

## **Randolph County Opioid Settlement Advisory Board**

### **Minutes**

**Date:** December 18, 2025

**Time:** 3:00 p.m.

**Location:** Commission Annex

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### **Call to Order**

Chair David Kesling called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

### **Roll Call / Attendance**

**Present:**

Chris See, David Kesling, Rob Elbon, Erin Golden, Michael Parker, Shelby Wilson, Kurt Gainer (serving as proxy for Heather Brown)

### **Approval of Previous Minutes**

No action taken.

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### **Program Updates**

**Women's Recovery House – Update (Shelby Wilson)**

Shelby Wilson provided an update on the women's recovery house. She reported that the open house was well attended and positively received. The house admitted its first resident, who expressed excitement about the opportunity. Two additional residents have been accepted and are expected to move in in early January, pending completion of their treatment programs.

Shelby noted a challenge related to residents covering their first-month fee (\$475), which includes utilities, Wi-Fi, television, and basic living needs. She stated that efforts are underway to identify sponsors or partner agencies to assist with first-month costs. The house is currently stocked with food, and additional community programs have expressed willingness to assist with ongoing support. Shelby also announced that the residence received its WVARR (West Virginia Alliance of Recovery Residences) certification.

Board members commented positively on the condition, safety, and security of the home, noting that it provides a clean, dignified, and secure environment for recovery.

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## Funding Requests and Presentations

### Lighthouse Community Recovery Home – Presentation

Representatives from Lighthouse Community Recovery Home provided an overview of their program and history. The organization has operated for approximately seven years and serves men in recovery. They explained recent changes in state law, including Senate Bill 475, which requires recovery residences to register with the Office of Health Facility Licensure and Certification (OHFLAC) and obtain WVARR certification in order to receive court-ordered placements or referrals from hospitals and parole/probation.

The presenters explained that they are seeking funding assistance specifically for safety-related and hygiene-related building improvements, including bathroom repairs, flooring issues, handrails, and privacy measures. They emphasized that the request is not for staffing, beds, or operating costs, but rather to address safety compliance issues necessary for certification. They were asked to provide detailed estimates or contractor bids so the Board can document expenditures appropriately under opioid settlement requirements.

Board discussion followed regarding program structure, intake screening, sobriety requirements prior to admission, coordination with licensed behavioral health providers, and certification status. Members expressed the need for greater clarity, documentation, and formal cost estimates before considering any funding request.

No action was taken.

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## EMS Funding Request

### EMS – Cot/Lift System

Kurt Gainer presented a request for funding to purchase a powered cot/lift system for a new ambulance scheduled to arrive in January. The total cost quoted was **\$69,394.42**. He explained that EMS agencies do not receive free Narcan supplies and face ongoing equipment and operational challenges. He noted that EMS currently has no matching funds available and emphasized the importance of ensuring the ambulance is fully operational.

The Board reviewed applicable opioid settlement spending categories, specifically provisions allowing support for emergency medical systems and post-overdose response services. After discussion, members agreed the request qualifies under the settlement guidelines.

**Motion:** Approve funding in the amount of **\$69,394.42** for EMS to purchase a powered cot/lift system.

**Motion by:** David Kesling

**Second by:** Erin Golden

**Vote:** Unanimous approval

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## **Other Funding Requests**

### **Children's Advocacy Center (CAC)**

The Board reviewed a written request from the Children's Advocacy Center seeking \$12,000 to offset a previously anticipated funding gap. It was reported that the funding shortfall has since been resolved for the coming year, and the request is no longer urgent.

No action was taken.

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## **Scheduling of Future Meetings**

The Board discussed and confirmed the following meeting dates:

- **March 19, 2026**
  - **June 18, 2026**
  - **September 17, 2026**
  - **December 17, 2026**
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## **Adjournment**

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn.

Chair David Kesling adjourned the meeting. Members exchanged holiday greetings.

**Meeting adjourned.**

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**Respectfully submitted,**  
Melinda Lott  
Randolph County Commission