



LEWIS & CLARK COUNTY METRO REGION OPIOID ABATEMENT GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

March 30, 2026, 1PM-2PM

Approved Meeting Minutes

Committee Members:

Wesley Feist, Committee Chair
Coleen Smith, Committee Vice Chair
Major Emily Dean, City of Helena Representative
Commissioner Andy Hunthausen, Lewis and Clark County Representative
James Petrovich- Absent

Staff:

Elisa Fiaschetti, Lewis and Clark County
Nancy Lightner, City of Helena
Amanda Opitz, City of Helena

Recorded Time:

00:06:42

1) Call to Order

Chair Wesley Feist called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM.

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2) Funding Overview

The Committee reviewed available funding for the current cycle. Approximately \$69,153.51 is currently available, with an additional \$400,000 anticipated after July 1. These funds represent the total available for both the spring and fall funding cycles.

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3) Application Review and Discussion

- St. Peter's Health Foundation (September Application)

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- Lewis and Clark Public Health – Grow Together
The Committee discussed a reduced funding amount of \$16,000 and noted potential for regional collaboration, and that this might be a better application for Region 4.

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- Good Samaritan Ministries – STOPS Campaign
The Committee acknowledged prior funding and positive outcomes, with continued support for expanded impact. Committee discussion around funding for \$100,000.

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- PureView Health Center – Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation
Determined not sufficiently aligned with opioid-specific priorities.

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- Recovery Friendly Montana- Concerns regarding financial need and attribution of impact to Lewis and Clark County.

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- Montana Legal Services – Montana Health Justice Partnership
Recognized as strong, but not as directly tied to opioid-specific outcomes.

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- Prevention Support Services – Community Capacity Building
Vice Chair Smith recused. Reviewed revised budget of \$43,536.89; strong support for youth prevention and systems change.

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- Helena Indian Alliance – Strengthening Cultural Connection
Recommended to defer to fall cycle for stronger opioid-specific focus.

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- Committee discussion around preventative measures and direct service, and if there is a priority for the committee.

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- Lewis and Clark County Sheriff's Office – Medical Provider and MAT Bridges -Supported for improving detention-based care and continuity into treatment.

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- Helena Indian Alliance – No additional comments.

4) Funding Decision

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- Review of funding levels and requested amounts for applications that committee would like to approve.

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- Prevention Support Services –Commissioner Hunthausen moves to approve Prevention Support Services at \$43,536.89. Mayor Dean Seconds. All in Favor. Motion passes.

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- Lewis and Clark Public Health –Commissioner Hunthausen moves to approve Lewis and Clark County Public Health Application at \$16,000. Mayor Dean Seconds. All in Favor. Motion passes.

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- Good Samaritan Ministries – Mayor Dean moves to approve the Good Samaritan’s application at \$100,000. Vice Chair Smith Seconds. All in Favor. Motion passes.

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- Lewis and Clark County Sheriff’s Office – Vice Chair Smith Moves to approve the Lewis and Clark County Sheriffs Office application at \$115,200. Mayor Dean Seconds. All in Favor. Motion

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- Chairman Feist asked for a motion to deny the applications from Pureview Health Center, Recovery Friendly Montana, Montana Legal Services, and Helena Indian Alliance. Major Dean Moves to approve that motion. Commissioner Hunthausen Seconds. All in favor. The motion passes.

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- St. Peter’s Health Foundation (September Application). Vice Chair Smith moves to approve the St. Peter's Health Application. Commissioner Hunthausen Seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

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5) Public Comment

- No Public Comment

01:06:38

6) Adjourn and Next Meeting

- a. Next meeting: June 22, 2026, 12-2PM.