

## **Opioid Steering Committee**

Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2025

### **Opening:**

Trina welcomed everyone to the meeting held at Region 5 Systems with hybrid option at 1:02 pm.

### **New Business:**

Proposal from Seward County Police Department- \$34, 000 DetectaChem Opioid Assessment Kit.

Trina introduced Chief of Police Seward County, Brian Peters, who submitted a proposal for the purchase of the DetectaChem Opioid Assessment Kit. The kit includes a handheld Apex R7 Spectrometer. This device would allow officers to quickly and accurately analyze and identify 3,500 different substances, including fentanyl, methamphetamine, cocaine, and synthetic drugs. Chief Peters explained that his agency doesn't have viable technology, readily available, to detect and identify opioid presence when performing a field test. Chief Peters expressed, this life-saving drug interdiction technology is critical when it comes to keeping officers and civilians safe.

During discussion, other committee members thought their areas would benefit from one of these kits as well. Chief Ben Murry (Nebr. City) offered his assistance to Chief Brian Peters, to contact the vendor to see if a discount could be given if multiple kits were purchased together. Perhaps a trial period?

After group discussion, Rachel Mulcahy made a motion to purchase the number of kits \$150,000 would buy. Laura Osborne seconded the motion, and roll call vote performed with majority in favor. \*\*Chief Peters would receive 1 kit since he brought the purchase request to the committee, the other kits that are purchased would be decided upon once the quantity is established.

### **Opioid Needs Assessment:**

Trina shared the brief draft version of the Needs Assessment Report handout which is a breakdown of the full report that is 229 pages. She will finish the final report once she goes over all the feedback and edit suggestions.

It was mentioned, the report would be a great tool to provide to County Attorneys, County Commissioners, Justice Council, etc. It is also a great resource for committee members to share with different groups in their areas. A final report will be sent out to members and will be added to the R5 website.

**Blueprint:**

Trina emailed committee members the *Blueprint* with annual revisions that were made (blue ink) and asked if there were any questions. Chief Ben Murry motioned to approve; Bullet Splichal seconded the motion, and roll call vote performed with majority in favor.

**OSC Charter:**

The updated *Charter* was emailed out for members to review prior to the meeting. Laura Osborne motioned to approve; Rachel seconded the motion, and roll call vote performed with majority in favor.

**Outcome Reports:**

Joe Pastuszak reported on the *Outcome Reports* of the 5 grants funded in Grant Cycle 1.

Trina spoke about the next grant release timeline with a tentative release date of June 13.

**Next Meeting:**

May 13, 2025 - at Region V Systems, 3600 Union Dr., Lincoln NE (Hybrid option)