

South Carolina Opioid Recovery Fund Board Meeting
June 11, 2025
Room 415 – Edgar A. Brown Building
Columbia, SC 29201

Call to Order

Board Chair Eric Bedingfield called the Board of Directors Meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

Board Members Present: Chair Eric Bedingfield, Vice Chair Aditi Bussells, Ph.D, Toby Chappell, Steven Donaldson, Hon. H. Bruce Williams, Dr. Jared Stone, and Martine Helou-Allen present via Zoom.

Excused Absences: Gary Mixon and Lisa Montgomery

Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

A motion to approve the minutes from the March 5, 2025 SCORF Board Meeting and March 26, 2025 SCORF Board meeting via Zoom was made by Dr. Bussells and seconded by Mr. Chappell, all ayes, minutes approved m/c unanimous.

Minutes Correction

Board Chair Bedingfield presented an issue with previous minutes from the December 18, 2024 meeting, stating that a clerical error needed to be corrected, and asked for a motion to reconsider those minutes. Motion to reconsider by Hon. H. Williams, m/c unanimous. Chair Bedingfield explained the error was regarding the discussion about the full capitol investment guideline, and the cost of the buildings was recorded in error at \$2 a foot. The correct amount is \$200 a foot. A motion to correct this clerical error to state \$200 a foot was made by Hon. H. Williams and seconded by Mr. Chappell, m/c unanimous. A motion to approve the minutes as amended was made by Mr. Donaldson and seconded by Hon. H. Williams, m/c unanimous.

Attorney General's Office Report

Jared Libet, Assistant Attorney General, reported that on April 15th SCORF received the 2025 payment from Walgreens which was a little over \$4 million . There are ten new national settlements, including the two with Purdue Pharma and the Sackler family, which is a 7.4 billion dollar total settlement. The anticipated recovery for South Carolina is \$72.8 million over 15 years along with strong injunctive relief. This settlement is a base and incentive structure, so 100% participation from all of the cities and counties is desired. The State has approved the settlement, and is currently in the Purdue's first window of measuring participation. It will then go to the counties, and they will have 90 days to do their sign-ons. The first payment is anticipated in the early part of 2026. The other eight national settlements are with small opioid manufacturers—Alvogen, Amneal, Apotex, Hikma, Indivior, Mylan, Sun, and Zydus. These should all be

paid within a year and will result in about \$10 million for South Carolina over ten years with the bulk of funds disbursed in the first year.

At the end of 2025, political subdivisions that have not been requested and approved funds allocated in 2022 will be required, as per the settlement agreement to transfer their GPS funds to the Discretionary Subfund.

SCORF staff has informed political subdivisions of this requirement by posting this information on the SCORF website for a period of time now, announcing in the monthly SCORF Coffee Chat Zoom meetings, and contacting all counties several times, with some counties reaching out to Staff for technical assistance for the next round of applications. The Board offered assistance with reaching out to the Municipal Association of Counties to ensure participation.

Fund Financial Report

Denise Carraway, SFAA Director of Budget and Finance, presented the Statement of Financial Activities to the Board. (Attached) The Auditor's office is currently going over financial statements from the last fiscal year and conducting interviews to compile their report. There were no questions from the Board about the fund financial report.

SFAA Administrative Report

Alana Williams, SFAA Director of Strategic Initiatives, reported that the refreshed SCORF website went live and the feedback has been very positive. Ms. Williams thanked SFAA IT staff for their work and noted that this new website will allow SCORF Staff to quickly make adjustments to the website. Testing of the new grant management system is now complete, and the new system was demonstrated to applicants last Friday during the SCORF Coffee Chat Zoom. Plans are in place to have the system available for the next round of GPS applications which open on July 3rd, with training sessions offered and step-by-step instructions to be posted. This system will allow Staff on the back end to quickly gather data, generate reports, and better gauge how the funds are being spent. The Board commented that the Zoom session was well attended, and Staff did a great job of demonstrating the new grant management system and giving technical assistance to applicants.

Chairman's Report

Board Chair Eric Bedingfield reported that he participated in an interview with the auditor. Some Board members travelled to Nashville for the Rx Summit, and it was a productive trip. The SC Opioid Summit wants to bring some of the presenters from the Rx Summit to present at the SC Opioid Summit. Ms. Helou-Allen added that it was enlightening to learn about the work that other states are accomplishing as well as South Carolina.

New Business

A. **Off-cycle Naloxone Request.** Staff informed the Board that DPH has stopped their no cost Naloxone program, which is where SCORF has been directing GPS for naloxone. Board members discussed at the last meeting the need for community access to naloxone when they need it versus waiting for the open window for applications. Staff sent the Board a draft Off-cycle Naloxone request form that GPS can submit to SCORF Staff for approval to quickly access Naloxone and distribute it to the community. The Board discussed decided not to add a cap, and that this request was acceptable since the funds are coming from their own GPS. A motion to approve this proposed process for off-cycle Naloxone requests with the understanding that Staff will be approving these requests was made by Mr. Donaldson and seconded by Mr. Chappell, Off-cycle Naloxone request approved m/c unanimous.

B. **GPS Application Review.** Chair Bedingfield began the GPS application review before the Board.

1. **Aiken County.** This application requests \$771,254.56 in project budget, \$140,544.95 in carry over, and \$13,746.96 in interest for a total request in the amount of \$630,709.61 for several project initiatives.

- Aiken County Government will continue to subcontract with the County's 301 system authority, Aiken Center, for expansion of recovery services, treatment services, warm handoff initiatives and recovery services for detainees within the Aiken County Detention Center (ACDC), with an increased emphasis on on-site Peer Support and Treatment services being delivered to detainees and coordinated Scholarships for inpatient treatment and recovery support services upon release.
- Requesting I-Gel airway clearing equipment to assist with Overdose Response Care..
- Aiken will continue contract with the Courage Center utilizing one FT CPSS, to expand Harm Reduction and naloxone distribution efforts across the county.
 - Provide and manage naloxone vending machine in the public lobby of the Aiken Barnwell Mental Health Center (ABMHC).
 - Officer Jermaine Galloway, AKA "Tall Cop," educational presentation will provide the most up-to-date information on emerging drug threats and insights into community strategies for addressing the challenges.

The Board discussed the request for the I-Gel and determined that it is not specifically on the approved list, but it is a newer request. Dr. Stone explained that this is a basic airway device that is used to try to help maintain adequate breathing, oxygenation, and ventilation for people who are not able to do that well on their own. It is a blind insertion device, meaning that expertise is not required to use it, and first responders and people with basic medical training can insert the device. The Board discussed whether this device is primarily opioid related for purposes in consistency for approval of devices and reviewed fire department call data. Mr. Chappell made a motion to strike the I-Gel airway device from the application. Mr. Donaldson suggested funding a

portion of the device based on historical data. Amended motion to approve this application, funding 20% of the cost of the I-Gel device, for a total amount approved of \$621,297.53 was made by Mr. Donaldson and seconded by Ms. Helou-Allen, m/c unanimous.

