

**Escambia County Opioid Abatement Funding Advisory Board Meeting
Escambia County Board of County Commissioners Chambers
221 Palafox Place
Pensacola, Florida 325020
September 15, 2025**

1. Call to Order & Welcome – Chair Catherine White (10:00am)

2. Roll Call

- **Was this meeting properly advertised?**
 - Yes, in the Pensacola News Journal on September 11, 2025
- **Attendance:**
 - Catherine White – Present
 - Tommy White – Present
 - Dr. Irvin Williams– Present
 - John Mathis– Present
 - Matthew Infinger– Absent
 - Liz Kissel– Present
 - Phillip Miller – Present
- **Do we have a quorum?**
 - Yes, a quorum was established

3. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes – Chair Catherine White

- July 14, 2025, Opioid Abatement Funding Meeting Minutes were distributed

Motion: To Approve July 14th, 2025 Meeting Minutes
Made by: John Mathis
Second by: Dr. Irvin Williams
*Note: Mr. Tommy White was not present during this vote
Disposition: Passed 3 - 0

4. Public Forum

- No Speakers

5. Opioid Budget Review

- Last funding allocation received January 2025
- Next allocation expected early 2026
- Total: \$5,369,6663.88
- Obligated: \$3,647,362.36
- Current Balance to award: \$1,722,301.52
- Mackenzie Settlement ~ \$129,000 payment received by end of September

6. Sunshine Law Presentation – Christi Hankins, Assistant County Attorney

7. Reporting from Community Notice of Funding Availability Awardees:

- **Community Health Northwest Florida** - \$500,000: Expands the CORE program.
 - CORE Report with project milestones attached.
- **Ministry Village at Olive** - \$775,000: Expands housing for their women's recovery program.
 - Awaiting architectural design plans & development order.
- **Waterfront Mission** - \$338,878: Expanding housing for their men's recovery program.
 - Closing on a property to accommodate 10 additional men + 1 staff.
- **Lakeview Center OPUS** - \$349,077: Expands opioid addiction services for anyone over 18.
 - Continues to conduct street outreach twice a week.

8. FY25-26 Notice of Funding Availability Timeline

- Submission Deadline: September 12, 2025
 - 10 applicants for funding
- Team will begin scoring applications and will meet on October 7th, 2025 to discuss and combine scores
- Friday, October 10th, 2025 – Notice of advancement to the Opioid Abatement Funding Advisory Board will be announced
- CDAC provided medical report update on fentanyl

9. New Business

- None

10. Scheduling Of Next Meeting

- October 27, 2025

11. Meeting Adjourned 10:42am

Project milestones

Peer Support & Navigation A new certified peer support specialist who is also a navigator has been fully integrated into the project. Tracy Peterson is working out of our main CORE site at 1400 North Palafox Street.

MD On boarded

Waterfront Clinic 350 Herman Ave is fully operational and seeing CORE patients. This clinic provides same day walk-in care for CORE patients that have missed appointments or as overflow capacity for new patients coming into the program. This ensures that Community Health Northwest Florida (CHNWF) meets its contractual obligation of transitioning patients into our care no more than ten (10) days post induction.

Palafox Primary Care Clinic 1400 North Palafox St. is fully staffed. This is the main site for CORE services. This site has a dedicated CORE provider with a CORE medical assistant, CORE Nurse Navigator/ Peer Support, and Healthcare Navigator. The majority of new CORE patients spend their first 90-days in the CORE program receiving services at this site.

Behavioral Health & Wellness 1380 North Palafox St. individual therapy, group therapy, and case management services continue to be provided to all CORE patients that request services at this site.

Jackson Street Primary Care 2315 West Jackson St. continues to operate and capacity is expanding. This site is the primary place of treatment for CORE patients that have been in the program over 90-days or patients needing Hepatitis-C / HIV care in conjunction with CORE services.

Mobile Medical Unit is deploying monthly to various sites and partner agencies to provide primary medical care and walk-in care for CORE patients.

Wellness & Peer Support Justin Nutt has been hired to work full-time at CHNWF his time will be split between working with CORE & Justice Involved Persons. Justin brings a wealth of experience with meditation grounding, and breath work. Justin is appropriately licensed and trained to provide these vital services. Justin also incorporates peer support services into his care.

Funding awarded vs what was funding spent on

Cost per visit- \$320.00

Number of lab services-64

Number of prescriptions filled with grant support- +/- 400

Average cost per prescription- +/- \$50.00

Cost of transportation- +/- \$1500.00 per month

Number of citizens you have served with the outcomes

This report is the numbers for CHNWF CORE network for July 2024- June 2025. To be clear this reflects all patients of CHNWF with some SUD diagnosis that we have seen over the year (Not just CORE MAT program patients).

- The CORE MAT patient empanelment is 165 unique patients, and 256 unique active CORE program patients.
- CORE MAT program has a retention rate of 92% over the last year. ****Retention is defined as patients that entered care into CORE MAT program at some point and still receive care across any CHNWF service line (not just active CORE MAT patients).
- CHNWF currently has 123 unique patients at with an OUD that have not been admitted into CORE MAT program services.
- CHNWF has 2765 unique patients that struggle with some sort of SUD that have not entered formalized SUD care (pre-contemplative patients that struggle but are not ready to abstain).

****For context the state has updated CORE Network reporting logic to include all patients with a SUD receiving care at CHNWF. This logic better represents the full scope of care being rendered by inclusion of persons that struggle with SUD who have not yet entered abstinence centered care (CORE MAT program).