OPIOID SETTLEMENT
LEWIS & CLARK COUNTY METRO REGION
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
January 14, 2026 – 12 p.m.
City-County Building, Room 326
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81144913197

APPROVED- Meeting Minutes

Recording Time

The following responded present:

Council Member and Committee Chair Wes Feist
Vice Chair Coleen Smith
James Petrovich
Commissioner Andy Hunthausen
Mayor Emily Dean

Committee staff in attendance:

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

Others in attendance:

Sheila Danielson, CFO, City of Helena
JoVonne Wagner, Montana Free Press, online
Dan Bartleson, Acting Executive Director, Good Samaritan Ministries, online.
Mikayla Kapphan, Ministry and Services Manager, Good Samaritan Ministries
Eric Kroger, Mission Strategy Manager, Good Samaritan Ministries
Maddie Arnold, Outreach Coordinator, Good Samaritan Ministries

(00:00:02) 1. Call Meeting to Order and Introductions

Chair Feist called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

Amanda Opitz introduced Nancy Lightner, the City's new designated City staff liaison to the Committee, and Sheila Danielson, City CFO.

(00:02:29) 2. Sept. 30, 2025 and Oct. 6, 2025 Meeting Minutes

a. Chair Feist noted his last name being misspelled in a couple of places on September 30 minutes.

b. Coleen motions to approve the meeting minutes with the noted changes; Commissioner Hunthausen seconded. All in favor. Motion passes.

(00:03:26) 3. MOAT Correspondence Review

a. Committee reviewed and discussed the MOAT's December report.

(00:12:53) 4. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

a. Commissioner Hunthausen motions to retain our existing Chair and Vice-Chair for the coming year. Mayor Dean seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

(00:17:34) 5. Status Update on funded projects.

a. Sheriff's Office Detention Center Medical Provider 1-year report: Committee discussed the report. Chair Feist commented that he appreciated the quantitative and qualitative reporting metrics provided in the report. Coleen noted that she was hoping to see more outcome-based information, including a story to share about the impact of the program related to the opioid abatement funding.

- Questions for follow up: Can share some stories? Have PureView visits completely stopped, or has it reduced?

(00:26:27) b. St. Peter's Health Foundation: Committee discussed SPH's report and their recent request to purchase a second vehicle with remaining Year 1 grant funds (~$60,000).

- Committee Action to approve vehicle purchase: Commissioner Hunthausen motions to approve SPH's request to purchase a second vehicle with the remaining Year 1 grant funds ($60,000). Mayor Dean seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.
- Follow-up request to provide acknowledgment of opioid abatement funding on the vehicle and its purpose in the community.

(00:32:18) c. Good Samaritan Ministries: Oct and Nov monthly report, and 6-month report.

- Good Samaritan staff provided a summary of work performed through this Street Outreach expansion project. Maddie Arnold noted that a big part of this work is connecting clients to the care and services they need, being a "gap filler." Collaborative opportunities include PureView, St. Peter's Health peer support and BHU, other FUSE partners, Helena Food Share, etc.

(00:46:59) 6. Current FY Available Funding: There is currently $69,153.51 remaining in FY 26 and an additional $400,124 will be added July 1 for FY27.

(00:51:28) 7. Notice of Funding Availability:

a. NOFA Review and Approval by the Committee for spring 2026 deadline:

- Chair Feist provided the following comments:
    - Add “re-apply annually” for multi-year requests.
    - Add “we will require periodic reporting to be established at the time of project recommendation.”
    - Change deadlines to March 1 and Sept 1.
    - Committee Priorities: Prevention, particularly Youth Prevention and Treatment and Recovery
    - Recommendation to remove CJS involved persons.
    - Change to “has a priority to fund.”
    - Add text about funding availability timelines: FY funds available now and FY funding available July 1 notes.
    - Maintain “up to 15% IDC” language with an addition of justification of how IDCs will be applied.

Mayor Dean moves to approve NOFA with the discussed comments and edits. James seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

(01:23:28) 8. FY26 Schedule and Process:

Next meeting: Meet March 16th – 11 am -1 pm

Follow-up second meeting: Meet March 30th – 1 pm virtually/

(01:29:49) 9. Public Comment: No public comment received.

(01:30:00) 10**. Meeting Adjourned at 12:31 pm**

ADA NOTICE

Lewis and Clark County and the City of Helena are committed to providing access to persons with disabilities for meetings, in compliance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Montana Human Rights Act. The County and City will not exclude persons with disabilities from participation at their meetings or otherwise deny them access to City or County's services, programs, or activities.

Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations to participate in the County's meetings, services, programs, or activities should contact Keni Grose, as soon as possible to allow sufficient time to arrange for the requested accommodation, at any of the following: (406) 447- 8316; TTY Relay Service 1-800-253-4091 or 711; KGROSE@lccountymt.gov; 316 N Park, Room 303.

Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations to participate in the city’s meetings, services, programs, or activities should contact the city’s ADA Coordinator, Ellie Ray, as soon as possible to allow

sufficient time to arrange for the requested accommodation, at any of the following: Phone: (406) 447-8490; TTY Relay Service 1- 800-253-4091 or 711; Email: citycommunitydevelopment@helenamt.gov; Mailing Address & Physical Location: 316 North Park, Avenue, Room 445, Helena, MT 59623.