

## South Carolina Opioid Recovery Fund Board of Directors Meeting

January 5, 2023

Edgar A. Brown Building, 1205 Pendleton Street, Room 252, Columbia, SC

### **Call to Order**

Board Chair Eric Bedingfield called the Board of Directors Meeting to order at 11:04 a.m. at the Edgar A. Brown Building in Columbia, SC. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

**Board Members Present:** Eric Bedingfield, Martine Helou-Allen, Gary Mixon, Lisa Butler (via Zoom), Toby Chappell (via Zoom), Steve Donaldson, and Mayes DuBose. Hon. Bruce Williams and Aditi Bussells were excused due to funeral service for Joe Taylor.

### **Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting**

Motion to approve minutes from December 8, 2022, SCORF board meeting was seconded and approved by the Board.

### **Fund Financial Report**

Denise Carraway, SFAA Director of Budget and Finance, presented the Statement of Activities (attached).

### **SFAA Administrative Report**

Alana Williams, SFAA Director of Strategic Initiatives, provided an administrative report to the Board including a staffing update that the Program Administrator position was filled, and introduced Roberta Braneck to the Board.

### **Chairman's Report**

Chairman Bedingfield stated there was no Chairman's report. He remarked that he appreciates the new summary review sheets created by Board staff to facilitate application review.

### **New Business**

Chairman Bedingfield led the discussion regarding the GPS Application Review and approving the applications.

The applications were reviewed by the Board as follows:

1. City of North Charleston. Discussion about the applicant's budget including EMS supplies and whether these items are allowed per the Settlement. The Board asked legal counsel to confirm the requested supplies meet the criteria and are allowable under the Settlement.

Motion to approve application for amount requested of \$247,050 and seconded after brief discussion, m/c unanimous.

- a. There was a motion to reconsider the application and seconded, after the City of Myrtle Beach application review which included advice from Mr. Libet regarding what equipment will be covered by the Fund per the Settlement document. Mr. Libet stated that equipment not specifically used for opioid overdoses is likely not covered per the settlement terms. Mr. Chappell and Mr. Libet discussed legal interpretation of the document, policy and intent of the settlement's abatement strategies. Mr. Libet will conduct research regarding the Settlement terms and provide clarification on whether the subject equipment is covered as an abatement strategy. Chairman Bedingfield noted it appears the Board is comfortable approving the application if the supplies fit within legal requirements. Motion to temporarily deny the application and seconded, m/c unanimous.
2. Pickens County by Behavioral Health Services of Pickens County. Members commented the application was very good. Motion to approve application for amount requested of \$182,294.31 and seconded, m/c unanimous.
3. Clarendon County. Issues relating to the application budget and proposal. Motion to pass over application and receive clarified budget electronically prior to the next meeting. Motion seconded, all ayes, m/c unanimous. Staff will make contact requesting updated application with clarifications and budget before the review deadline.
4. Lancaster County. Discussion that application appears to be supplanting funds which is not allowed per the Settlement, and applicant requested a transport vehicle for the Coroner's office which would not be used exclusively for opioid related deaths, so would not be allowed. Staff recommended the coroner submit an application for discretionary funding for the transport unit. Motion to deny and ask county to resubmit the application with explanation, and seconded, all ayes, m/c unanimous. They will be invited to reapply.
5. Hampton County. Issue of incomplete budget and narrative regarding abatement strategies. Motion to deny and ask that they resubmit, seconded, all ayes, motion to deny passed.
6. Pickens County by Clemson University. Staff previously requested certain clarifications which applicant provided. Motion to approve application for amount requested of \$250,000 and seconded, all ayes, m/c unanimous.
7. Oconee County. The budget is not clearly linked to the technical proposal description of abatement strategies. Discussion about what EMTs need for opioid overdose response compared with the EMS equipment requested including supplies such as bag valve (BV)

masks, and gloves, and whether these supplies could be covered by the Fund, and discussion about True Defender and its purpose. Motion to deny and seconded, all ayes, m/c unanimous. They will be asked to clarify and reapply.

8. City of Myrtle Beach. The application did not include a budget for certain abatement strategies and needs clarification about whether their programs offer the requested medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD) and medication-assisted treatment (MAT). Discussion about voluntary certification with South Carolina Alliance for Recovery Residences (SCARR) and cost, and discussion about evidence-based programs. Motion to pass over and seek clarification prior to next meeting, and seconded, all ayes, m/c unanimous. Staff will make contact requesting updated application with clarification.
9. Dorchester County. Very clear application. Motion to approve application for amount requested of \$135,000 and seconded, all ayes, m/c unanimous.
10. ALPHA Behavioral Health on behalf of Kershaw Health. Motion to approve application for amount requested of \$63,416.38 and seconded, all ayes, m/c unanimous.
11. City of Columbia. Very thorough application. Motion to approve application for amount requested of \$420,542 and seconded, all ayes, motion to approve passed. Staff will notify them of other available funds for housing through DAODAS and EMS training funds available through DHEC so that future requests can be for other strategies.
12. City of Charleston. Good application but requires some clarifications regarding the abatement strategies that will be needed for reporting purposes. Motion to pass over for now so that staff can request clarification prior to the next meeting, and seconded, all ayes, motion to pass over passed. Staff make contact requesting updated application with clarifications.
13. Town of Monck's Corner. Staff recommended approval of application for one year at \$50,000. Motion to approve application for one year of their request at \$50,000 and seconded, all ayes, m/c unanimous.
14. Charleston County. Mr. Chappell presented the issue of staff stabilization being a predominant percentage of the \$575,000 request and whether this is allowed. Mr. Libet will look into this. Motion to deny and seconded, all ayes, motion to deny passed. They will be asked to reapply in February.

