

# Agenda and Minutes

## Washington County Opioid Settlement Council

### Meeting Information

- Date and time: July 16, 2025 (Wednesday) from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm
- Location: Washington County Government Center, Stillwater
- Council meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm.
- This is a closed/nonpublic meeting due to sensitive information being discussed. Except in special circumstances, council meetings are open to the public.

### Opioid Settlement Council Members

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Emily Brunner             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Josephine Igwacho | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jay Pernu      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deb Chmielewski           | <input type="checkbox"/> Lori Kelley                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Seth Perry                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jessica Feider | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rose Kosin        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carla Schweich |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kristi Gullett | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Denise Lasker     | <input type="checkbox"/> Jamie Steber              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alicia House   | <input type="checkbox"/> Jess Muszynski               |  |

### Public Health and Environment (PHE) Chief Strategist Representatives

- Sean Young-Stephens | *Public Health Program Coordinator*
- Allison Spears | *Administrative Assistant*

### Agenda Items

- Welcome and introductions
- Review of current settlement-funded projects
  - Review progress of each current grantee (based on Q2 quarterly reporting)
  - Consider renewal of each contract for 2026

*The council had an in-depth discussion about each grantee and whether they should be automatically renewed for additional funding in 2026. (As outlined in the original application form: "Project timelines should begin in the fourth quarter of 2024 with a project completion date no later than December 2025. Contracts may be eligible for annual renewal with a maximum total term of five years (after which the project would be required to go back through the application process).") The council's consensus was that several of the existing projects should not be automatically renewed and should go through the*

*upcoming competitive grant application process if they would like to be considered for additional funding in 2026. For those projects that received council support for automatic renewal, the council also discussed the need for additional information. Each grantee has made significant progress on their original project plan, so their project scopes and budgets would require significant updates.*

*Based on the council's discussion and decisions, Washington County ultimately decided not to initiate the optional contract clause to automatically renew opioid settlement funding contracts for 2026. Current projects will continue as planned through their approved timelines, but automatic contract renewals will not be pursued. Current grantees will be invited to apply through the upcoming competitive grant application process, which will open soon. This plan allows the council to have all the relevant information about both current and new applicants when making final 2026 funding decisions. It also supports fairness and transparency by ensuring that all applicants go through a consistent process and are evaluated on the same criteria.*

*The 2025 funding application process will open in Quarter 3 (August or September). As in the previous round, Washington County is working to keep the applicant process minimally burdensome for all applicants.*

- Closing and next steps

## Shared Agreements

- Honor confidentiality
- Be present at meetings and participate
- Listen to understand, not respond – we all have something different to offer
- Be open and respectful to the ideas of others – use respectful language to talk about those impacted
- Speak from your own experience and speak objectively
- Take space/make space – everyone has an equal voice during the meeting
- Have an agenda and stick to it – be efficient
- Only one person speaks at a time