

Anderson County Board of Commissioners
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
AGENDA

October 14, 2024
6:00 p.m. Room 312

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Prayer / Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Approval of Agenda**
- 4. Appearance of Citizens**
- 5. ASAP Quarterly Update** – by Shayla Wilson, Executive Director
- 6. Amended Basic Emergency Operation Plan**
- 7. Anderson County Tourism** – by Stephanie Wells, Director
- 8. Strategic Framework Plan for City of Oak Ridge** – deferred from August Operations meeting.
- 9. Opioid Resolution - Draft**
- 10. Safe Senior Driving** – request to add to commission Website.
- 11. Highway 116 and Drinking Water Issue in New River** – requested by Chairman Isbel
- 12. Strategic Planning Update**

Unfinished Business

New Business

Adjourn

BASIC EMERGENCY OPERATION PLAN (BEOP) AMENDMENT

BASIC PLAN

Page 10 ESF 5 – Information & Planning - Damage Assessment

Support Agencies – American Red Cross - REMOVED

Page 11 ESF 6 – Human Services – Shelter & Mass Care Operations

Lead Agencies – American Red Cross - REMOVED

Support Agencies – American Red Cross - ADDED

Disaster Victim Services

Lead Agency – American Red Cross - REMOVED

Support Agency – American Red Cross - ADDED

ESF 6

Page 6-3 – Shelter & Mass Care Operations

Lead Agency – American Red Cross - REMOVED

Support Agencies – American Red Cross - ADDED

Page 6-4 – VI Concept of Operations

Section A Number 2

Although the primary responsibility for shelter operations rest with the County Mayor, The American Red Cross is a support agency to the operation and management of emergency shelters in Anderson County. – REMOVED

Number 3 – May - REMOVED

Page 6-5 – Mitigation and Preparedness Activities

Section A Number One

Contracts - REMOVED

Agreements - ADDED

Page 6-7 – IX Training

Section A

Safe food handling – REMOVED

Feeding fundamentals – ADDED

Page 6-8 – Human Services Disaster Victim Services

Lead Agency – American Red Cross – REMOVED

Support Agencies – American Red Cross – ADDED

III. Introduction

Section A

Safe and Well welfare – REMOVED

Reunification – ADDED

IV. Policies

Section A

The free web based Safe and Well inquiry system for citizens established by ARC is the primary method of accomplishing this contact. – REMOVED

Section A

As a co-lead with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the Mass Care component of the emergency Support Function 6 (ESF 6) in the National Response Framework, Red Cross has a commitment to provide Reunification services. Reunification (REU) provides human and technological resources to reconnect individuals as quickly as possible following a disaster. Red Cross will coordinate with local and state emergency management on Reunification Services. **ADDED**

Page 6-9 – **VI Concept of Operations**

Section A. General Number 4

Safe and Well web-based system developed by ARC – REMOVED

Reunification program – **ADDED**

Section B Organization and Responsibilities – Number 1 and 2

American Red Cross

1. Provide a free web-based Safe and Well citizen inquiry system and policies for its use after disasters. - REMOVED
2. Provide referral services to mental health counselors for persons housed in shelters. REMOVED

VII. Mitigation and Preparedness Activities

Section A American Red Cross Number 1 and 2

1. Develop procedures for identifying persons suffering from the psychological effects of disasters and for providing in-house (ARC) counseling, or referral to mental health agencies. – REMOVED

Provide disaster health, disaster mental health and disaster spiritual care - **ADDED**

2. Maintain the Safe and Well citizen inquiry system. – REMOVED

Section B Anderson County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) - Number 2

Coordinate counseling requirements with ARC. – REMOVED

Coordinate disaster health, disaster mental health and disaster spiritual services with ARC. - **ADDED**

Page 6-10 – **VIII Response and Recovery Actions**

Section B American Red Cross Number 2 and 3

Alert staff to watch for signs of problems within the shelter community, and provide in-house referral or referral to mental health agencies for counseling. – REMOVED

