



**OPIOID SETTLEMENT  
LEWIS & CLARK COUNTY METRO REGION  
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE  
June 18, 2025 – 3 p.m.  
City-County Building, Room 326  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82927029403>**

**AGENDA**

1. Call Meeting to Order & Roll Call – Wesley Feist, Committee Chair
  2. Minutes
    - a. Committee Meeting – Feb. 19, 2025
    - b. Virtual Meeting – March 12, 2025
  3. MOAT Correspondence Review
    - a. MOAT June Update email from June 11
    - b. Next MOAT meeting: July 10, 2025
  4. Status update on funded projects
    - a. Lewis and Clark County Detention Center Medical Provider 6-month report
  5. Available Funding Review
    - a. FY26 (July-June) Funds Available: \$495,059.51
    - b. Review of FY25 funded projects that may seek multi-year funding
  6. Discussion of New Funding Requests specific to Lewis and Clark Metro Region
    - a. YWCA Helena – Women Initiating New Growth and Stability (WINGS)
    - b. Intermountain Deaconess Children's Services – Expansion of Intermountain's Day Treatment Program
    - c. Montana Professional Health and Wellbeing Program – HOPES: Health Occupation Professionals Engagement in Self-Wellbeing
    - d. Montana Meth Project – Fentanyl Prevention, Education and Outreach
  7. Discussion of Request by Montana Opioid Abatement Trust for Decision on Multi-Region Requests submitted in 2023 and 2024
    - a. Email from Steffanie McGowan on May 8<sup>th</sup>
  8. Public comment
  9. Upcoming meeting
  10. Adjournment
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**LEWIS & CLARK COUNTY METRO REGION  
OPIOID ABATEMENT GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

**February 19, 2025 – 1:30 p.m.**

**Virtually only at:**

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

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

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

**(00:17:00)** The following responded present via Zoom:

Mayor Wilmot Collins    Commissioner Tom    Councilman Wes Feist  
Rolfe

Coleen Smith

James Petrovich was absent.

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

Others in attendance: Kathryn Manz, Ryan Galilher, and Theresa Ortega from Good Samaritan Ministries.

**Agenda**

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| <b>(00:17:30)</b> | <b>1. Call Meeting to Order &amp; Roll Call – Meeting called to order at 1:33 p.m.</b>   |
| <b>(00:18:00)</b> | <b>2. Minutes for December 4, 2024 and December 19, 2024. No corrections. Motion to accept minutes as presented. All in favor. Motion passes.</b>  |
| <b>(00:18:15)</b> | <b>3. MOAT Correspondence Review</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. MOAT Memo dated December 5, 2024</li><li>b. MOAT Framework for Awarding Opioid Abatement Dollars – December 10, 2024</li><li>c. Advisory Committee Appointment/Reappointment Memo – January 10, 2025</li></ul> |



#### **4. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair**

Commissioner Rolfe made a recommendation to elect Councilman Wes Feist to the Chair position, and elect a new Vice-Chair. Recommendation by Councilman Feist to wait until the full committee is present for this action. Agenda item moved to the end of today's meeting.

#### **5. Status update on funded projects**

- a. Simulation in Motion Montana, Simulation Training and Opioid Response Plan Improvement (STORPI) project has been contracted and funded.
- b. St. Peter's Foundation – No Wrong Door project is very near final contract.

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#### **6. Current FY Available Funding Review**

Current remaining balance is \$194,935.31.

Commissioner Rolfe discussed that Abatement Region 4's Committee has not been fully established. Ann McCauley will do follow up with counties within Region 4 to get an update and see where we could support the Region 4 Committee.

(00:48:00)

#### **7. Discussion of New Funding Requests**

- a. Good Samaritan Strategic Outreach Peer Specialist (STOPS) Campaign Application:

Kathryn Manz, Ryan Galilher, and Theresa Ortega from Good Samaritan Ministries provided a summary of their proposed application. Questions from the Committee members were answered by Good Samaritan staff. Councilman Feist requested additional quantitative details with the application's goals and objectives, and specifically baseline data and expected outcomes as a result of this project.

