August 26, 2025

OPIOID LITIGATION SETTLEMENT FUND COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

This being a regular meeting, the meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Committee Chairperson, Alexander Hardy.

Present: Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director; Kathleen Murphy, Board Secretary/Housing Director; Alexander Hardy, Commissioner District 1; Carla Grezeszak, Deputy Court Administrator/FOC Supervisor; Dr. Francis Rogalski, East Tawas resident; Stephanie Orlando, Catholic Human Services; Denise Switzer, NMRE Representative

Present Via Zoom: Amy Dolinky, MAC Representative

Absent: Joyce Fetrow.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLLCALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF OPIOID LITIGATION SETTLEMENT FUND COMMITTEE MINUTES **June 24, 2025**

Rogalski motions to approve the minutes as presented and Grezeszak seconds. All ayes; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – Additions, Corrections, & Approval

Grezeszak motions to approve the agenda and Carruthers-Soboleski seconds. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (For Scheduled and Non-Scheduled Agenda Items)

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

General Update Regarding Fund Status

The current cash balance in the opioid settlement litigation fund has been transferred to an investment fund. Any other funds that are received to this fund balance will also be transferred to an investment fund that follows County policy. At the last County Board of Commissioners' meeting, the commissioners approved settlement agreements with Purdue and the generic manufacturers.

NMRE Presentation/Discussion Regarding Current Environmental and Services

Denise Switzer, NMRE representative, discussed the current statistics of Iosco County residents utilizing their facilities and resources. The gaps in care that NMRE identifies include methadone clinics are not in our region, transportation, recovery capital, childcare for mothers that need treatment, youth services, community buy-in. Switzer informed the committee that residential beds are no longer a gap in services. This is due partially to the fact that individuals are not reaching out for help.

Discussion and Work Session Regarding RFP Draft from MAC

The committee discussed the RFP that was provided by MAC. After discussion, the committee removed residential from the RFP as there is no longer a gap in service. The RFP will be released in October and will be due in December. Funding will be awarded in January and will be for a two-year time frame. Only governmental entities and non-profit 501C3's will be eligible. The committee will request to review the bills monthly with short quarterly reports. A more detailed annual report will be presented to the committee.

Initial 2026 Budget Discussion

Carruthers-Soboleski is working on the FY 2026 budget. The committee discussed the current opioid litigation settlement funds available. Hardy moves to set the FY 2026 budget in the amount of $300,000.00 for awards and Carruthers-Soboleski seconds.

The following roll call was carried: Ayes: Rogalski, Hardy, Grezeszak, Carruthers-Soboleski. Nays: None. Absent: Fetrow. Abstain: None.

Next Steps and Set Next Meeting Date

MAC will finalize the RFP. The next meeting will be held on September 24, 2025.

COMMENTS OF OPIOID LITIGATION SETTLEMENT FUND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Carruthers-Soboleski motions to adjourn and Grezeszak seconds. All ayes; motion carried. The business for the day having been addressed, meeting adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

Respectfully:

Kathleen Murphy
Board Secretary/Housing Director