

Jefferson County
Task Force on Restricted Opioid Settlement Funds
Jefferson County, Missouri
Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2026

The Task Force on Restricted Opioid Settlement Funds of Jefferson County, Missouri was held on Friday, January 16, 2026, in person, hosted by Jefferson County Office of Emergency Management in Herculaneum, MO.

Meeting called to order by Warren Robinson at 1000.

Attendance at the meeting was as follows:

Dennis Gannon	County Executive	Absent
Warren Robinson	OEM Director / Chair	Present
Dave Marshak	JC Sheriff / Vice Chair	Present
Nicki Ruess	School District Representative	Present
Mick Fischer	Fire Representative	Present
Steven Sikes	Health Department Representative	Present
Bob Tullock	County Council	Present
Jamie Guinn	EMS Representative	Absent

Recognition of Visitors and Guests

Jefferson County OEM / Nancy Oxmann
County Counselor / Clint Lorange
JC Director of Administration / David Courtway
County Council / Charles Groeteke

Approval of Agenda – Motion to approve the agenda was made by Bob Tullock, seconded by Mick Fischer. All approved, motion passed.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – Motion to approve the minutes was made by Warren Robinson, seconded by Bob Tullock. All approved, motion passed.

Public Comment – None

Discussion Items

- **Settlement Update** –Currently we have \$6 million available funds for the task force to look at for proposals. Sheriff Marshak reported that there is ongoing litigation with a fall date. The case is not finished, and the amount of funds isn't final. Depending on litigation we could have 15-20 years of funding.
- **Decision Support Documents** – We will come up with a draft application packet with a clear view of the goal of the project. We need a local priorities document from each member. There needs to be a way to validate the project with a whole community approach, other funding, and will the project be self-sustained. We will have to report annually, and the projects will need quantifiable measures. Annual reporting will be done by legal with the information coming from the task force. We will look at putting a cap on a foundation. We will need a declaration page of a nonprofits CEO's salary. On the committee level projects will be brought to them and the committee can make presentations to the task force if more clarification is needed. We will construct overarching documents for the committees on justification for the projects. We will possibly look at advertising for the public. We will construct a formal document for requests and how the projects will be awarded. There will need to be a statement of purpose stating why they are asking for funding. This will need to include what has been the impact on the organization.
- **Local Impact-** Health department impact is with drug court. Their mission is to provide much needed services to those impacted by drug use. They work on educating individuals with how to prevent future use of drugs. They achieve this by partnering with other agencies in the county to determine how best to accomplish this mission. Fire departments have a small impact on response. They have access to free Narcan, training for response and post call prevention materials for outreach. County council chair is going to bring this up at the next work session. Nikki reported that the schools deal with individual trauma, scarce food, supporting families, and intervention and support is the primary impact. Emergency management impact deals with hazmat calls for decontamination and identification. Our team is equipped and prepared. Law enforcements' primary impact is in the jail with frontline treatment. There are 20-30 people detoxing at any given time. This requires 24-hour nursing care, and about 10% need hospitalization with security. Most in custody deaths are due to opioid use. This also contributes to health issues. There are funds being spent on litigation, depositions, and records requests from drug use in the jail. They deal with contraband smuggling. This creates a staffing crisis. They are projecting to spend \$92,000 on software upgrades in 2026 for full body scans. The medical examiner's office impact is on site visits, toxicology, transportation and autopsy. There is a need for cumulative trauma wellness for first responders, treatment in the jail, and prevention. The state will reimburse \$24.95/day per felony inmate for housing before they are charged.

Action Items

- **Bylaws Adoption** – The bylaws have been modeled after the STARRS organization. We are looking to have three committees that will focus on prevention, treatment and other abatement strategies. Each committee will be comprised of subject matter experts. They will then make recommendations to the task force. We want to stretch the funds in a meaningful way and not have multiple projects for the same outcome. We have a quorum and will set up meetings in a quarter format with

meetings on the first Friday of the following months: February, May, August, and November. The next meeting being February 6th at 10 am. The meetings will be in person with a hybrid option when needed.

- **Motion:** Mick Fischer made the motion to approve the bylaws.
 - **Second:** Steven Sikes, all approved, motion passed.
- **Committee Establishment** – There will be three committees with subject matter experts. The committees will look at projects for prevention, treatment and other abatement strategies. We are looking to stretch the funds in a meaningful way and not have multiple projects for the same outcome. The committee application documents need to be robust and outline the fund request process.
- **Establishment of Regular Meeting Schedule** - Warren reported that we are looking at a quarterly meeting format. The meetings will be held on the first Friday of February, May, August, and November. The meetings will be at 10 am at the EOC 1409 Herculaneum Industrial Drive, Herculaneum and will be in person with a hybrid option available when needed.
- **Next Meeting** – The next meeting will be January 16, 2026, at 10:00 am. The meeting will be held at the Office of Emergency Management in Herculaneum.

Adjournment

- **Motion:** Mick Fischer made the Motion to adjourn
 - **Second** – Steven Sikes, **All approved, meeting adjourned 10:46 a.m.**