

## Opioid Meeting September 8, 2025 Minutes

9:00 am Start Time

Confusion of start time as there were two listings of different beginning start times of 9:00 and 9:30. Wendy Dana made apologies for this error.

Those in attendance were Jamie Beck, Pat Kimball and Wendy Dana.

Summary of the City of Bangor's opioid committee meeting which was attended by Jamie Beck, Scott Adkins and Wendy Dana. They have put out a Letter of Intent so that they can decipher the extent of applications and programs for funding. The City and County are in agreement of collaborating with one another where possible and if the need should arise. This would allow the funding to be put to a greater use for projects that may be more than the top tier of \$49,999 that the County of Penobscot will have.

Discussion moved into finalizing the application from Penobscot County. Per the Commissioner meeting that was attended by Wendy Dana on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, the committee discussed removing "syringe services" and replacing with "harm reduction services".

Discussed finalizing the Rubric and all felt comfortable with the way it is laid out. Jamie Beck will contact Mackenzie from the Moss Group to get specifics on reporting requirements.

Pat Kimball will attend the upcoming Commissioner's meeting which will be held on September 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. She will also take minutes for the upcoming opioid meetings in Wendy Dana's absence.

Laura and Harry Sanborn attended the meeting and spoke for public comment. Former Commissioner Sanborn brought out the need for the application to be concise and not overly lengthy. This was heartily agreed upon from those in the committee. Harry Sanborn brought out the importance of the rubric being a neutral instrument for making funding decisions. In this way favoritism can be avoided. Pat Kimball brought out that in addition to that the importance of someone with a conflict of interest would make it known so that fairness will be key.

The next meeting of the Opioid committee will be on September 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:15 am – 10:15 am. Same location in the County Court house.

When fully agreed upon by the committee Wendy will send the application and the rubric to Mary Anne O'Kelly who provides upcoming meeting documents to the County Commissioners for review in preparation for discussion.

Wendy will submit today's minutes to the group for approval and then they will be uploaded to the county's website.

Jamie will work with the IT department to create a webinar and registration information for the webinar which will be an aid to those who would like to apply for opioid funding. The webinar at this time will tentatively be on October 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm. The county website will be updated with information regarding this webinar as well as the upcoming meeting date and times.

Meeting ends at 10:05