15. City of Spartanburg. Staff recommended approval for one year in the amount of \$229,634 which includes a vehicle that will be used for their HEART program. Motion to approve one year of the request and seconded, all ayes, m/c unanimous.
16. Florence County. Ms. Helou-Allen stated they need better details on funding strategy and staff noted more detail will be needed for reporting purposes. Motion to pass over for now and seconded, all ayes, motion to pass over passed. Staff will make contact requesting updated application including more information.
17. Goose Creek Police Department. Issue of the budget not justifying their expenses and lack of budget detail. Motion to deny and seconded, all ayes, motion to deny passed. They will be asked to reapply in the future.
18. Kershaw County. Mr. Chappell stated their request of \$170,000 for a liaison is concerning and high. Discussion that future funding will not be available to pay this position which will not meet the mission of the Fund. Further discussion that application overall has issues. Staff raised issue regarding Narcan funding for first responders in the state already available through Leon and Roll program. Motion to deny and seconded, all ayes, motion to deny passed. Staff make contact to suggest improvements to the application.
19. Marion County. Application needs assistance to comply with funding requirements. Staff will recommend resubmission and offer technical support for their new application. Motion to deny and seconded, all ayes, m/c unanimous.
20. Town of Lexington. Upon prior review of application, more detail was required, and they did provide this in time. Issue of budgeted costs not clearly linked to specific abatement strategies. Need more detail about the canine training aspect of their application. Motion to pass over for now and seconded, all ayes, motion to pass over approved. Staff will make contact requesting updated application with more detail before the deadline.
21. Town of Mount Pleasant. Motion to approve the application in the amount of \$299,373.27 and seconded, all ayes, m/c unanimous. Staff will make contact to give them information on better Narcan prices.
22. The agenda includes an application from Greenville County Sheriff's Office. This application for GPS funds was withdrawn from consideration.

Following review of the applications, there was a discussion about whether to place caps on discretionary funds and the possible need to put these in place but it is challenging at this point to determine what this number will be. Mr. Chappell suggested waiting to see if there is a problem

after reviewing the first year of applications before setting parameters. Chairman Bedingfield would like to ask staff to come up with some parameters, consider if there is a formula and research/explore options possibly from other states for distribution of discretionary funds to present to the Board.

A doodle poll will be sent to the Board regarding scheduling the next in person meeting for the week of March 13, 2023. Staff will also confirm a date and time with the Board for a brief virtual meeting later this month to review some of the temporarily passed over applications if updated information is received.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:17 PM.

South Carolina Opioid Recovery Fund Board  
Statement of Financial Activities

	<i>December 2022</i>	Opioid Recovery Fund	Administrative Subfund	Guaranteed Political Subdivision Subfund	Discretionary Subfund
<b>Transfers In/Source of Funds:</b>					
	Opioid Recovery Settlement Fund (STO)*	62,811,269.70	-	-	-
	Opioid Recovery Fund		624,941.87	52,121,074.49	9,440,311.46
	Investment Earnings	61,522.74	-	-	-
	<b>Total Transfers In:</b>	<b>62,872,792.44</b>	<b>624,941.87</b>	<b>52,121,074.49</b>	<b>9,440,311.46</b>
<b>Transfers Out:</b>					
	Administrative Subfund	624,941.87	-	-	-
	Guaranteed Political Subdivision Subfund	52,121,074.49	-	-	-
	Discretionary Subfund	9,440,311.46	-	-	-
	<b>Total Transfer Out:</b>	<b>62,186,327.82</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>					
	Personnel (Per Diem)	-	600.00	-	-
	Contractual Services		439.90		
	Supplies		3,220.61		
	Travel	-	2,439.59	-	-
	Distributions to applicants			2,007,583.41	
	<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,700.10</b>	<b>2,007,583.41</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Funds Remaining</b>		<b>686,464.62</b>	<b>618,241.77</b>	<b>50,113,491.08</b>	<b>9,440,311.46</b>
<b>Cash Recapitulation (YTD)</b>					
	Beginning Cash Balance	-	-	-	-
	Transfers In	62,872,792.44	624,941.87	52,121,074.49	9,440,311.46
	Transfers Out	(62,186,327.82)	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	(6,700.10)	(2,007,583.41)	-
	A/P Adjustment	-	-	2,007,583.41	-
	Ending Cash Balance	686,464.62	618,241.77	52,121,074.49	9,440,311.46