

Kenosha County Opioid Settlement Advisory Panel

Minutes – Tuesday, January 23, 2024, 4 p.m.

Kenosha County Center, Bristol, WI

Committee Attendees: Kari Foss, Keri Pint, Guida Brown, Captain Katie Hall, Chief Patton, Sheriff David Zoerner, Rebecca Dutter,

Guests: Lois Brandt, Dee Dee Martinson, Mark Melotik, Justin Miller, Cassie Riehle, Lisa Koenen

General Business

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 4:06 p.m.
2. Citizen Comments
 - a. Mark Melotik, At the time of the device purchase request (August 2023) KCDH indicated that the supply budget would be covered by the Division. Due to budget timing/process (April 2023) – costs were included in the proposed budget; by the time the device purchase was approved, the budget had already been approved without the supplies cost and the costs were not covered. Next year, the operating fees may be added to the budget (operations funds) and an attempt to bill for some of the testing to help cover costs. 7,800 tests will be covered by the supply costs at an average of 30 samples/day. Training is scheduled February 6 and 7 – 2 employees will be trained, device will be operational shortly thereafter. KCDH has purchased \$5K of supplies to date. The Siemens Pro E device can test for the presence of fentanyl among other drugs. KCDH has not had the ability to test for fentanyl – this has lead to serious consequences in the past.
3. Review of Minutes – Call for approval of minutes from October 24, 2023. Becky Dutter moved to accept, Sheriff Zoerner second, minutes approved.
4. Peer Support Specialist Training – Kenosha County purchased the Peer Support Specialist Training with settlement funds. There were 49 applicants; 25 will be accepted into the training. 10 of the 49 applicants are from Kenosha County residents. Those 10 will be vetted then the remaining 39 will be vetted for the 15 remaining training spots. Trainers will review the written application and do a face-to-face or phone interview, then training will begin in several weeks.
5. Settlement Updates – In October of 2023, Kari reported Kenosha County had received \$2.136M; as of today there is \$2.218M, another \$80+K deposit has arrived earning approximately \$6K/month. interest.
6. Panelist Updates –
 - Sheriff Zoerner started discussion on the Pendar X10 and TruNarc Analyzer which are handheld instruments designed for on-demand field ID of drugs. He reported 8 staff being exposed to fentanyl and other drugs in the field which includes 2 jailers exposed, 1 of which required Narcan. Chief Hall mentioned a situation several months ago that involved one of her officers being exposed as well. The Pendar X10 can ID all narcotics including fentanyl and all variants and can be utilized by both drug and bomb units. There are detectives trained on the device who work both units. The TruNarc devices will be located with a supervisor in the patrol division and the other in zone 1 of the pre-trial facility (jailers are exposed when searching incoming inmate). Sheriff Zoerner has no concerns about the reported combustibility of the Pendar X10 device after doing additional research on the product. Sheriff Zoerner requests one Pendar X10 at cost of \$60K and two TruNarc Analyzers at a cost of \$30K each.

Becky Dutter moved to approve the purchase of one Pendar X10 and 2 TruNarc Analyzer devices, for a total of \$120K, with exact costs to be submitted. Guida Brown second, motion approved.

- Becky Dutter made a motion to approve \$54,165.65 for KCDH to purchase the supplies for the Siemens Pro E, Sheriff Zoerner second, motion approved.

7. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn made by Guida Brown, second by Sheriff Zoerner. Meeting was adjourned at 4:28 p.m.