2. **Anderson County.** This application requests \$621,647 in project budget, \$471,442 in carry over, and \$7,165 in interest for a total request in the amount of \$143,000. Anderson County seeks funding for several initiatives:

- continue residential treatment facilities for women through Love Well's Residential Center Program.
- Crossway Counseling Services has partnered with three recovery/treatment residential programs (Shalom, Bridge Center and Love Well) in Anderson County offering counseling to residents.
- continue services provided by FAVOR Upstate at AnMed Medical Center. AnMed and FAVOR have established a successful working relationship wherein FAVOR provides AnMed with two on-call Certified Peer Support Specialists (CPSS). These Specialists provide peer coaching services within the hospital, referral to services, and outreach to individuals after discharge.
- support general community services offered by FAVOR Upstate to all Anderson County citizens that are affected by substance use disorder, including friends and families of those affected who are in need of support.

Motion to approve application in the total amount of \$143,000 by Mr. Donaldson and seconded by Dr. Stone, m/c unanimous.

3. **Beaufort County.** This application requests \$641,092 in project budget, \$124,638 in carry over, and \$8,291 in interest for a total request in the amount of \$508,163. Mr. Donaldson recused himself from discussion. Beaufort County seeks funds for several initiatives:

- continue maintaining the availability of naloxone to citizens leaving detention, at libraries, through community distribution events in "hot spots" identified through the coroner and ODMAP, and at the Beaufort County Human Services building.
- Continue employing a SCORF-funded MAT Coordinator/Counselor who will adopt a partially community-based role including expanding telehealth appointment offerings, and collaborating with Beaufort County libraries to establish telehealth sites.
- Continue SCORF counselor working with inmates to conduct assessments, provide evidence-based substance use education using the "approved" Change Company materials in 10-week cycles for gender-specific groups, and train detainees on naloxone usage. Additionally, the Peer Support Specialist will deliver individual WRAP training to all detainees eligible for ASAM Level 1 services and facilitate warm hand-offs to other treatment providers and community resources to support reentry transitions, as appropriate.

- Continue the SCORF-funded Opioid Prevention Coordinator role to provide evidence-based program guidance for substance use prevention education in schools, designated “hot spot” areas throughout Beaufort County, and through social media campaigns.
- TopPlex test kits and enhancing advanced testing capabilities for previously approved Randox toxicology machine.
- Continue outfitting the mobile outreach vehicle with Deterra drug disposal bags to support giveaways at community events led by the Prevention Outreach Coordinator. The rest of the Prevention Department will also distribute these essential items during National DEA Prescription Drug Take Back days and naloxone training events.
- Nexus Care of Beaufort County plans to continue running media campaigns on platforms that provide evidence-based resources and information.
- Contract with USC-Aiken's Applied Research and Evaluation Department in the Arnold School of Public Health to assist Beaufort County with a county needs assessment for future planning and more efficient utilization of funds.

Ms. Helou-Allen presented a concern about this group's request for hiring outside technical assistance for implementation of community programming regarding due diligence in encouraging groups to reach out to the Center of Excellence for help with this, which is already funded by SCORF. Staff responded that the Center would not go as in depth as this group is requesting. Motion to approve this application in the total amount of \$508,163 by Mr. Chappell and seconded by Vice Chair Bussells, m/c unanimous.

4. **Charleston County.** This application requests \$846,676 in project budget, \$382,231 in carry over, and no interest for a total request in the amount of \$464,445. The application requests funding for the following:

- Make naloxone available in all areas of Charleston County, expanding the project of hanging NaloxBoxes in key areas around the county for overdose emergencies in public places.
- Working with Sullivan's Island Police Department to equip patrol vehicles with lifesaving equipment.
- Automated External Defibrillators for incidents involving opioid related emergencies. This item is on the unallowable list.
- Charleston County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) requests a Critical Incident Management System (CIMS) and will manage and hold the license for the Critical Incident Management System (CIMS), which is designed to centralize emergency response coordination within the County.
- The Charleston County Coroner's Office is requesting funds to cover the cost of the toxicology interface feature in the coroner's case management system (MDILog); this feature allows for rapid and standardized transmission of information from the

toxicology laboratory to the coroner's case management system, decreasing turnaround time.

- The CCSO Opioid Outreach Coordinator will provide prevention services during post-overdose outreach, including the distribution of harm reduction supplies, and will provide wrap-around support for treatment, recovery, housing, transportation, and job placement.
- The Charleston County Sheriff's Office will hire an Opioid Community Outreach Coordinator.
- The Charleston County Coroner's Office is requesting funds to pay for emerging CT scanning capacity for all suspected opioid overdoses. CT technology is an adjunct to traditional autopsy and is proven to reveal internal pathophysiological findings not detectable with just traditional autopsy, especially in drug poisoning deaths.

The Board discussed the request for CT scans and whether it was needed and opioid specific, with Chair Bedingfield stating that since waiting a long time for autopsy results is agonizing for families, this request for this scanning that could reduce that wait time is understandable. Dr. Stone commented that this would give better data which results in better prevention. It was noted that this request is for a CT scan service, and not for purchasing CT equipment. The Board discussed the request for AEDs, CIMS, and wound care kits regarding whether these requests were opioid-specific. Motion to approve this application, severing the requests for AED and wound care supplies, for a total amount approved of \$433,945 by Vice Chair Bussells and seconded by Mr. Chappell, m/c unanimous.

5. **Cherokee County.** This application requests \$446,216 in project budget with no carry over or interest for a total request in the amount of \$446,216 Cherokee County requests funds for the following initiatives:

- CCCADA to implement an automated reminder and outreach system to improve attendance and engagement in outpatient counseling services. The system will send appointment reminders via text, voice, and email, allow clients to confirm or reschedule, and notify staff of urgent replies.
- CCCADA will train six current counselors and two peer support specialists (to enhance their ability to treat individuals with opioid use disorders using evidence-based practices.
- Cherokee County EMS, in collaboration with Thorne Ambulance Service (TAS), will create a comprehensive community paramedicine initiative including the purchase of a dedicated, branded transport van, the hiring of two part-time drivers, and the addition of a part-time administrative staff member to coordinate transportation scheduling. This transportation service will operate primarily for individuals diagnosed with or at risk for opioid use disorder (OUD), and the van will be used exclusively for transporting individuals to and from treatment-related services.

