



The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 6th, 2022 at 4:00 Pm in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 348 South Main Street, Sparta, North Carolina.

Present: Chair Bill Osborne, Commissioner Bobby Irwin, Commissioner Mechelle Luffman, Commissioner John Irwin, County Attorney, Heather Klein, Clerk to the Board, Drew Todd.

There was a motion and a second to approve the amended agenda. Vote 4:0.

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AGENDA

Tuesday September 6th, 2022

4:00 pm

4:00 Meeting called to order

- A. 4:05 **General Business:**
i. Opioid Settlement

B. **Adjourn**

Paige Stephens with Daymark shared her “pie in the sky” wish is walk-in crisis help. She said a more realistic option is a center between Ashe and Alleghany counties.

County Attorney, Heather Klein said the problem is that we are getting these funds over 18 years and we won’t have a lot of cash-in-hand at one time.

There was discussion about sites for a facility.

Heather Klein explained Alleghany County chose Option A MOA when originally considering the Opioid Settlement options.

Paige Stephens said there are probably some overlaps between what she/Daymark suggests and what Vaya suggests because there are similar problems across the board.

Commissioner Mechelle Luffman said she would like to see post-care work better.

Paige Stephens said Daymark gets to hire 2 Care Managers and 2 Care Extenders to do some after-care on December 1. She said it is even more difficult to get people in the door and she hopes to reach people before they hit a crisis.

Commissioner John Irwin said a lot of people go to their clergy and he doesn’t think they are trained in addiction.

Chair Bill Osborne said he has been approached to use this money to reach kids before law enforcement gets involved.

Paige Stephens suggested convening a group of interested parties to flesh out ideas for this money.

Heather Klein said the suggestion of repetitive education was a good one to start even in elementary school because we are dealing with things that look like candy.

Paige Stephens said we should also target seniors because they think anything their doctor gives them should be safe but some of those medicines are highly addictive, too. She clarified to target schools, hospitals, jails, churches.

Heather Klein said there's no reason to reinvent the wheel, but that there are probably programs already available about addiction that just need to be modified to have impact.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin also suggested visiting the VFW.

Paige Stephens said the resources are there but the problem is getting people linked to it.

Commissioner Mechelle Luffman suggested Daymark doing an anonymous survey of patients about how they became addicted and what they want in after-care.

There was a motion and a second to adjourn. Vote 4:0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Drew Todd
Clerk to the Board

Bill Osborne
Chairman