



OCONEE COUNTY OPIOID RESPONSE TASK FORCE

Regular Meeting Held at:

February 13th, 2025

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; Casey Bowling; Zach McCall; David Harrison;
Alan Sayre; Jon Holland; Zac Smith (Staff Liaison)**

The Oconee County Opioid Response Taskforce met on Thursday, February 13th at 2pm in County Council Chambers, located at 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla SC. Members present included Michael Carroll, Alan Sayre, Scott Krein (virtual), Jonathan Holland, Zach McCall, David Harrison, Casey Bowling, 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 Mr. Jonathan Holland, Second by Mr. Alan Sayre. All approve.
- 3. Discussion Items:**

Introduction of new task force members; Zach McCall, David Harrison, and Casey Bowling

Remaining Funds Discussion: Mr. Zac Smith reviewed the amount of total funding left which is \$3, 232,587.00. In the event that all applications were approved as they were, the total amount of funds dispersed would be \$1, 332, 937.00.

Mr. Zac Smith spoke regarding the SCORF calendar for the year. Mentioned that all applications need to be approved and or revised by March 18th for Council to view the applications.

Mr. Scott Krein spoke on the unallowed expenses for the funding year. Reminded board members that they need to follow the guidelines of the unallowable expenses. If the board approves the applications with the unallowed expenses, there is a good chance that the SCORF board will deny it.

Application Review: Tamassee DAR-Starlight

Mr. Jon Holland presented on behalf of Tamassee DAR Starlight Program. The request is very similar from last years application. Recommendation to remove the administrative fees to the Salaries portion. Mr. Alan Sayre made a motion to approve the application pending the amendment of said application. Mr. Mike Carroll made a second. All in favor, 6-0.

Application Review: PlaySafe USA

Due to no one from PlaySafe being able to attend, a motion to table was made by Mr. Alan Sayre with a second by Mr. Jon Holland. All approve, 7-0.

Application Review: Oconee County Sheriff's Office

Mr. Scott Krein showed concern with the trailer being labeled as a vehicle. Stated that he was afraid that the application would be denied since the trailer is considered a vehicle.

Mr. Alan Sayre gave a presentation on the OCSO OCORT Application. Mr. Alan Sayre spoke of partnerships with other municipal law enforcement agencies in the area for this initiative.

Mr. Scott Krein spoke of the lighting and licensing of vehicles such as a trailer. Mr. Krein wants to make sure and recommends that the application be split in two so the complete application does not get thrown out.

Mr. Zac Smith said that he or Brittney Martin will reach out to the SCORF representative to see how the trailer would be decided on within the SCORF board.

Mr. Scott Krein made a motion to table application until further questions could be answered by SCORF, Mr. Jon Holland made a second. All approve, 6-0.

Application Review: Magnolia House

Mr. Ashley Williams and Ms. Tiffany Williams gave a presentation on the accomplishments of Magnolia House from the past year. Discussion on program and funding sources.

No other questions or comments on application or presentation.

Mr. Alan Sayre made a motion to approve, with Mr. Mike Carroll making a second. All approve, 7-0.

Application Review: FAVOR Upstate

Ms. Leslie Prezenger from FAVOR Upstate gave a presentation on FAVOR Upstate's progress over the past few months. Spoke of successes and new hires for the Oconee market.

Motion to approve made by Mr. Alan Sayre and a second by Mr. Jon Holland. All approve 7-0.

Application Review: Kingdom Over Culture

Motion to table by Mr. Scott Krein, with a second by Mr. Mike Carroll. All approve, 7-0

Application Review: United Way of Oconee County

Ms. Allison Smith gave presentation on United Way of Oconee County to OCORT.

Discussion on the equipment and booking. Ms. Brittney Martin gave a recommendation to place the equipment and book keeping under administration. Advised UWOC to revise application to reflect the recommendation.

Mr. Alan Sayre made a motion to approve application with the recommended changes with a second by Mr. Casey Bowling. All approve, 7-0.

Application Review: Giant Slayer Ministries

Mr. Greg Whitfield from Giant Slayer Ministries gave presentation on the program.

Mr. Scott Krein made aware of the \$5,000 dollar administrative fee. Asked Mr. Zac Smith and Brittney Martin to make not of where it could go.

Mr. Holland asked where classes are. Mr. Whitfield stated that classes are held at Blue Ridge Community Center

Mr. Alan Sayre made a motion approve application with revisions, second by Mr. Casey Bowling. All approve, 7-0.

Application Review: Recovery Bridges (NOLA Network)

Ms. Brandi Graham gave a presentation on Recovery Bridges and the implementation plan.

Mr. Scott Krein spoke of the administrative and technology line item. Ms. Graham explained the documentation platform and information technology that she will be using for this program.

Mr. Jon Holland asked how is the identifying of girl's circle happen, and how does the transportation happen. Discussion on question was answered by Ms. Brandi Graham.

Mr. Mike Carroll made motion to approve, with a second by Alan Sayre. All in favor, 7-0.

Application Review: Seneca Police Department

Mr. Scott Krein and Mr. Casey Bowling had discussion on the vehicle and equipment status for it. Clarification from SCORF rep regarding vehicle status.

Mr. Casey Bowling gave a presentation on the Seneca Police Department application.

Motion to table the application until further studying of vehicle status made by Mr. Alan Sayre and a second by Mr. Mike Carroll. All approve 6-0

Application Review: Christ Central Ministries/OARS

Mr. Ashley Williams and Ms. Tiffany Williams gave a presentation for OARS Harm Reduction.

Mr. Scott Krein had a question regarding funding for salaries. Specifically, the lump sum amount.

Ms. Brittney Martin had a question on the art supplies that was in the application. Mr. Ashley Williams explained the process of arts and crafts for the participants in the program.

Mr. Scott Krein brought up Magnolia House in the application. Mr. Ashley Williams stated that Magnolia House is the name of the art studio. Mr. Scott Krein stated that there could potentially be some confusion on that portion.

Mr. Jon Holland asked questions regarding the staff requisitions that were in the application. Mr. Ashley Williams stated that it would be new staff positions.

Mr. Casey Bowling made a motion to table the application approval to include the revisions of the Magnolia House Art Studio. Mr. Scott Krein made a second. All approve, 7-0

Special Meeting Date: February 27th, at 2pm.

4. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Alan Sayre, second by Mr. Scott Krein. All approve 7-0.

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