- Cherokee County will expand its Peer Support Program by funding two dedicated positions—one full-time and one part-time— to serve individuals with opioid use disorder (OUD) and those at risk for developing OUD throughout the community. These Peer Support Specialists will work across multiple settings, including outpatient services, correctional reentry coordination, and overdose follow-up efforts.
- Cherokee County will fund a full-time counselor to split their time between agency responsibilities and providing school-based early intervention services.
- Cherokee County will hire a full-time counselor to expand clinical capacity for individuals at risk for or diagnosed with opioid use disorder (OUD) who are not currently enrolled in CCCADA's SOR-funded MAT program.
- CCCADA will purchase one small, fuel-efficient vehicle to transport clients to inpatient treatment facilities located outside of Cherokee County when local transportation resources are unavailable, and to enable peer recovery specialists to provide transportation for clients to community-based recovery activities such as recovery meetings when county transportation does not cover these services.

The Board discussed this group's request for naloxone, reimbursements for medical bills, fringe, and the role of the community paramedic as related to opioid abatement. Motion to approve this application as presented in the total amount of \$446,216, contingent upon receiving a certification from Cherokee County that the community paramedic will be for primarily opioid related issues, along with addressing any mathematical issues with fringe benefits, by Mr. Chappell and seconded by Mr. Donaldson, m/c unanimous.

6. **The City of Columbia.** This application requests \$338,457 in project budget with no carry over. Dr. Bussells recused herself from discussion The City intends to address earned interest in the continuing applications for their existing awards next quarter. The City of Columbia requests funds for the following:

- a Program Case Manager that will work with each participant in the new Rapid Housing program. The case manager will be responsible for coordinating access and referrals to comprehensive wraparound services, including treatment and drug recovery support, employment opportunities, benefits enrollment, and other resources necessary for RH clients suffering from OUD to overcome other barriers to recovery.
- The City will implement a Housing First Model Rapid Rehousing for individuals with opioid use disorder. The program will provide 12 months of rental and utility assistance for participants in one-bedroom units leased through Reconciliation Ministries.
- The City will partner with Lyft to offer transportation for individuals enrolled in the program to access recovery-related services.

- Staff a RH Program Housing Navigator to develop partnerships with owners of housing resources to expand available housing to support chronically homeless individuals with or at risk of developing OUD.

The Board discussed this group's listed risk population including the language used in their application and whether it pertains to opioid abatement. Motion to approve this application as presented in the total amount of \$338,457, contingent upon Staff receiving clarification from the City of Columbia that the funds will go to 12-15 people experiencing OUD for rapid rehousing, by Chairman Bedingfield and seconded by Dr. Stone, m/c unanimous.

7. **The City of Easley.** This application requests \$437,250 with no carry over or interest for a total request in the amount of \$437,250. Ms. Helou-Allen recused herself from discussion. The City of Easley requests funds for the following initiatives:

- First Responders to complete advanced overdose response training to include, incorporating real-time simulation drills and updated protocols for fentanyl and polysubstance overdoses, provide refresher courses on recognizing non-traditional signs of overdose, and coping with repeated exposure to overdoses.
- Provide training and naloxone to families of those at risk, along with guidance on storing and using it safely.
- Train officers to leave behind naloxone kits Collaborate with pharmacies and hospitals to establish a referral pathway for uninsured residents to access naloxone. Partner with organizations already serving high-risk populations (e.g., homeless shelters, re-entry programs) to provide naloxone at point of service.
- Promote media campaigns such as Prevention Action Alliance or other opioid prevention campaigns, including social media, and traditional media like radio and billboards.
- Secure additional DEA-compliant medication drop boxes. Establish "Leave Behind" program and Train and implement pre-arrest diversion models such as Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion—LEAD, Angel programs, and Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative - PAARI.
- Three prevention officers and 3 vehicles to implement above programs.

The Board discussed the role of the prevention officers as related to opioid abatement and decided that more clarification was needed with a new application. Motion to deny this application by Mr. Chappell and seconded by Mr. Donaldson, m/c unanimous.

8. **Edgefield County.** This application requests \$171,350 in project budget, with no carry over or interest, for a total request in the amount of \$171,350. Edgefield County EMS seeks funding to:

- Utilize a Community Outreach Paramedic (COP) to schedule and provide in-person training all county first responders, local schools, church groups, local support groups, and individuals seeking training on the use of naloxone.
- EMS will provide naloxone to the community at no cost for those who are uninsured at public events and health fairs.
- Edgefield County EMS will provide patient follow up for overdose calls in the county within a 24-hour period after the initial 911 call.

Motion to approve this application in the total amount of \$171,350 by Mr. Chappell and seconded by Ms. Helou-Allen, m/c unanimous.

9. **The City of Goose Creek.** This application requests \$159,941 in project budget, with no carry over or interest, for a total request of \$159,941. The City of Goose Creek requests funds to support the Police Assisted Social Worker Program and information sharing among law enforcement and treatment providers in Berkeley County. The intention of this program is to connect recent overdose survivors with pathways to recovery. The project will develop an evaluation component using the Sequential Intercept Model that will assist city of Goose Creek and partnering agencies of Berkeley County in collecting and analyzing aggregate data to inform policy and program changes. The evaluation will also assist in understanding the scope of the opioid crisis in the City of Goose Creek and Berkeley County, and with developing a system for collecting real-time data to support follow-up efforts. Motion to approve application in the total amount of \$159,941 by Mr. Donaldson and seconded by Chairman Bedingfield, m/c unanimous.

10. **Georgetown County.** This application requests \$545,199 in project budget, with no carry over or interest, for a total request of \$545,199. Georgetown County requests funds for the following:

- to hire someone to lead the development and implementation of a comprehensive data dashboard.
- ACCESS FAVOR will hire a dedicated Licensed Social Worker (LMSW) to lead and oversee the expansion of a comprehensive system to support people with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH in treatment and recovery. The social worker will manage the overall coordination of services, ensuring a full continuum of care from initial engagement to sustained recovery.
- Georgetown County will collaborate with Horry County, which currently offers resources not yet available in Georgetown County. A Certified Peer Support Specialist will also be hired to support the efforts of the collaborative and ensure that participants receive comprehensive case management and wrap-around services.
- ACCESS FAVOR will launch a comprehensive, multi-platform marketing and public education campaign. A central component of this campaign will be the development

of a user-friendly, searchable online resource directory of community-based services
A full-time Marketing and Engagement Director (MED) will be hired to lead these efforts.

- Georgetown County will expand access to recovery and supportive housing options by providing housing and transportation scholarships to participants.

The board discussed mathematical inconsistencies regarding a salary on the application. Motion to approve this application as presented in the total amount of \$545,199, contingent on receiving clarification regarding the salary, by Mr. Donaldson and seconded by Mr. Chappell, m/c unanimous.