Following discussion by the Committee, the following recommendations were made:

- Remove school-based components of the application. Move the line item for these activities to more
- Better define their strategy for the rural areas of Lewis and Clark County.



- Better define the population to be served and their mission with their Street Outreach program.
- Concern about duplication of efforts with other funded programs or existing programs.
- Administrative duties are limited for this program as the funding is provided upfront with limited reporting required by MOAT.
- Advise Good Samaritan of one year funding decision with opportunity to seek subsequent year funding upon reports and progress made.
- Recommendation to provide Good Samaritan Ministries with provided comments and a request to submit an updated Application by Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. Also send Good Samaritan Ministries copies of the awarded applications so they can see what projects are already underway.

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#### **8. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair.**

Motion from Coleen Smith and second from Mayor Collins to elect Wes Feist as Chair for 2025. Motion passes 4-0. Motion from Wes Feist and second from Mayor Collins to elect Coleen Smith as Vice-Chair for 2025. Motion passes 4-0.

#### **Next Meeting**

The MOAT Advisory Committee is meeting April 10, 2025. The next LCC Region Committee meeting is set for Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. and will be held virtually via Zoom.

#### **Public Comment**

(01:08:00) No Public Comment received.

#### **Adjournment**

(01:08:30) There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 3:01 p.m.



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

**March 12, 2025 – 2 p.m.**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83707961401>

**Note:** This is a virtual-only meeting.

**\*Note:** Due to a technical issue, the first seventeen minutes of the meeting was not recorded. As such, summary minutes have been provided to address the gap. Time stamps are approximate and oriented to the clock during that seventeen-minute window. Action minutes are reflected after 14:17 p.m. and are oriented to the recording. Steps have been made to correct the automatic settings in Zoom so that this issue does not happen in the future.

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

**(14:05:00 pm)** The following responded present via Zoom:

Mayor Wilmot Collins	Commissioner Tom Rolfe	Councilmember Wes Feist
Coleen Smith		

James Petrovich was absent.

Committee staff in attendance: Amanda Opitz, City of Helena.

Others in attendance: Ryan Galilher, Samantha Jensen, and Kathryn Manz from Good Samaritan Ministries.

**Agenda**

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| <b>(14:05:00 pm)</b> | <b>1. Call Meeting to Order &amp; Roll Call</b>   |
| <b>(14:10:00 pm)</b> | <b>2. Vote on Montana Opioid Abatement Trust (MOAT) Advisory Committee candidates</b><br>Chairman Wes Feist called for committee members to vote for two candidates for the MOAT Advisory |



Committee via Zoom poll. Mayor Wilmot Collins vote did not show up in the results, so he verbally registered his vote for Scott Malloy and Jeanna Miller.

The resulting vote tally was as follows:

Scott Malloy received 4 votes  
Jaime Biesiot received 3 votes  
Jeanna Miller received 1 vote

Amanda Opitz confirmed that she would notify the MOAT staff that the committee has recommended Scott Malloy and Jaime Biesiot for appointment to the MOAT advisory committee.

(14:12:00  
pm)

### 3. Discussion of Good Samaritan Strategic Outreach Peer Specialist (STOPS) Campaign resubmitted application

Chairman Wes Feist introduced the agenda item and reiterated the items lined out in written correspondence from the Committee to Good Samaritan following their Feb. 27, 2025, asking them to change or enhance certain portions of the application to address concerns and questions. He then asked the committee if they had thoughts or questions on the resubmitted application.

Vice Chair Coleen Smith asked about the proposed work in the jail, and whether this program would overlap, or duplicate services provided in the jail that were funded through the Lewis and Clark Sheriff's Office project that was recently funded by the MOAT.

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Ryan Gallilher from Good Samaritan, addressed how they provide peer-outreach services to inmates.

**NOTE:** The recording for the meeting begins at 14:17 p.m. as Ryan Galliher responds to this question. His identified name in the Zoom recording is "Kathryn Manz," who is another staff member at Good Samaritan.



Following discussion by the Committee, the following recommendations were made:

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- Advise Good Samaritan to work with the jail, and Kelly McBride's Pretrial Services team to avoid duplication of efforts.

