



OCONEE COUNTY OPIOID RESPONSE TASK FORCE

Regular Meeting Held at:

December 19th, 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, December 19th, 2024 at 10am in County Council Chambers, located at 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla SC. Members present included Michael Carroll, Alan Sayre, Scott Krein, Jonathan Holland, 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 by Alan Sayre, Second by Mr. Mike Carroll. All approve.
- 3. Discussion Items:**

Schedule for 2025: Mr. Zac Smith spoke about keeping the third Friday of the month. Mr. Scott Krein brought up the quorum issue. Mr. Zac Smith brought up about reaching out to municipalities for representation for OCORT. Discussion on calendar conflicts for the taskforce. It was decided that the second Thursday of each month at 1pm would be the best option for all taskforce members.

Program Update: Ms. Brittney Martin spoke of the new unapproved uses for SCORF funding. Mr. Scott Krein requested that the items be sent to the current and potential applicants for FY-2026. Ms. Brittney Martin discussed the utilization of a one time \$25,000 payments from the Oconee County allotted funds for a needs assessment. Discussion on the timeline for the \$25,000 was recommended for the FY-2026 budget.

Update on OCORT applications that were submitted: Mr. Zac Smith spoke of the three projects that were denied from SCORF. Ms. Brittney Martin spoke that she has had a conversation with the SCORF representative to see if they could assist in the writing of the grants so they will get approved. Discussion on materials and how items were written in the grants for the next application phase. Spoke regarding the timeline of applications being sent to county council in March, so they can be submitted to the SCORF Board in April for review. Mr. Zac Smith reviewed the amount of funding left for Oconee County. Total amount left is \$3,232,583.85. Ms. Lekeesha Benson asked a question regarding continuance for organizations receiving funds now. Ms. Brittney Martin spoke of the quarterly reporting to ensure that the organizations that have received the funding are completing the work that was applied for.

- 4. Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Mr. Scott Krein, with a second from Ms. Lekeesha Benson. All approve.

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