11. **The City of Georgetown.** This application requests \$76,128 in project budget, \$35,880 in carry over, and \$1,597.84 in interest for a total request in the amount of \$38,650.16. The City of Georgetown requests funds to create a long-term partnership in Georgetown through re-engaging the Winyah Health And Safety Partnership (WHASP) group and aligning with other active community groups. The social media platforms of Instagram and Facebook will be used to demonstrate the collaboration between the existing groups to target and reduce the problems associated with the misuse of opioid drugs and medications. Community Engagement Specialist (CES) will develop a podcast series to deliver and provide information to the community. Community Engagement Specialist will assist City of Georgetown first responders to receive additional training and supplies necessary to reduce the occurrence of opioid overdoses and the fatality rate of the overdoses. There will be efforts to add to drug take back sites within City limits and promote 4 drug take back events over the course of the year. The engagement specialist will coordinate the delivery of Community Conversation sessions to the residents and stakeholders to the City of Georgetown through community meetings. The Community conversation curriculum is designed to reduce stigma and educate individuals on how opioid abuse affects individuals. Motion to approve this application in the total amount of \$38,650.16 by Chairman Bedingfeild and seconded by Ms. Helou-Allen, m/c unanimous.

12. **Greenwood County.** This application requests \$285,928.42 in project budget with no carry over or interest for a total request in the amount of \$285,928.42. Mr. Chappell recused himself from the discussion. Greenwood County requests funds for supporting mobile units that offer or provide referrals to harm reduction services, treatment, recovery supports, health care, or other appropriate services. Funding for media campaigns to prevent opioid use. Provide education to school-based and youth-focused programs that discourage or prevent misuse. Support the work of Emergency Medical Systems, including peer support specialists, to connect individuals to treatment or other appropriate services following an opioid overdose or other opioid-related adverse event. The board discussed this group's interest reporting, and Staff confirmed that Greenwood County will have \$4,785.40 in interest deducted from their application. Motion to approve this application, minus \$4,785.40 in interest, for a total

amount approved of \$281,143.02 by Chairman Bedingfeild and seconded by Mr. Donaldson, m/c unanimous.

13. **The City of Greer.** This application requests \$399,994 in project budget with no carry over or interest for a total request in the amount of \$399,994. The Forrester Center is requesting funds for 2 additional peer coaches to serve as Screening Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) advisors at the Pelham Campus of Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System (SRHS). They will engage patients in the Emergency Center (EC) and facilitate immediate transfer of care to the MAT clinic. The Board discussed unanswered questions that were submitted to this group along with sustainability year over year with non allowables requested in the application. Staff will reach out to this group to make them aware of the non allowables list and to address sustainability. Motion to deny this application by Mr. Donaldson and seconded by Dr. Bussells, m/c unanimous.

14. **Greenville County.** This application requests \$4,075,635 in project budget, \$23,295 in carry over, and no interest for a total request in the amount of \$4,052,340. Chair Bedingfield recused himself from discussion. Greenville County requests funds for the following initiatives:
 - Belmont Fire Department and Canebrake Fire Department to enroll 45 firefighters in the Furman University Operational Readiness for First Responders training program including the latest knowledge and skills necessary to respond to opioid-related incidents.
 - naloxone education and distribution.
 - Phoenix Center (PC) and FAVOR Upstate (FU) will streamline and facilitate patient/client entrance into appropriate services through navigation support.
 - Phoenix Center will expand services in prenatal clinics and other locations where pregnant/postpartum women (PPW) struggling with OUD may be found.
 - Phoenix Center will provide services to incarcerated or recently released juveniles and adults, including links to treatment and recovery and social services.
 - FAVOR Upstate will increase access to effective peer support (PSS), recovery support services (RSS), and family support services through scheduled outreach events; provide formal, monthly community education.
 - Phoenix Center and FAVOR Upstate will collaborate to expand current prevention and outreach services. Services will be targeted to middle and high school students and their families.
 - Challenges will provide harm reduction services, including syringe services, naloxone distribution, fentanyl test strips, and education.
 - Opioid Recovery Fund Project Data, Research, and Evaluation Coordinators are responsible for program implementation and coordination across agencies. This

includes data collection and management, administrative and/or clinical supervision of staff as assigned, community presentations/training, and report preparation.

All questions were addressed and resolved by Greenville County. Motion to approve this application in the total amount of \$4,052,340 by Mr. Donaldson and seconded by Mr. Chappell, m/c unanimous.

15. **The City of Greenville.** This application requests \$637,013 in project budget, \$232,222 in carry over, and \$30,167.45 in interest for a total request in the amount of \$374,623.55. Chair Bedingfield recused himself from discussion. The City of Greenville requests funds for the Greenville County Fire Department to extend the Program Coordinator (sworn fire, NREMT Paramedic) position to maintain community partner relationships, continue 911 response to overdoses, continue patient follow-up visits, continue providing education and outreach, and to further develop and expand the program. The board discussed the extension of the program coordinator position and the level of effort for the data analyst position as well as the math regarding their salary and fringe. Motion to approve this application as presented in the total amount of \$374,623.55, with fringe calculations adjusted, by Mr. Chappell and seconded by Mr. Donaldson, m/c unanimous.

16. **Hampton County.** This application requests \$71,788 in project budget, \$12,260 in carry over, and \$10.65 in interest for a total request in the amount of \$59,517.35. A Program Coordinator will lead Hampton County's opioid prevention efforts by: designing and delivering targeted prevention programs in schools, community centers, and faith-based organizations that educate youth, families, and vulnerable populations on the risks of opioid use and pathways to resilience; facilitating training for educators, coaches, and youth mentors using evidence-based curricula such as Strengthening Families 10–14, Botvin LifeSkills, or Too Good for Drugs; coordinating naloxone distribution and harm reduction awareness campaigns, including community demonstrations and information sessions; establishing collaborative prevention coalitions across public health, law enforcement, and local government sectors to create a unified response to youth opioid prevention; monitoring prevention program outcomes through attendance tracking, pre/post surveys, and youth substance use trend data. Motion to approve application in the total amount of \$59,517.35 by Mr. Chappell and seconded by Mr. Donaldson, m/c unanimous.

17. **Horry County.** This application requests \$167,300.35 in project budget, no carry over, and \$14,060.98 in interest for total request in the amount of \$153,539.37. Horry County seeks to continue a peer support coordinator for the development of an enhanced, trauma-based Public Safety EAP to address the unique needs of first responders. Horry County also requests an additional year of support for the Counselor position for the Drug Court Program. Motion to approve application in the total amount of \$153,539.37 by Mr. Chappell and seconded by Ms. Helou-Allen, m/c unanimous.

