

RECOVERY HOUSING SUBCOMMITTEE

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MEMBERS

Nancy Jenkins-Arno, Francine Zysk, Gary Clift, Jackie Bradley, Jacqueline Wyse, Troy Bevier, John Glaser
301 N. Main St, Adrian, MI 49221

MEETING LOCATION

Chambers

Minutes: Wednesday, August 28, 2024

I. Call to Order- Reading of Mission Statement

With the Community Needs Assessment results of using the Opioid Settlement Funds, the data guided a need for Recovery Housing for Lenawee County. The subcommittee will explore the best options for creating Recovery Housing to offer stable, safe, and substance-free housing alternatives for those in recovery in Lenawee County.

Present: Commissioner Nancy Jenkins-Arno, Commissioner James Van Doren

Also Present: Community Development Coordinator Francine Zysk, Garry Clift, Sheriff Troy Bevier, Community Outreach/Compliance Director for Lenawee Community Mental Health Jackie Bradley, Deputy Administrator Shannon Elliott, Marketing & Communications Jen Ambrose, Administrative Coordinator Carissa Zubke, Emily White for Chief Public Defender John Glaser

Absent: Administrator Kim Murphy, Chief Prosecuting Attorney Jacqueline Wyse

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm by Comm. Jenkins-Arno.

Comm. Jenkins-Arno discussed the primary goal for this subcommittee; in addition, other gaps have been discovered; Jenkins-Arno stated a plan to explore other options would be discussed later in the meeting.

II. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes: July 24, 2024

Motion by Bevier, Second by Zysk to approve the minutes of July 24, 2024. Motion carried.

III. Existing Business

No discussion.

IV. New Business

Jenkins-Arno suggested that when considering a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners, the committee may want to consider a recommendation for a different subcommittee that discusses the other gaps and needs in Lenawee County for use of the Opioid funding.

Zysk provided a handout of the presentation evaluations that were received from the subcommittee members. Questionnaire discussed the benefits of the presentation/organization, barriers, key takeaways, and notes.

Each subcommittee member was asked to provide their answers to the following topics:

- What is the benefit to Recovery Housing in Lenawee?
- What are the barriers to Recovery Housing in Lenawee?
- What will work in Lenawee (Sustainable Recovery Housing)
- What other gaps exist in Lenawee? The next step?
- How much allocation for an RFP, if one was recommended?

Answers from the subcommittee included:

Benefits of Recovery Housing	Community-centered recovery, we don't currently have a place for people to go, a place for residential TX, close to home and family, silver life within comm., a good start, local, set up specific to needs, could be rural, local organ who may support, need for community- don't have, long term recovery options, does not have to go outside county, keeping inside Lenawee, keeping families close, an alternative to jail
Barriers to Recovery Housing	Location and transportation, residents not wanting in city limits, lack of other supportive services, not in my backyard, stigma, how to sustain, how to locate people in need, stigma, interest-current needs, staffing, transportation, child-care, most must leave the county currently, maintaining, crime
What will work in Lenawee?	Safe, sober housing, can be small, case management, education, family recovery options, housing helping with families, family healing together, recovery options before in the crime system, Recovery like Dawn farms, Paula's house, for men and women, not necessarily together.
What other Gaps Exist?	Transportation, full county recovery supports, trauma and prevention, residential, childcare, transportation, sustainability, in-patient therapy, detox, incarcerated therapy, tx facilities,
How much is allocated for an RFP?	However, a lot is needed to make it work. How much to do the job, \$500,000, less than \$150,000-\$200,000, enough to run the house, annually?

Zysk discussed if an allocation for a Recovery House is decided, an RFP would be done and then that money would be allocated. It is not a partnership; the County would not be the ones building or managing.

A discussion was held regarding the concern about sustainability of staffing, some staffing positions require certification. It was mentioned that those certification requirements can be a part of the RFP.

Many subcommittee members discussed how there is a need in Lenawee County; Sheriff Bevier mentioned many individuals who are leaving the jail do ask for recommendations for

housing. Emily White discussed the many individuals she has worked with who request transitional housing; she has referred many to out of county organizations. Clift discussed the benefits of transitional/recovery housing in Lenawee, so individuals can remain in sober housing while continuing to work in the County.

Zysk recommended separating the RFP for Recovery Housing and a recommendation to bridge gaps by forming a different subcommittee.

board appoint bridging the gap with another subcommittee, for next steps.

Zysk made a Motion to the Board to Commissioners to appoint members for bridging the gaps and next steps, with another subcommittee, seconded by White.

A discussion was held. Comm. Van Doren suggested including which organizations to include in the new subcommittee. Suggestions also included that when forming this separate subcommittee, it will look at bridging the gaps in Lenawee, not just the gaps that involve Recovery Housing.

Zysk Amended the motion to make a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners to form a new subcommittee, to look at what other needs in Lenawee County exist for use of the opioid settlement funds, outside of Recovery Housing, seconded by Clift. Motion carried.

Motion by Zysk to recommend an allocation to submit an RFP for recovery housing, not to exceed \$500,000, to the Board of Commissioners, no second. Motion failed.

The sheriff discussed how he would like to know the expense of what Recovery Housing would be before placing the RFP. It was also discussed that the deadline to utilize the opioid funding is 2040.

- A. Discussion of Barriers and Opportunities of Recovery Housing Presentation
- B. Review of Comments of monthly meetings of Barriers and Opportunities
- C. Exercise of Discussion for determining needs for Recovery Housing in Lenawee County
- D. Exercise for Recommendations from the Subcommittee to the BOC about the outcomes for Recovery Housing need in Lenawee County
- E. **Funding for Lenawee County:**

Allocated Monies until 2040 = \$5,314,583.31 plus Pending Litigation

Monies received until date = \$1,175,936.97

Comm. Jenkins-Arno overviewed the amount allocated to the County and the amount received from the various Opioid settlements, reflected below.

F. Review of Documents of spending allocation:

Zysk provided various articles related to: opioid funding, best practices, Opioid settlement gaps, and opportunities for the committee to review and reflect as needed.

- 1) Opioids Settlement: Funding Categories
- 2) **Exhibit E** - Are there restrictions on how funds can be used? What is [Exhibit E](#)?
- 3) Opioid Settlement Funds Toolkit
- 4) Best Practices for Recovery Housing
- 5) Michigan Counties MAC Report of Opioid Settlement Reporting
- 6) Opioid Settlement Gaps and Opportunities

V. Discussion

Discussion held during New Business.

- A. What happens with a recommendation to the BOC
- B. Steps that come after a recommendation

VI. Public Comment

No public comment.

VII. Adjournment

Motion by Bradley, seconded by Clift to adjourn at 2:43 pm. Motion carried.