



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

October 6, 2025 – 2 p.m.

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Approved Meeting minutes

Note: This is a virtual-only meeting.
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Call to Order and Roll Call

(14:08:00 pm) The following responded present via Zoom:

Commissioner Tom Rolfe	Councilmember Wes Feist
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Coleen Smith	James Petrovich
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Mayor Collins is absent.

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

Agenda

- (00:00:10) 1. Call Meeting to Order & Roll Call**

- (00:00:30) 2. Discussion and Funding Recommendations for the following requests:**
- (00:01:12)**
 - St. Peter’s Health – No Wrong Door - \$174,835 for Year 2. The Committee would like to see SPH address the Committee’s questions from the Sept. 30th meeting and their 1-year report showing project goals were met. Committee recommends a second year of funding that aligns with the end of their first year contract. The Committee reserves the right to rescind the second year request if the above reporting conditions are not met and satisfactory to



the program's goals. Revisit this later in the meeting to make final recommendations.

(00:10:35)

- Montana Health Justice Partnership – Recovery Project - \$42,606 for Year 1. The group saw merit in the proposal, but the amount requested will not cover the cost of a full FTE for an attorney, and several other regions have denied funding this project. Multi-region projects are hard to discern what Lewis & Clark will gain unless other regions participate.

(00:11:06)

- The LifeGuard Group - Montana Human Trafficking Hotline Liaison – \$52,900 for Year 1. Committee discussed that the project does not have a strong enough connection to opioid abatement and the budget didn't seem to align with the services provided.

(00:11:10)

- Intermountain Professionals Foundation – Battling Fentanyl in Lewis and Clark County. \$165,375 for Year 1. Committee discussed that the project does not have a strong enough connection to opioid prevention for the County directly. The Committee noted that this project could make a good request for a state-wide pool of opioid settlement funding (if one becomes available).

(00:12:10)

- Montana Health Justice Partnership – Recovery Project - The committee tabled the application.

(00:15:07)

- Florence Crittenton Home & Services - Pathways to Care for Women and Families - \$94,280 for Year 1. Committee discussed the proposed project's connection to opioid abatement that includes youth prevention and long-term connection of young people to community services

(00:19:30)

- Discussion around regional and state programs vs more localized programs. Committee supports focusing on local programs (St. Peters Health and Florence Crittenton)

(00:23:15)



- Funding St. Peters Health (\$174,835) and Florence Crittenton (\$94,280) for a total \$269,115. Have remainder to flow into next year and plan-\$69,153.51 would remain. This is a consistent choice.
- (00:24:38)**
- Commissioner Rolfe motions to recommend for funding St. Peter Health's Year 2 funding request and Florence Crittenton's Year 1 funding request.
- (00:25:22)**
- Coleen Smith seconds.
- (00:25:30)**
- Hold funding for St. Peters Health for April 2026 and fund Florence Crittenton immediately
- (00:25:50)**
- All in favor, motion passes.
- (00:26:10)**
- Coleen Smith motions to deny recommending The LifeGuard Group application and Intermountain Professionals Foundation application, and to table the Montana Legal Partnership application.
- (00:26:25)**
- Commissioner Rolfe seconds.
- (00:26:46)**
- All in favor, motion passes.
- (00:26:50)**
- Committee discussion around MOAT process.
- (00:30:46)**
- Committee discussed the on-going desire by the Committee to see youth prevention projects come forward for funding.
- (00:37:50)**
- Committee discussion on approach with approved NOFO approach.

Public Comment

- (00:47:40)** No Public Comment received.

Adjournment

- (00:54:17)** Meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

