

TOWN OF SHARON
Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee Meeting
15 School Street, Sharon, VT 05065

Tuesday, July 16th, 2024 4:15PM
Town Offices' Conference Room

Attending: Dee Gish, Eileen Lanza, Deb Jones, Facilitator

1. Call Meeting to order at 4:25pm.
2. Reviewed/Approved agenda.
3. Discuss organizational structure: This was the first meeting of this committee which was formed to advise the Selectboard on spending alternatives for settlement monies received by the Town from companies manufacturing and distributing prescription opioids. Deb informed committee members that the current amount received was approximately \$4500. She also explained that the Selectboard had designated her to be the facilitator for the committee, but that the committee could choose to add roles such as to have a chair or co-chairs. Eileen and Dee did not see a need for those roles at this time.
4. Discuss goals and objectives: The group decided on five objectives to explore further.
 - A. Creating a resource binder for the library with information about regional assistance, support, and resources for community members affected by drug use. *The Committee will work together on this objective.*
 - B. Assembling backpacks filled with items that would be helpful to support someone in crisis or at risk of being in crisis for the library and food shelf (idea from Dena Wilkie, Sharon Health Initiative Community Health Care Coordinator and Shana Hickman, Baxter Memorial Library Director). *The Committee will work together on this objective.*
 - C. DBT skills group offering (idea from Fallon Abel). *Deb volunteered to look into this objective.*
 - D. Provide a conduit to community partners for trainings, presentations and discussions on topics relevant to individuals affected by drug use and/or for anyone interested in knowing more about harm reduction strategies. *Eileen took on this objective to investigate further.*
 - E. Finding at least one exterior Sharon location accessible to the public to hang a box for Narcan distribution. *Dee will be exploring this objective.*
5. Review funding request from the Sharon Health Initiative: See #4B
6. The committee set the next meeting for August 21, 5:15pm - 6:15pm at the Sharon Town conference room. All are welcome.
7. The committee adjourned at 5:15pm.

Submitted by Deb Jones, Facilitator