 plan includes Medically Assisted Treatment because research shows intense benefit when you include MAT with other supported treatments.

Ms. Locke asked how many people participate in outpatient care and what are the general obstacles to successfully completing treatment. Ms. Pappas explained that she doesn't have specific numbers, but they have served several hundred. She also said that transportation is the number 1 barrier to receiving treatment. They now offer virtual outpatient services to meet the clients where they are, and they also have outreach staff that will pick up clients and bring them to Rosecrance. Mr. Esry asked if the virtual services have the same type of results. Ms. Pappas explained that this service is too new to really say if they have the same type of results, but they are able to reach a bigger population with this service and that is a huge advantage.

Ms. Carter asked about the youngest age they have treated with an opioid addiction and Ms. Pappas did not have a specific age, but it is around the early teens because they are getting it out the medicine cabinets at home.

Dr. Stohr asked about their community partners. Ms. Pappas listed many of the partners and what services they use from each partner.

Ms. Locke asked about difficulties accessing services due to insurance. Rosecrance has a benefit case manager who tries to help connect all clients with insurance. They do not turn anyone away but there are waitlists for some services.

Ms. Carter asked if they work with the Department of Corrections. Rosecrance does have liaisons in the jail so they can catch those clients before they are released. The Committee of the Whole will be hearing from this specific program in April.

When asked how they would use Opioid Settlement Funds, Ms. Pappas explained they would use it towards the Medically Assisted Treatment Program. They currently have a provider shortage, that could affect the program and she is not sure how these funds could help that issue.

**B. Updates from Staff**

Ms. Jett shared updates, explaining she is still working on some of the items from the last meeting. She did have a meeting with C-CARTS. They had a good conversation about what is needed, the time of usage and who would be using the service. They believe they would need support for providing an additional driver.

They have a list of questions for legal staff to research.

**C. Next steps discussion**

Ms. Locke urged everyone to look through the information included in the dashboard.

Ms. Straub would like to see what the needs are for getting to and from the methadone clinics.

Ms. Jett asked if they would like to hear from the recovery community and the Task Force Members agreed. Ms. Straub mentioned that we might look into compensating the recovery community that does come in to share their lived experience.

**VIII. Other Business**

**A. Date of next meeting**

Chair Locke would like to aim for April for the next meeting.

**IX. Chair's Report**

None

**X. Adjournment**

Chair Locke adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.