January 20, 2026

Opioid Litigation Settlement Fund Committee Minutes

This being a regular meeting, the meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.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

Present Via Zoom: **Amy Dolinky**, MAC Representative; **Kara Steinke**, Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health Authority; **Joyce Fetrow**

Absent: **None.**

Call To Order/Rollcall/Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of the Agenda

Grezeszak moves to approve the agenda with approval of the by-laws removed from the agenda and Carruthers-Soboleski seconds. All ayes. Motion carried.

Election of Officers

Chairperson

Carruthers-Soboleski nominates Hardy as Chairperson of the Iosco County Opioid Litigation Settlement Fund Committee and Rogalski seconds. No other nominations. All ayes; motion carried.

Vice-Chairperson

Carruthers-Soboleski nominates Rogalski as Vice-Chairperson of the Iosco County Opioid Litigation Settlement Fund Committee and Grezeszak seconds. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of Opioid Litigation Settlement Fund Committee Minutes - December 15, 2025, and Work Session Minutes from January 12, 2026

Carruthers-Soboleski motions to approve the regular minutes from December 15, 2025, and the work session minutes from January 12, 2026, as presented and Grezeszak seconds. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment

None.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Review Proposals for Funding

Catholic Human Services – Project ASSERT Program

Carruthers-Soboleski motions to not fund the Project ASSERT Program Proposal at this time and to review the proposal again if current funding is lost and Grezeszak seconds.

Carried on the following roll call: Ayes: Carruthers-Soboleski, Grezeszak, Rogalski, and Hardy. Nays: None. Absent: Fetrow. Vacant: None.

Sheriff's Department and Wellvance– Medication Assisted Treatment Program Proposals

This is a critical area of need. MAC recommended that the County work with Health Management Associates to properly plan and implement the program. Health Management Associates has a contract with MDHHS for this type of work. Carruthers-Soboleski will facilitate a meeting between the jail, Wellvance, and Health Management Associates to request a single proposal for this program with a complete implementation and operations plan.

Tawas Police Officers Association (TPOA) – TPOA Opioid Response and Outreach Program

The board would like to make sure that this program is open to all of Iosco County residents with substance abuse needs. A quarterly report to Iosco County Drug Free Coalition is recommended.

Carruthers-Soboleski motions to approve the TPOA Opioid Response and Outreach Program proposal in the amount of $7,500.00 with the above stipulations being met and Grezeszak seconds.

Carried on the following roll call: Ayes: Carruthers-Soboleski, Grezeszak, Rogalski, and Hardy. Nays: None. Absent: Fetrow. Vacant: None.

Alcona Citizens for Health, Inc. – Recovery Services Program Proposal

Grezeszak motions to approve Alcona Citizens for Health, Inc.'s Recovery Services Program proposal in the amount of $2,700.00 and Hardy seconds.

Carried on the following roll call: Ayes: Carruthers-Soboleski, Grezeszak, Rogalski, and Hardy. Nays: None. Absent: Fetrow. Vacant: None.

Wellvance – Sustaining Recovery: Workforce Development Through CADC and CAADC Credentialing

These are important credentials. There is a huge deficit in the Northeastern region. Rogalski motions to approve Wellvance's Sustaining Recovery: Workforce Development Through CADC and CAADC Credentialing in the total amount of $36,630.00 and Grezeszak seconds.

Carried on the following roll call: Ayes: Carruthers-Soboleski, Grezeszak, Rogalski, and Hardy. Nays: None. Absent: Fetrow. Vacant: None.

Wellvance – Recovery Oasis Harm Reduction Proposal

This is an existing program that is similar to District Health Department #2.

Hardy motions not to fund Wellvance's Recovery and Harm Reduction proposal and Carruthers-Soboleski seconds.

Carried on the following roll call: Ayes: Carruthers-Soboleski, Grezeszak, Rogalski, and Hardy. Nays: None. Absent: Fetrow. Vacant: None.

District Health Department #2 – Expand Harm Reduction Services and Community Health Worker Support

Carruthers-Soboleski motions to partially fund the requested amount of $49,654.51 and not fund the media campaign and learning sessions and Grezeszak seconds.

Carried on the following roll call: Ayes: Carruthers-Soboleski, Grezeszak, Rogalski, and Hardy. Nays: None. Absent: Fetrow. Vacant: None.

Next Steps and Set Next Meeting Date

- All proposals that have been approved need to go to the Iosco County Board of Commissioner for approval pending contract negotiations.
- Facilitate meeting between Health Management Associates, Wellvance, and the Sheriff's Department to work on one complete proposal.
- The committee can amend the budget if needed.
- Set metrics for contracts.

Comments of Opioid Litigation Settlement Fund Committee Members

None.

Administrative Report

- Attorney General reporting has been sent.
- MAC can help with reporting.

Adjournment

Grezeszak motions to adjourn and Rogalski seconds. All ayes; motion carried.
The business for the day having been addressed, the regular meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. February 23, 2026.

Respectfully:

Kathleen Murphy
Board Secretary/Housing Director