18. Horry County joint application with The City of North Myrtle Beach and The City of Conway.

This is the first application for The City of Conway and The City of North Myrtle Beach. This application requests \$757,378.95 in project budget, \$304,423.92 in carry over, and no interest for a total request in the amount of \$490,824.58. GPS funds are requested as follows: The City of Conway \$125,695.11, The City of North Myrtle Beach \$306,417.11, and Horry County \$58,712.36. In 2024, the City of Conway, City of North Myrtle Beach, City of Myrtle Beach, and Horry County Government participated in the South Carolina Opioid Recovery Fund (SCORF) Opioid Remediation Planning Program resulting in a regional community needs assessment and master action plan. As recommended, Horry County Government will create a Behavioral Services Department funded in conjunction with the other three participating jurisdictional partners using associated SCORF funds. The immediate purpose of this department will be to serve as a central point of oversight for SCORF-funded activities and initiatives. Funds will also be used for the Tri city/county project to continue and expand a dedicated unit of appropriately-credentialed Civilian Crisis Intervention Counselors who have the training to make appropriate referrals in calls involving suspected OUD and/or co-occurring SUDs, instead of remanding individuals to custody, or leaving individuals at the emergency room,. Request to continue positions and add two additional CIT Civilian Counselor positions. The Board discussed the conference cap amount of \$2,500, mileage costs for travel, and the Director salary for behavioral services. Motion to approve joint application, severing the request for mileage, for total approved amounts as follows: Horry County \$54,735.38, The City of North Myrtle Beach \$306,417.11, and The City of Conway \$125,695.11, by Mr. Chappell and seconded by Ms. Helou-Allen, m/c unanimous.

19. Jasper County. This application requests \$110,000 in project budget and \$110,000 in carry over with no interest, for a total request in the amount of \$0. Media Campaign: "One Pill Can Kill" hyper local messaging; messaging utilizing families of local Jasper County residents who have lost their children to the opioid crisis; general targeted outreach to various cohort groups. Motion to approve application in the total amount of \$110,000 by Dr. Stone and seconded by Chair Bedingfield, m/c unanimous.

20. Laurens County. This application requests \$1,900,000 in project budget, no carry over or interest for a total request in the amount of \$1,900,000. Recusal by Chairman Bedingfield. This is Laurens County's first application. Laurens County in partnership with PlaySafe proposes the implementation of a comprehensive, county-wide opioid misuse prevention initiative. The Board discussed PlaySafe's approval in previous years, noting that PlaySafe is an organization that provides sports medicine services to athletes which are predominately high school athletes that includes an already developed curriculum called PlaySmart. Discussion regarding

how PlaySafe's program relates to opioid prevention and the budget's extremely high costs compared to other programs, along with their messaging and billboards, and lack of budget clarification for expenses that seem unreasonable. Motion to deny by Mr. Donaldson and seconded by Ms. Helou-Allen. Mr. Chappell suggested asking the Playsafe CEO to address issues and questions because this group is seeking a lot of millions of dollars across a lot of counties without much detail. The Board decided to table all PlaySafe applications and readdress once clarification is received from this group. Motion to table all PlaySafe applications pending a clarification presentation from PlaySafe regarding their budget and expenses, which includes Laurens, Richland, Oconee, Pickens, and Anderson Counties, by Vice Chair Bussells and seconded by Mr. Chappell, m/c unanimous.

21. **Lexington County.** This application requests \$1,113,966 in project budget, \$4,836.62 in carry over, and no interest for a total request in the amount of \$1,109,129.38. Dr. Stone recused himself from discussion. Lexington County requests funds for the following:

- **LRADAC, \$374,766.** LRADAC is the alcohol and drug abuse authority in the county. This funding will help LRADAC expand a person-centered engagement approach. Case managers will conduct engagement activities with prospective and enrolled patients 24 hours per day, seven days per week, attending community events; spending time onsite with community partners (i.e. Lexington Medical Center; Courage Center; Lexington EMS; LCDC; Lexington Sheriff's Department; Lexington Police; West Columbia Police Department); partnering with Lexington EMS and Uplift Lexington to engage identified high utilizers of emergency services; and visiting sites known to house homeless persons to help individuals navigate and overcome barriers preventing engagement in and completion of treatment goals.
- **The Courage Center (TCC) \$564,500.** Provide treatment of trauma for individuals with OUD (e.g., violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, or adverse childhood experiences) and family members (e.g., surviving family members after an overdose or overdose fatality), and training of health care personnel to identify and address such trauma. Previously supported with SCORF funding, TCC is seeking to continue the peer support specialists' direct recovery services to individuals while they are incarcerated, and directly serving individuals on probation or parole through specialized peer support programming. TCC will continue the deployment of on-call peer support specialists who partner with the emergency department medical and social work staff at Lexington Medical Center to provide warm hand-offs and immediate support to individuals following opioid-related emergencies or overdoses. TCC will offer (4) Peer Support training classes per year at TCC facilities to increase the number of Certified Peer Support specialists at both TCC and the Midlands.
- **Lexington County Coroner's Office, \$174,700.** The Lexington County Coroner's office is requesting part time personnel for an Opioid Prevention and Training Program, focusing on those struggling with OUD and their families as well as presenting to school children, at churches and community events. They are also requesting a

dedicated program vehicle for the employee to use. The Coroner is also proposing to launch a billboard campaign with opioid prevention messages. Motion to approve application in the total amount of \$1,109,129.38 by Mr. Chappell and seconded by Vice Chair Bussells, m/c unanimous.

22. **Lexington County joint application with City of Cayce.** This application requests \$309,000 in project budget with no carry over or interest for a total request in the amount of \$309,000. Authorization and line item severability are provided. Therapeutic Equine Activities (TEA): Request is to support the expansion, enhancement, and to provide a higher level of equipment and service of on-going City of Cayce equine projects, expanding to service outside the city into Lexington County. There have been additional inquiries and requests for services that the Muffin Care program cannot accommodate (more time with the horses. Requested funding will lead to the expansion of the Therapeutic Equine Activities (TEA) program. The City of Cayce Fire Department has worked with The Courage Center to expand the equine programs into Lexington County. Mr. Donaldson informed the board that this is not a training but rather a certification necessary for the existence of the program itself and recommended that the board approve the certification expense for equine therapy. The board also discussed the sustainability of the program moving forward. Motion to approve application in the total amount of \$309,000 by Mr. Donaldson and seconded by Chairman Bedingfield m/c unanimous.
23. **Lexington County joint application with Town of Lexington.** This application requests \$432,000 in project budget, with no carry over or interest for a total request in the amount of \$432,000. Authorization and line item severability are provided. The County of Lexington is requesting to purchase a fully equipped mobile classroom RV. The mobile classroom will come equipped with tables, chairs, a ceiling-mounted screen, a ceiling-mounted projector, an outdoor television screen, and several other necessary pieces of equipment. The vehicle will be equipped with a generator to power the vehicle and the classroom when parked and in use. The opioid goggles activity system and opioid/overdose awareness videos will also be onboarded for use at schools and other events, with other opioid specific educational videos and activities to be added in the coming years. The vehicle will be marked on the outside with agency identifiers as well as multiple pieces of signage identifying it as a mobile opioid abatement education classroom. The mobile classroom is ADA accessible. Motion to approve application in the total amount of \$432,000 by Steve Donaldson and seconded by Dr. Bussells m/c unanimous.
24. **Town of Lexington.** This application requests \$56,873 in project budget, \$68,370.48 in carry over, \$143.66 in interest for a total request of \$0. The Town of Lexington still has \$11,641.14 in carry over. The Town of Lexington requests to use their funds to send 4 officers to Emerging Drug Trends training, for materials to increase awareness and presence at drug take back

trainings, and to purchase 'giveaway' items for community events with opioid messaging, with the intention to increase awareness in homes with families. Motion to approve application in the total amount of \$0, carrying over existing funds for a different program by Mr. Donaldson and seconded by Chair Bedingfield, m/c unanimous.

