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All summary related to Opioid for work session

Recommendation is to form a committee. Please see email below. I got last night but just forwarded now.

Thanks

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Brian,

Thank you for taking the time to meet with us last Thursday. As discussed, the majority of counties throughout the Commonwealth have established a formal process to determine how the opioid funds will be distributed. Many counties have developed a grant application procedure and formed review committees for the applications. We would like to recommend a similar process for our county. If you would like to make any changes or have questions, please let us know.

#### **REVIEW COMMITTEE**

The committee should be established as soon as possible. The committee will then determine the format, timeline, and approval process for all requests (both internal and external).

- We recommend the following members:

County Manager  
Human Services Division Head  
Drug and Alcohol Department Head and Deputy  
A member of the Drug & Alcohol Executive Commission (aka Advisory Board)  
A Consumer from the recovery community  
A Drug & Alcohol Service Provider  
Council Member (optional)

### **FUNDING REQUESTS**

- The committees first priority is to determine how requests will be submitted (grant application, e-mail, etc.) and what will be required for each request (budget, goals, timeline, etc.)
- With the assistance of the Drug and Alcohol Department, the committee will identify the top three to five priorities\* for Luzerne County.
- The committee will publicly announce the process, funding guidelines, funding priorities for the county, and the timeline for requests/approvals.
- All internal and external requests will be submitted to the review committee for approval.
- All approved requests will be submitted to County Council for their review and final approval.

### **\*TOP THREE LUZERNE COUNTY PRIORITIES:**

The Drug and Alcohol Department did identify the top three priorities for Luzerne County

- MAT in the prison
- 24 hour warm hand off system
- Prevention in our school system

Please let me know if you have questions, would like to make changes, or need additional information.

Adam/Ryan/Mike---please feel free to comment or make corrections.

Thank you,

Lynn

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