



# OCONEE COUNTY OPIOID RESPONSE TASK FORCE

Regular Meeting Held at:

June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

Council Chambers, Oconee County Administrative Offices  
415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC

## Members

Aaron Zeller, MD (Chair); Scott Krein (Co-Chair); Lekesha Benson  
Michael Carroll; Richie Caudill; Tim Rice; Caitlin Pope;  
Alan Sayre; Jon Holland; Zac Smith

The Oconee County Opioid Response Taskforce met on Friday, June, 21st, 2024 at 10am in County Council Chambers, located at 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla SC. Members present included Michael Carroll, Jonathan Holland, Alan Sayre, Scott Krein, Lekesha Benson, Brittney Martin; Grants Administrator, and Staff Liaison; Zac Smith.

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting, date, time, place of meeting and agenda were posted on the bulletin board at the County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC, and the County Council website [www.oconeesc.com]. In addition, it was made available [upon request] to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

## Minutes:

- 1. Call to Order:** Mr. Scott Krein
- 2. Approval of Minutes:** Motion to Approve, Mr. Alan Sayre with a second from Ms. Lekesha Benson. All Approve
- 3. Discussion Items:**

### APPLICATION REVIEW FAVOR UPSTATE:

- Mr. Alan Sayre had a question regarding the address. Questioned Mr. Mike Malone about a local office. Mr. Mike Malone gave response with the location being at Seneca Presbyterian Church. Mentioned that rent is a couple hundred dollars a month.
- Motion to approve application made by Mr. Jon Holland with a second from Mr. Alan Sayre.
- Mr. Mike Malone discussed some items for clarification regarding the program manager and the job description.
- Mr. Mike Malone questioned the taskforce regarding the denying of the previous applications that were submitted in May. Ms. Brittney Martin replied to Mr. Mike Malone stating that the SOCRF board was not given the proper information for the Oconee application approval.
- Vote is 5-0 for approval.

### APPLICATION APPROVAL SERENITY RIDGE:

- Updated funding request of \$230,000 dollars.
- Mr. Alan Sayre gave the motion to and Ms. Lekesha Benson held a second. No other discussion or comments
- Vote is 5-0 for approval.
- Dr. Victor Archambeau gave a program update on what his program is currently doing.

#### **GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

- Mr. Zac Smith gave an update on the new overdose tracking platform that has been created with the assistance of the county GIS Department.
- Mr. Zac Smith discussed the approval from County Council for application review.
- Mr. Zac Smith spoke of the rundown of funds that are left and have been spent. Remaining budget is. Discussion on remaining funds from SCORF.
- Ms. Brittney Martin discussed carry over funds along with giving emphasis on the grand total of SCORF Request of \$702,680.
- Mr. Zac Smith spoke of the remaining amount which is \$2,333,132.57.
- Mr. Scott Krein wanted further explanation of why the SCORF Board denied the Oconee County application. Ms. Brittney Martin explained that the SCORF Board was not given the proper attachments and applications for review. The SCORF Board will be calling a special meeting to approve the application next week.

- 4. Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Mr. Alan Sayre, with a second from Mr. Mike Carroll. All approve.

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