25. **Marlboro County.** This application requests \$46,000 with no carry over or interest for a total request in the amount of \$46,000. This request is to add a vehicle for the Sheriff's Department prevention specialist to implement the programming that was approved in the application from the last meeting MAL04012025. Motion to approve this application in the total amount of \$46,000 by Steve Donaldson and seconded by Vice Chair Bussells, m/c unanimous.

26. **Marion County.** This application requests \$555,974.12 in project budget, \$350,532.91 in carry over, and \$8,725.70 in interest for a total request in the amount of \$196,715.51. The treatment program will continue to provide care within the detention center with the goal of decreasing the recidivism rate and improving access to OUD treatment while incarcerated and the transition into Trinity's outpatient OUD and MAT services. Trinity Behavioral Care will continue a full time Counselor and Peer Support Specialist to provide screening, assessments, treatment plans, individual/and or group counseling, family education and provide appropriate evidence-based practices and recovery support services. Trinity Behavioral Care will continue with a prevention specialist and Marion Sheriff Office law enforcement prevention specialist to provide evidenced program within local schools and increase education dissemination into high-risk communities; along with naloxone distribution and community surveys. The Board discussed and clarified the total request amount. Motion to approve this application in the total amount of \$196,715.51 by Mr. Donaldson and seconded by Ms. Helou-Allen, m/c unanimous.

27. **The City of Myrtle Beach.** This application requests \$467,972.11 in project budget, \$25,000 in carry over, and \$1,283.29 in interest for a total request in the amount of \$441,688.82. This request is to continue project in place using three deflection centered pathways —Naloxone Plus, Community Response, and Self-Referral —to identify individuals at-risk of developing OUD/SUD within community. If willing, then utilize the warm hand-off strategy to initiate and guide individuals and their loved ones toward compassionate connections to care that best fit their needs. Request also to continue Certified Peer Support Specialists (Opioid Response Specialists) who respond directly to the scene of a suspected overdose or any other related crisis event and engage persons in the post overdose response program. Continue to distribute Naloxone and 'outreach kits' to at risk community members. Request to procure a web based, comprehensive case management system - Cordata. The Board discussed the requests for information from this group and Staff informed the Board that they could not provide the data

within the required time frame, requesting that the Board instead approve this application on the contingency that the data is provided by the end of the week. The Board discussed consistency with other applications that also did not provide the requested data within the required time frame. Motion to table this application by Vice Chair Bussells, all ayes, motion to table passed unanimously.

28. **The City of North Charleston.** This application requests \$213,168.40 in project budget, \$86,561.36 in carry over, and \$10,160.34 in interest for a total request in the amount of \$116,446.70. The City of North Charleston requests funds to enroll police officers in Overdose Lifeline training. t North Charleston Police Department's Opioid Coordinator will provide wrap-around services to individuals with SUD/MH and OUD, the City of North Charleston will host a conference for all first responders and hospital staff in the Charleston, Dorchester, Berkeley area to attend that is meant to provide support for first responders who have PTSD and/or secondary trauma after responding to opioid-related emergencies, hire a Co-Responder Mental Health Officer in partnership with South Carolina Department on Mental Health, and to continue to employ the City's Opioid Coordinator in the Police department, making sure she is fully equipped to manage and expand opioid abatement strategies and programs. The board discussed the requests for event speakers, outcome measures, the cost of Detera disposal pouches, and their answers to questions. The Board also discussed the purpose of the mental health officer and the need for a stronger connection to opioid abatement with more explicit language in their application. Motion to deny this application with a request to clarify and reapply by Mr. Chappell and seconded by Vice Chair Bussells, m/c unanimous.

29. **Newberry County EMS.** This application requests \$25,000 in project budget with no carry over or interest for a total request in the amount of \$25,000. Newberry County will contract with Berquist Recovery Consulting, LLC, to lead the development of a comprehensive Community Opioid Remediation Plan. This application is a Letter of Intent that was submitted in the form of an application. Motion to approve this application in the total amount of \$25,000 by Chairman Bedingfield and seconded by Vice Chair Bussells, m/c unanimous.

30. **Oconee County.** This application requests \$1,587,247 in project budget with no carry over or interest for a total request in the amount of \$1,587,247. This application offers line-item severability for the following proposed projects:

- **Oconee County, SC - \$245,442.** Oconee County requests to continue to fund the Opioid Response Coordinator who has conducted training programs, assisted with program management, purchased supplies, managed response initiatives and assisted Emergency Services with opioid-related events, as needed. The Opioid Response Coordinator serves as staff liaison for the Oconee County Opioid Response Task Force.

The Oconee County Sheriff's Office would like to purchase a custom-built trailer that is designed exclusively for the Pill-Takeback Program, equipped with high visibility signage, stocked with supplies, and features a one-of-a-kind, custom-designed secure storage area for medications that are turned in for disposal. The trailer will also feature custom designed "wrap" graphics which will serve to advertise the program with eye-catching graphics, as well as incorporate text meant to encourage the safe disposal of unused medications and the dangers of opioid misuse. Utilizing local media, Oconee County will launch three (3) campaigns over the course of a year. The media campaigns will correspond with times that first responders in Oconee County see higher numbers of opioid misuse and local initiatives. Motion to approve this application in the total amount of \$245,442 by Mr. Donaldson and seconded by Vice Chair Bussells, m/c unanimous.