Provide disaster health, disaster mental health and disaster spiritual care - **ADDED**

Reunification – REMOVED

Section C Anderson County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) - Number 1
Counseling disaster victims as requested by ARC. – REMOVED

Disaster health, disaster mental health and disaster spiritual care services. - **ADDED**

ESF 8

Page 8-6 – **VI Concept of Operations**

Section B Organization and Responsibilities – Number 8 a

Provide first aid assistance at shelter and other sites as requested. – REMOVED

First aid assistance at ARC managed and/or ARC supported General Population shelters and other sites as requested and if resources allow. – **ADDED**

Page 8-8 - **VIII Response and Recovery Action**

Section G American Red Cross – Number 1, 2, and 3

1. First aid treatment – REMOVED

Provide health, disaster mental health and disaster spiritual care at shelters and other sites as requested. – **ADDED**

2. Provide to ESF 5 and ESF 8 the number of victims treated in shelters. –
REMOVED

3. Implement call-up of ARC volunteer nurses and allied professionals if requested. -
REMOVED

Page 8-14 – **Training**

A. Training in health assessment is provided by the American Red Cross. -
REMOVED

Anderson County, Tennessee
Board of Commissioners
RESOLUTION NO. 24-07-1177

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SELECTION PROTOCOL AND PROCEDURES
FOR THE DISBURSEMENT OF OPIOID ABATEMENT FUNDS**

WHEREAS, the overdose epidemic is a national crisis, and for millions of Americans, it has become very personal. Too many Anderson County families have lost their children, siblings, parents, and friends to substance misuse and overdose. Every loss is a painful reminder that we must take bold action to end our county's overdose epidemic; and

WHEREAS, the number of opioid-related deaths continuously rose from 1999 to 2022. Over one hundred and seven thousand (107,000) Americans died from overdose in 2022, and studies show that over 2.1 million Americans continue to suffer from Opioid Use Disorder; and

WHEREAS, the overdose crisis has negatively affected thousands of Anderson County citizens, including immense pressures on local governments coffers. Anderson County Government has witnessed first-hand the ravaging effects on our citizens and the financial strain from depleted governmental resources including manpower especially in the public safety sector that can be directly attributed to this crisis; and

WHEREAS, the Anderson County Board of Commissioners, County Mayor and all County Officials have taken a strong and progressive stance to fund creative programs that address addiction in our community including two highly successful programs in our Sheriff's Office Detention Facility, additional resources for Emergency Medical Service, Office of Emergency Management, Family Justice Center, Health Department and Drug Court; and

WHEREAS, Anderson County recognizes that it will take more than governmental efforts to combat the crisis, and success will come through community partners that fully understand the causation factors, identification of those in need, and the complicated web surrounding delivery of services. Local governmental efforts and our established community partners have collaborated in reducing overdoses in our county by 6% during the past eighteen (18) months through programs designed to specifically target the needs of Anderson County citizens; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to fund additional county programs geared towards identification, treatment, rehabilitation and education, the Board of Commissioners has authorized lawsuits against pharmaceutical manufacturers, distributors, retailers and illicit prescribers. These suits have resulted in settlements and bankruptcies producing several thousand dollars of additional local revenue to combat the epidemic; and

WHEREAS, Anderson County needs community partners to produce outreach programs designed to address the many adverse effects caused by the overdose epidemic. Therefore, it is the desire of the Board of Commissioners to establish eligibility requirements, protocol for the selection of

community programs and grantees, and procedures for disbursement of county opioid abatement funds in order to continue an aggressive fight against the overdose crisis.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Anderson County Board of Commissioners meeting in regular session this 15th day of July 2024 that we authorize the following protocols and procedures for the disbursement of restricted Opioid Abatement Funds to our community partners:

SECTION 1: Compliance with Tennessee Law

All disbursements of Opioid Abatement funds shall comply with:

- A) The eligibility requirements codified at *Tenn. Code Ann. §5-9-109* (Exhibit 1);
- B) Legal authority conferred through *Tenn. Code Ann. §5-9-203* (Exhibit 2);
- C) *Tennessee's Opioid Abatement and Remediation Uses* created by the Tennessee Opioid Abatement Council (Exhibit 3);
- D) Tennessee Attorney General requirements found in the *Tennessee Opioid Settlement Guide for Local Government, as continually revised* (Exhibit 4);
- E) *1981 Financial Management Act* and those local Finances Policies created thereto.

