

Opioid Overview

- Year in Review –
 - A website was created and can be found at: <https://www.co.beltrami.mn.us/services/public-health/>
 - Anne Lindseth, Health and Human Services Director and Amy Bowles, Public Health Director reached out to all city councils in Beltrami County offering an informational presentation regarding the opioid settlement funds. Presentations were provided during the July 3, 2023 meeting for Bemidji and July 17 for Kelliher. These presentations were designed to share information regarding the settlement dollars and discuss the creation of a steering committee.
 - Formation of the Steering Committee – A request for steering committee members was released publicly. Interested individuals were asked to submit a letter of interest. Applications were accepted for submission from July 21 through August 11, 2023.

- Based on the letters of interest received the following individuals were selected and approved by the Beltrami County Board of Commissioners.

-Anne Lindseth, HHS Director	-Selena Beasley, Red Lake Chemical Health
-Jason Riggs, Beltrami County Sheriff	-Melinda Broden, LADC and Army Veteran
-Jeff Lind, Social Service Division Director	-Joseph Beaudreau, Lead Peer Recovery Support Specialist
-Carissa Golden, Child Protection Intake Manager	-Jennifer Greenleaf, NWICDC
-Captain Joe Kleszyk, Beltrami County Sheriff	-Captain David LaZella, Bemidji Police Department
-Amanda Sachau, RESET Coordinator	-Jenny Vance, Face It Together
-Joe Gould, County Commissioner	-Co-Chair Monica Thul, Public Health Program Manager
-David Hanson, Beltrami County Attorney	-Co-Chair and Chief Strategist Amy Bowles, Public Health Director and Community Health Services Administrator
-Dr. Joseph Corser, Sanford Health	

- A list of all committee meeting minutes can be found at <https://www.co.beltrami.mn.us/services/public-health/opioid-steering-committee/>

- Quarterly updates have been published in the Beltrami County Newsletter.
- Community Learning Sessions – the Committee hosted two opportunities for community members to share ideas on how the funds could be used. The Steering Committee hosted one session at Beltrami Electric and a second one at the Blackduck golf course in the fall of 2023.
- Hosted MDH Epidemiologist, Sara Lovette, at the November 21 County Board meeting to share opioid information and statistics for our region.
- Opioid settlement funded school support was offered to all Beltrami County schools and learning centers.
 - Training was completed at Blackduck, Schoolcraft, Treknorth, Concordia language village and Evergreen Youth and Family Services.
- Request for Proposals – An RFP was approved by the Beltrami County Board on January 16 and released January 17, 2024.

- RFP responses were reviewed by the committee in March, presented at the April 16 board meeting, and contracts signed and approved by the Beltrami County Board July 2, 2024 to awarded agencies.
- Selected applicants include:
 - NWICDC
 - Stellher Human Services
 - Northhomes
 - Village of Hope
 - Beltrami County Drug Court.
- Next Steps –
 - Host next set of community learning sessions in fall 2024
 - Create a community resource tab on the Opioid Steering Committee website.
 - Launch a Substance Use Disorder Campaign.
 - Invite Awardees to Committee Meetings and County Board meetings.
 - Release next RFP January 2025
 - Committee will continue to meet and bring ideas to the Board on allowed allocation of opioid dollars.