- **City of Westminster, SC - \$91,923.** The City of Westminster will designate one, full-time community officer to oversee all community pill take-back events, distribution of Naloxone, opioid specific educational materials distribution and community outreach. The City requests an off-road vehicle to access hard to reach areas of the city – to distribute naloxone to homeless populations and for overdoses response. Furthermore, the City is requesting a truck to use for opioid community outreach, the transportation of pills and sharps for disposal and other opioid response/prevention purposes. Motion to approve this application in the total amount of \$91,923 by Mr. Donaldson and seconded by Ms. Helou-Allen, m/c unanimous.
- **City of Seneca, SC - \$50,000.** The City of Seneca requests funding to initiate localized secure medication drop boxes that are monitored at city-owned locations. The City of Seneca requests to purchase a vehicle for public education within the community. The vehicle would be a rolling billboard for opioid reduction and equipped with a disposal box. The vehicle would be used at all City of Seneca events to increase awareness. The City hosts over 75 events a year. The vehicle will also be utilized at schools for public education and the Seneca Police Department will provide materials and foster positive conversations between officers, students and staff about the negative effects of substance use. The City intends to utilize the vehicle to deliver naloxone to homeless encampments throughout the city and to help coordinate with non-profits to get individuals with OUD the help they need. Motion to approve this application in the total amount of \$50,000 by Mr. Donaldson and seconded by Ms. Helou-Allen, m/c unanimous.
- **PlaySafe - \$106,500.** PlaySafe requests to expanded services in Oconee County. The Opioid Addiction Awareness (OAA) program facilitates parental and student education, implements a more deliberate focus on student mental health, uses data collected on student-athletes self-reported use / misuse of drugs, and teaches students how to identify concerning behaviors in themselves and their peers. This application was tabled.

- **DAR Starlight Program - \$100,000.** The DAR Starlight Program is a residential recovery community for mothers with children, a licensed DSS Early Learning Center for infants to 4K students and an afterschool for elementary school students. Starlight offers a faith-infused, family-centered, therapeutic community with holistic, evidence-based, trauma-informed services. Funds are to offset costs and provide in residence treatment for mothers. Board discussion that request does not appear to be expanding capacity or growing the program, but just seeking funds to contribute to their salaries. Motion to approve this application, severing the personnel and non-personnel expenses and approving occupancy expenses, for a total approved amount of \$23,004 Mr. Donaldson and seconded by Ms. Helou-Allen, m/c unanimous.
- **Kingdom Over Culture - \$167,960.** Kingdom Over Culture provides wraparound treatment and recovery support services for women who suffer from opioid use disorder. Request is for a program director, program assistant, operational costs and a scholarship program. Motion to approve this application, severing the unallowable expenses for rent and insurance and appropriate administrative adjustments, for a total approved amount of \$142,880 by Mr. Donaldson and seconded by Dr. Bussells m/c unanimous.
- **FAVOR Upstate - \$87,665.** FAVOR seeks support for OUD education and awareness in Oconee County, as well as support for our Program Manager and Certified Peer Support Specialists to serve individuals living with OUD and their friends, families, employers, and others impacted by their OUD, with comprehensive Recovery Community Organization services. Request is for a program manager and recovery coach. Motion to approve this application in the total amount of \$87,665 by Dr. Bussell and seconded by Mr. Donaldson , m/c unanimous.
- **Magnolia House - \$182,532.** The Magnolia House OUD treatment program is based on the successful OARS model focused on using a clinical based approach to OUD recovery while addressing the issue of dual diagnosis treatment. Its primary focus will be serving women transitioning out of the Oconee County Detention center that have had a history of OUD or identified by our officer or first responder pre-incarceration screening protocol. Request is to support house manager and provide treatment for 60 women. Motion to approve this application in the total amount of \$182,532 by Mr. Donaldson and seconded by Dr. Bussells, m/c unanimous.
- **Giant Slayers Ministries - \$15,225.** Request is for public awareness events, a media campaign and materials for education and awareness in community. Motion to approve this application in the total amount of \$15,225 by Mr. Donaldson and seconded by Dr. Stone , m/c unanimous.
- **NOLA Network - \$164,186.** The NOLA Network Bridges program is dedicated to supporting individuals on their journey to recovery from opioid use disorder (OUD). The program is designed to provide comprehensive, compassionate, and evidence-based care to those in need. Bridge 1: Medication-Assisted Treatment, Bridge 2: Comprehensive Mental Health Support, Bridge 3: Support Groups and Family

Involvement, Bridge 4: Prevention and Education, Bridge 5: Harm Reduction and Emergency Response. Request is for staff, clinical director, coordinator, case manager and peer support, as well as MAT services and group counseling. Motion to approve this application in the total amount of \$164,186 by Mr. Donaldson and seconded by Dr. Stone, m/c unanimous.

- **United Way - \$106,575.** United Way is seeking funding to expand its 2-1-1 service to include an opioid database to connect people with help for opioid use disorder and follow up services. United Way would provide literature regarding adolescent drug prevention, resources for counseling and services, and referral systems and support services for families impacted by opioid-related issues and addictions. Funds are for a program coordinator, printed materials, referrals and connections to counseling services, and data collection. The Board discussed the need for clarification on the program coordinator position and counseling services and whether these are new or additional responsibilities. Motion to deny this application and get more information by Vice Chair Bussells and seconded by Dr. Stone,, m/c unanimous.
- **Christ Central Ministries (CCMO)/Oconee Addiction Recovery Solutions (OARS) - \$260,700.** CCMO is working closely in collaboration with the Oconee County Detention Center. Major project activities include: 1) jail in-reach; 2) harm reduction case management; 3) delivery of evidence-based treatments and services; 4) connections to aftercare, healthcare, and other social services. Funds are for salaries, curriculum, medication assessment and management and art therapy. Motion to approve this application in the total amount of \$260,700 by Mr. Donaldson and seconded by Dr. Bussells,, m/c unanimous.

31. **Pickens County.** This application requests \$389,500 in project budget with no carry over or interest for a total request in the amount of \$389,500. Pickens County requests funds as follows:

- **Behavioral Health Services of Pickens County (BHSPC)** requests a continuation of the project previously funded through SCORF funds for the upcoming year. BHSPC proposes to continue to employ one full-time master's level, licensed eligible, certified Addictions Clinician who can provide services to the incarcerated population. One full time Mental Health Clinician (employed through partnership with local Department of Mental Health) whose responsibilities will include crisis management, assessment, diagnosing, and coordinating with a local psychiatrist at Pickens Mental Health Clinic. A full time Case manager will be responsible for coordinating referrals for any needs the individual may have once released to include but not limited to housing, medical, social services, employment, and follow up care for OUD and MH services. This proposal will also include a full-time Peer Support Specialist (PSS) to be employed by BHSPC. The role of the Peer Support Specialist will be to provide peer support

services, referrals, and linkage to outside community resources prior to an individual being discharged from the detention center.