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**Motion to recommend approval of one-year of funding for the Good Samaritan: Wilmot Collins**  
**Motion seconded: Coleen Smith**

Commissioner	<b>Aye</b>	Councilman	<b>Aye</b>
Tom Rolfe		Wes Feist	
Mayor Wilmot	<b>Aye</b>	Coleen	<b>Aye</b>
Collins		Smith	

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- Request a monthly peer support report – Good Samaritan currently tracks peer support data for their HUD ESG funding. Good Samaritan has also started providing a monthly report to Lewis & Clark County with similar data. The LC Metro Area Opioid Abatement Committee would like to receive this report as well, specifically the impact of added capacity through additional personnel (potentially funded by MOAT dollars)

## Public Comment

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No Public Comment received.

## Committee Comment

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00:51:30)

Chair Feist requested that committee support staff seek information from MOAT staff as to year-end reporting process and process for inviting applicants to apply for subsequent years of funding.

Amanda Opitz said she would ask this of the MOAT staff.





Commissioner Rolfe requested committee support staff to seek information from MOAT staff as to any additional settlements or updates to funding have come in so that the committee has a firm balance before the next meeting.

Amanda Opitz said she would ask this of the MOAT staff.

Vice Chair Coleen Smith asked if the Committee would want to revisit statewide applications that are sitting in the committee's grant dashboard or if the Committee would prefer to stick to Lewis and Clark County projects.

Chair Feist asked committee support staff to inquire from the MOAT as to what, if any, of the statewide/multi-region applications have been funded by other regions and can be removed from the system. And/or, are the statewide projects still seeking funding through the LC Metro Area Opioid Abatement committee?

Amanda Opitz said she would ask this of the MOAT staff.

Once this information is received, Chair Feist requested that Committee members should review any pending applications for June meeting.

## **Adjournment**

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**Motion to adjourn: Coleen Smith**

**Motion seconded: Wilmot Collins**

Commissioner Tom Rolfe	<b>Aye</b>	Councilman Wes Feist	<b>Aye</b>
Mayor Wilmot Collins	<b>Aye</b>	Coleen Smith	<b>Aye</b>

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 15:17 p.m.

## **Next Meeting**

The Lewis and Clark County Metro Area Opioid Abatement Committee will next meet on Wednesday, June 18 at 3 p.m.



## Montana Opioid Abatement Trust

### MEMORANDUM

**From:** Rusty Gackle, Executive Director, Montana Opioid Abatement Trust  
**To:** County Commissioners, County and City Attorneys, Abatement Region Governance Structure Committees  
**Regarding:** MOAT Updates & Information  
**Dated:** June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025

The Montana Opioid Abatement Trust Advisory Committee met on Thursday April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025. During the meeting, the Trustees approved ten applications. Meeting minutes are available on the Montana Opioid website *montanaopioid.org*.

#### Butte-Silver Bow Metro Region

- *Action Inc. – Supportive Housing ~ \$212,850.00*
- *Butte-Silver Bow Health Department – Opioid Abatement Project ~ \$33,590.25*
- *Butte Rescue Mission - Recovery Program Director ~ \$52,500.00*
- *Butte SPIRIT Homes – Capacity Expansion During Women’s Home Setup ~ \$100,000.00*
- *Southwest Montana Community Health Center ~ \$54,526.00*
- *Montana Meth Project – FENTANYL Education, Prevention, and Outreach ~ \$35,000.00*

#### Flathead County Metro Region

- *Western Montana Mental Health Center – Flathead Opioid Crisis Stabilization & Treatment ~ Year 1 \$385,119.00, Year 2 \$375,952.00, Year 3 \$375,952.00*

#### Lewis & Clark County Metro Region

- *Good Samaritan Ministries – Strategic Outreach Peer Specialist (STOPS) Campaign ~ \$100,000.00*

#### Yellowstone County Metro Region

- *Boys & Girls Club of Yellowstone County – Opioid Resistance & Prevention Program ~ \$260,500.00*
- *Yellowstone CASA – Advocating for Children in Crisis: Supporting Youth Impacted by Opioids ~ \$91,217.07*



## Montana Opioid Abatement Trust

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The next Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for *Thursday July 10th, 2025*.

