



**LEWIS & CLARK COUNTY METRO REGION
OPIOID ABATEMENT GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

December 4, 2024 – 1:30 p.m.

**City County Building, Room 326 and
virtually at:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88198455929>

***Note: Time stamps relate to time within the official meeting recording.**

Call to Order and Roll Call

(00:03:10) The following Committee members were present:

Commissioner
Tom Rolfe

Councilman Wes Feist

Coleen Smith

James Petrovich

Mayor Wilmot Collins was absent.

Committee staff in attendance: Amanda Opitz, City of Helena; Ann McCauley, Lewis and Clark County

Others in attendance: Amy Emmert, St. Peter's Health; Nova Smith, St. Peter's Health Foundation; and JoVonne Wagner, Montana Free Press.

Regular

- (00:04:00) 1. Call Meeting to Order & Roll Call – Meeting called to order at 1:35 p.m.**
- (00:04:15) 2. Minutes – approved as presented.**
- (00:04:30) 3. Status update on funded project:**
 - a. Lewis and Clark Detention Center Project
Ann McCauley provided an updated on this project as a grant award for Lewis and Clark County.
- (00:11:45) 4. Discussion of Funding Requests specific to Lewis and Clark Metro Region**



(00:12:15)

a. Helena School District Project

The Committee discussed the project and the requested additional information provided by the Helena School District. The Committee concluded that the application and the supplemental information continues to be very broad and does not fully meet the targeted needs, metrics, and sustainability for the MOAT opioid program. Committee discussed future year MOAT funding and opportunity for School District to apply again if funding is available. Committee recommended inviting the School District to re-submit a new application if they would like.

Motion made by James Petrovich to deny HSD's request and invite the organization to submit a new application that is more targeted and better meets the needs of the MOAT's goals. Motion seconded by Wes Feist. Amy Emmert provided a public comment that it is important to acknowledge that there is a need within the schools for more behavioral and mental health support. Motion passes 4-0.

(00:30:30)

b. St. Peter's Health Foundation

Amy Emmert, St. Peter's Health, provided a summary of the proposed project to the Committee.

Motion made by Wes Feist to table the request for St. Peter's Health and ask them to provide more specifics on goals and objectives and measurable metrics, and seek clarification from MOAT staff on eligible grant expenditures, specifically vehicle purchases. Motion seconded by James Petrovich. The Committee intends to have a remote meeting to make a decision on the proposal the week of December 15th. No public comment. Motion passes 4-0.

(01:12:05)

c. Simulation Training and Opioid Response Plan Improvement (STORPI).

Motion made by James Petrovich pending response to questions and references from organizations in the County that have participated in the training. Motion seconded by Coleen Smith. Discussion: If possible for SIMM to submit the requested information in time, the



Committee intends to have a remote meeting to make a decision on the proposal the week of December 16th. Motion passes 4-0.

Next Meeting Thursday, December 19, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. Meeting will be virtual only via Zoom.

Public Comment

(01:34:38) No Public Comment received.

Adjournment

(01:35:58) There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.