- **PlaySafe- \$110,000.** Recusal by Chairman Bedingfield. Pickens County, in partnership with PlaySafe, proposes the implementation of a countywide opioid misuse prevention initiative, PlaySmart. PlaySafe will implement evidence-informed prevention programming in partnership with local school districts and athletic programs. The board discussed this application and decided to table the PlaySafe portion along with the other tabled PlaySafe applications, and to make a decision today on the Behavioral Health Services portion. Motion to approve the Behavioral Health Services of Pickens County (BHSPC) application in the total amount of \$389,500 by Mr. Donaldson and seconded by Ms. Helou-Allen, m/c unanimous.

32. **The City of Rock Hill.** This application requests \$931,910.60 in project budget, \$577,298.55 in carry over, and no interest for a total request in the amount of \$354,612.05. The City of Rock Hill requests funds for Bethel Shelters, the Catawba Area Coalition for The Homeless (CACH), The Haven Men's Shelter, and The Life House Women's Shelter to provide comprehensive wrap-around services to support individuals on their path to recovery in York County. These services include emergency shelter, housing navigation, transportation, job training and placement, and access to childcare—key supports that increase a person's readiness and ability to sustain recovery. This request will continue to support staffing, along with rent and utility assistance for participants in the rapid rehousing program. The Board discussed the requests for expungements, SLED checks, nonrefundable security deposit, and myride bus system. Motion to table this application by Chairman Bedingfield and seconded by Vice Chair Bussells, m/c unanimous. This application was tabled.

33. **Richland County.** Richland County's first application was denied, if approved this will be the first award. This application requests \$5,527,633 in project budget with no carry over or interest for a total request in the amount of \$5,527,633. Authorization and severability are allowed. Richland County requests funds as follows:

- **LRADAC- \$788,433.00.** Requests funding to fill in gaps that currently exist preventing individuals from accessing necessary recovery supports to reach their recovery goals. LRADAC staff will assist patients navigate and overcome potential barriers (i.e. transportation, legal involvement, employment/education, behavioral health, basic needs, etc.) to recovery by engaging patients on their first day of treatment; providing enhanced care throughout treatment; and providing post-discharge support for up to 12 months. LRADAC also requests funds to reduce barriers to accessing necessary residential treatment for opioid-use and co-occurring substance use disorders by creating a new residential treatment program aligning with ASAM's continuum of

care. This program will provide safe, stable, and structured residential treatment for opioid use disorders and other co-occurring substance use disorders, including an array of psychosocial services and recovery support services for patients requiring a safe and stable living environment to develop and practice their recovery skills.

- **PlaySafe- \$4,739,200.00.** Recusal by Chairman Bedingfield. Funding is requested for the following: Multimedia Marketing Campaign, Billboard placements in high-traffic zones (Entire County), County-wide direct mail distribution (All Residents); public Service Announcements via Television, Radio Public Service Announcements; targeted social media campaigns across all major platforms; Community Conversations & Workshops; Host events with experts and facilitators; provide educational and promotional materials; utilize hybrid/virtual platforms for accessibility; deliver curriculum in Richland County schools, curriculum is based on the DEA, Operation Prevention; Operation Prevention's programming provides our program educators with engaging tools/ that are aligned to national health and science standards that are evidence based and geared toward age-appropriate prevention materials for Elementary, Middle, and High School. This application was tabled.

34. **The City of Spartanburg.** This application requests \$407,900 in project budget with no carry over or interest for a total request in the amount of \$407,900. This is a new request that builds on the capacity of Spartanburg and its growing commitment to addressing behavioral and mental health challenges in alignment with homelessness and opioid use disorders. With the completion of A Place to Call Home (the plan to address housing and homelessness) and the commitment of local agencies here along with leveraged dollars, the City of Spartanburg wishes to request dollars that will build the support system that will create the continuum and impact needed to address the needs of the local community. The work also focuses on the prevention of homelessness, addressing a multitude of factors that increase the risk of homelessness, such as OUD. This request includes the implementation of two new systems, a new wrap-around family shelter program, as well as dollars to ensure the staff needed to operate all of it. These things have been made possible due to SCORF's initial and ongoing investment of two outreach positions of HEART CRC, uplifting the conversation and opportunity to create a more sustainable operation to serve those in need of services. The board discussed the requests for homelessness prevention and addressed how the language in the applications needs to connect the request with opioid abatement. Motion to deny this application with a request to reapply by Vice Chair Bussells and seconded by Mr. Chappell, m/c unanimous.

35. **The City of Sumter.** This is the City of Sumter's first application for SCORF funds. This application requests \$163,515 in project budget with no carry over or interest for a total request in the amount of 163,515. Authorization and severability are allowed. The City of

Sumter requests funds to purchase a billboard advertisement as well as rack card pamphlets for distribution of media containing opioid specific information regarding misuse, prevention, and response. One static billboard in a prominent and high-visible location. Informational front & back rack cards to be placed in local Hope Centers, police & fire stations, pharmacies, plasma donor centers, medical clinics, and other areas. Salary for identified intervention officer within the Sumter Police Dept. and to purchase a vehicle for the intervention officer. Officer's duties will include community engagement at city events and schools; the officer will also be working closely with transient and homeless populations to address OUD/SUD in the community. Motion to approve this application in the total amount of \$163,515 by Chairman Bedingfield and seconded by Mr. Donaldson, m/c unanimous.

36. **Union County.** This application requests \$127,906 in project budget, \$127,348.84 in carry over, and \$21.15 in interest for a total request in the amount of \$557.16. Authorization and severability are provided. Carrying over from year one, the Opioid Response Coordinator position will continue to provide emergency response, maintain community partner relationships, oversee patient follow-up visits, continue providing education and outreach, and work to further develop and expand the program. The Opioid Response Coordinator will continue to respond to all active opioid overdose/substance abuse calls.. If the Opioid Response Coordinator is not available during an active emergency, EMS personnel will respond and will coordinate follow-up with Opioid Response Coordinator after the incident. Motion to approve this application in the total amount of \$557.16 by Mr. Donaldson and seconded by Ms. Helou-Allen, m/c unanimous.
37. **The City of West Columbia.** This application requests \$49,500 in project budget with no interest or carryover for a total request in the amount of \$49,500. Authorization and line item severability are provided. The City of West Columbia requests funds for a media /social media campaign. The campaign would be centered around the DEA-approved "one pill can kill" message, or the like, to be advertised on billboards. To ensure a broader understanding of opioid-related issues within the City, this funding will enable the Police Chief and West Columbia Administrative Staff to attend opioid-focused conferences. Motion to approve this application in the total amount of \$49,500 by Mr. Donaldson and seconded by Vice Chair Bussells, m/c unanimous.

The Board will have another meeting to address the PlaySafe applications requesting the CEO of PlaySafe attend the next in person meeting with the Board. The Board also requests a representative from the Center of Excellence to appear before the Board at the next in person meeting. The Board plans to discuss feedback received from the SCORF Coffee Chat public comment sessions and work on strategic planning in a future meeting.

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The meeting adjourned at 2:50 PM.