SECTION 2: Grantee Application Process

A) Written Application Required

All interested parties wishing to apply for community grants funded by Opioid Abatement funds shall complete a written application for funding, including no more than a five (5) page overview of the proposed program, identifying targeted participants, methodology to be utilized, program goals, and proposed evidence-based performance measures to confirm desired results. (Exhibit 5).

B) Application Review

The process for review of applications for grant funds will be as follows:

1. Applications will be delivered by the Anderson County Finance Director to determine grantee meets eligibility requirements and for evaluation of proposed community programs, if acceptable then
2. Application is forwarded to the Opioid Settlement Task Force or Non-Profit Committee for who may conduct interviews and obtain additional information from candidates if needed, if application is recommended for funding then
3. The Budget Committee will review the application. If application is recommended for funding then
4. The Anderson County Board of Commissioners will make the final decision on successful applicants and grant funding. See SECTION 3 below.

C) Submissions of Funding Applications and Proposals
Applications for grant funds should be mailed or delivered to:

Office of the Finance Director
Anderson County Courthouse
100 N. Main Street, Room 210
Clinton, TN. 37716
Attn: Anderson County Opioid Task Force

D) Creation of Additional Requirements

The Opioid Settlement Task Force may create and recommend additional requirements for the disbursement of Opioid Abatement Funds with subsequent approval from the Board of Commissioners. Additional requirements may include adjustments to the selection process, maximum annual caps on awards, required eligibility documents, scoring matrix, submission deadlines, etc.

E) Finance Director Approval

The Anderson County Finance Director may require additional documents from recipients in order to comply with accounting procedures and finance policies, and ensure the proposed grantee and program comply with state mandates. This may include examination of balance sheets and annual audits for all grantees.

F) Annual Status Report

At the end of each fiscal year, recipients of grant funds shall file a written status report with the Opioid Settlement Task Force listing program successes and failures, obstacles to successful completion, proposed program modifications, and recommendation as to continued program funding.

SECTION 3: Final Approval of Selected Programs and Disbursement Amounts

The Anderson County Board of Commissioners will consider each qualified application separately, and make a final determination as to the applications/programs to be selected and the amount of funding to be provided. Each qualified application will be accompanied separately by a Resolution for approval and funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect upon passage. The public welfare requiring same.

RESOLVED, APPROVED AND EFFECTIVE this 21st day of October 2024.

H. Tyler Mayes, Chair, AC Comm.

Terry Frank, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeff Cole, County Clerk

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Annette Prewitt

From: Kate Echica <kate@arash.law>
Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2024 2:15 PM
To: Annette Prewitt
Cc: pamela@arashlaw.ph; cc@arashlaw.com
Subject: External: Re: Resource Suggestion for Your Website

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To whom it may concern,

I found your page <https://andersoncountyttn.gov/links/> and noticed you had quite an informative list of resources. If you take suggestions, I would like to recommend an additional resource to you as I feel it would be an excellent addition for you.

For your convenience, the resource is:

Safe Senior Driving: A Complete Guide For Older Drivers Based On NHTSA Guidelines
<https://arashlaw.com/safe-senior-driving-a-complete-guide-for-older-drivers-based-on-nhtsa-guidelines/>

I would love the opportunity to have our resource included on your page. Please keep up the great work in helping the community by offering these resources.

Thank you for your time,

Kate Echica

Outreach Coordinator, Arash Law