



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

September 11, 2024 – 1:30 p.m.

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

City-County Building, Room 326, Helena, MT 59601

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

Call to Order and Roll Call

(00:14:21) The following responded present, either via zoom or in person:

Commissioner Tom
Rolfe

Councilman Wes
Feist

Coleen Smith

James Petrovich

The following members were absent: Mayor Wilmot Collins

Regular

(00:14:21) **1. Call Meeting to Order & Roll Call – Meeting
called to order at 1:44 pm**

(00:14:50) **2. Minutes from June 26, 2024**

Motion to approve:

Wes Feist

Commissioner **Aye**

Tom Rolfe

James **Aye**

Petrovich

Motion second:

James Petrovich

Councilman **Aye**

Wes Feist

Coleen **Aye**

Smith

Motion carried 4:0.

(00:16:20) **3. Local Opioid Activities Report**
a. Public Health Report – report provided
b. Criminal Justice Services – CJS will provide a
report to the group via email.



(00:18:30)



4. Discussion of appropriate communication process/contracts for inquiries from applicants:

Amanda Opitz, City staff to Committee, provided a summary of the issue as it arose from a couple emails received the past two months from organizations seeking MOAT funding. Feedback from the MOAT was that local Committees have the authority to create their own processes for communicating with organizations. Proposed solution is to ask the MOAT to list the Committee members' names on the website and list a central contact email for the Committee that will be routed to City and County Committee staff for distribution to the Committee. Distribution to the Committee will occur as requests/inquiries are submitted.

(00:27:10)

5. MOAT Correspondence from July: Committee discussed correspondence received by the MOAT dated July 19th regarding the Committee's letter sent July 2nd. Decision by the Committee to focus on the projects specifically submitted to the Lewis and Clark Metro Region at this time.

(00:38:45)

6. Discussion of Funding Requests:

- a. *Lewis and Clark Detention Center Project:* Committee discussed the application and notes from the 6/26 presentation. The Committee had follow-up questions for the applicant that will be sent to the applicant following today's meeting. Comments included that the application was more focused on the benefit to the Sheriff's Office rather than benefitting the inmate. Recommendation is to have the applicant amend their application in the portal by September 20th and the committee will re-evaluate and decide on funding at a later Committee meeting.
- b. *Helena Public Schools:* The Committee discussed the application and notes from the 6/26 presentation. The Committee had follow-up questions for the applicant that will be sent to the applicant following today's meeting. Recommendation is to have the applicant amend their application in the portal by



September 20th and the committee will re-evaluate and decide on funding at a later Committee meeting.

- c. *MT Meth/Fentanyl Project Request:*
Discussion was tabled due to it being a multi-region request.

Announcements

(01:46:05) Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Friday, September 27, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. over Zoom.

Public Comment

(01:46:45) No Public Comment received

Adjournment

(01:47:00) There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 3:08 pm.