

MONTCALM COUNTY OPIOID TASK FORCE MEETING NOTES

Tuesday, November 4, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.
3rd Floor Conference Room, Administrative Building
211 W. Main Street, Stanton, MI 48888

Members Present: Jim Dimitriou
Brenda Taeter
Julianna Kozara
Andy Doezenia
Kate Behrenwald
Liz Braddock
Kim Becher
Jody Faber

Members Absent: Kristen Lindsey

Others Present: Michelle Becker

The committee reviewed the following 2026 opioid funding requests:

8 th Circuit Adult Recovery Court	Peer recovery coach	\$40,000.00
64B District Court-Specialty Court	Expand testing assessment & treatment	\$48,750.00
Continuous Miracle	Broadcasting and digital hub	\$47,600.00
Corewell Health	Peer recovery coach	\$22,758.00
Have Mercy	Step-up residential recovery	\$117,054.00
Mid-Michigan Health Department	Substance abuse prevention services	\$42,491.00
Montcalm Alano Club (MAC)	Recovery support for community	\$46,200.00
Montcalm Care Network	Recovery connections after jail	\$75,000.00
Montcalm County Jail	Treatment for inmates	\$15,016.00
Montcalm Prevention Collaborative	National prevention training	\$20,990.00
Randy's House	Peer recovery coach/housing scholarship	\$65,000.00
Redemption Farms	Family-centered approach to recovery	\$40,000.00
Sheridan Community Hospital	Treatment for substance abuse	\$68,512.00
Outreach 419/Sober Events	Peer recovery and prevention education	\$97,620.00
	Total	\$746,991.00

The 2025 allocation was \$230,542.00 in opioid funds and \$166,247.00 in marijuana tax funds. Initially there was a projection of \$230,000.00 to be spent each year over the next 18 years, however, an additional settlement of \$260,969.00 has been received this year. To date, Montcalm County has received \$4,791,952.00. The committee agreed to limit yearly spending to ensure funding is available in future years.

After much discussion on the requests, the committee is recommending the following in opioid and marijuana funding:

Requestor	Opioid \$ Recommendation	Marijuana \$ Recommendation
8 th Circuit Adult Recovery Court		\$40,000.00
64B District Court-Specialty Court		
Continuous Miracle		
Corewell Health	\$22,758.00	
Have Mercy		\$41,454.00
Mid-Michigan Health Department		\$42,491.00
Montcalm Alano Club (MAC)		\$37,200.00
Montcalm Care Network	\$75,000.00	
Montcalm County Jail	\$15,016.00	
Montcalm Prevention Collaborative	\$1,500.00	
Randy's House	\$50,000.00	\$15,000.00
Redemption Farms		
Sheridan Community Hospital	\$68,512.00	
Outreach 419/Sober Events	\$34,000.00	\$26,000.00
Total	\$266,786.00	\$202,145.00

Committee members will make a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners at their meeting on November 24, 2025. Kate Behrenwald, Liz Braddock and Jim Dimitriou are willing to present an overview of the 2025 spending and the recommendation for 2026.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for August of 2026 to review progress reports and discuss any changes that are necessary for the funding application for 2027.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.