



# OCONEE COUNTY OPIOID RESPONSE TASK FORCE

Regular Meeting Held at:

October 7th, 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, Alan Sayre, Scott Krein, Lekesha Benson, Dr. Aaron Zeller, 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:** Dr. Aaron Zeller
- 2. Approval of Minutes:** Motion to Approve, Mr. Alan Sayre with a second from Ms. Lekesha Benson. All Approve
- 3. Discussion Items:**

### **APPLICATION APPROVAL UNITED WAY OF OCONEE COUNTY:**

- Initial funding request of \$135,000.
- Representative from United Way presented to OCORT about the application submission and what it will be used for.
- United Way gave discussion on wanting to start an information line in addition to 2-1-1 to offer opioid addiction services in Oconee County.
- Will provide literature and education on child/adolescent drug addiction and prevention.
- Wants to contract with licensed professional social workers to follow-up with persons based on a referral system.
- Questions and discussion on building space between Ms. Allision Smith and taskforce.
- Questions regarding bookkeeping and accounting.
- Mr. Scott Krein made a motion to fund building and office space at \$4,200, and accounting services at \$5,000. Mr. Mike Carroll made a second. All approve.
- Mr. Scott Krein asked if United Way could have the approved application back to taskforce as soon as possible with the new numbers. Ms. Allision Smith said that she would work on this after the meeting.

## **GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

- Ms. Brittney Martin gave an update on the funds available vs. funds spent for remainder of year.
- Mr. Zac Smith brought up discussions on concerns of quorums and the next steps as far as members of OCORT. Stated that he will be meeting with Ms. Amanda Brock regarding OCORT participation.
- Discussion on organization vetting and inspections of organizations who have received funding.

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

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