The MOAT has distributed approximately \$3.4 million across 30 applications. Currently, 107 applications are under evaluation, with an additional 15 awaiting the establishment of an opioid governance committee in their designated abatement region.

Three positions on the MOAT Advisory Committee were recently filled following a nomination and voting process.

- The **Multi-County Region** reappointed **Jake Strissel** to the Advisory Committee for a three-year term.
- The **Metro Region** reappointed **Scott Malloy** to a three-year term and appointed **Jeanna Miller** as a new member, also for a three-year term.

Jeanna is the Missoula County Health Officer, she has been with the Missoula Health Department since 2007, serving in various roles primarily in environmental health. As Health Officer, she works closely with prevention teams, community members, and partners around issues like opioids. She is a dedicated public health advocate with experience in grant management and development.

The MOAT team thanks you for your continued engagement and commitment to this important initiative.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out.

Thank you,

Rusty Gackle

Executive Director

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Applicant	Amount Requested	# years funds requested	Year 1 funding	Year 2 funding	Committee Review Date	Funding Recommendation
<b>Funding Available in FY 2025:</b>	<b>\$600,186.31</b>					
LCSO DC Provider	\$115,200.00	3	\$115,200.00		Oct-24	\$115,200.00
SPH	\$215,051.00	1	\$215,051.00		Dec-24	\$215,051
STORPI	\$75,000.00	1	\$75,000.00		Dec-24	\$75,000
Good Samaritan STOPS	\$100,000.00	3	\$100,000.00		Mar-25	\$100,000
		<b>Year 1 Subtotal Requested:</b>	<b>\$505,251.00</b>		<b>Year 1 Funded Subtotal:</b>	<b>\$505,251.00</b>
<b>Funding Available in FY 2026:</b>	<b>\$495,059.51</b>					
YWCA Helena - WINGS	\$50,000.00	2	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	Jun-25	
Intermountain	\$241,433.00	2	\$106,791.00	\$134,642.00	Jun-25	
MT Professional Health/Wellbeing	\$247,115.00	3	\$80,435.00	\$82,353.00	Jun-25	
MT Meth Project - Fentanyl Education	\$35,000.00	1	\$35,000.00	\$-	Jun-25	
		<b>Year 1 Subtotal Requested:</b>	<b>\$573,548.00</b>		<b>Year 1 Funded Subtotal:</b>	<b>\$-</b>

## Ann McCauley

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**From:** Steff McGowan (MT Opioid Abatement Trust) <info@montanaopioid.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 8, 2025 11:03 AM  
**To:** Ann McCauley; Amanda Opitz  
**Subject:** MOAT - Lewis & Clark grant applications

**CAUTION:** This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Hi ladies,

I'm currently updating our grant applications from 2023 and 2024. The following applications submitted requests to multiple abatement regions. While I can't fully close these applications until all regions have completed their review, I'd like to add a note in the comments section regarding each region's decision.

Could you please confirm whether the Lewis & Clark County Metro Region governance committee has declined and does not wish to move forward with the application?

- *406 Recovery ~ Montana Treatment Access Program (MTAPO)*
- *Montana Medical Association ~ Triage to Care, Building OUD Treatment Capacity*
- *Montana Professional Health & Wellbeing Program ~ HOPES: Health Occupation Professionals Engagement in Self-Wellbeing*
- *Colman Community Services ~ OUD 2.1 OUTPATIENT TELEHEALTH EXPANSION*
- *Montana Legal Services Association ~ Montana Health Justice Partnership - Recovery Project*
- *Mountain Pacific Quality Health Foundation ~ Hub and Spoke Model Program to Expand Access to MOUD Treatment in Montana*
- *The Naloxone Project*
- *Montana Meth Project ~ Montana Meth Project- FENTANYL Prevention, Education and Outreach*
- *Recovery Friendly Montana ~ Recovery Friendly Workplace Initiative*

This isn't urgent :) Thanks so much for your help  
Steffanie



**Steffanie McGowan**

Program Director

**Phone:** 406.534.2024