

**Lake County Opioid Initiative (LCOI)**

**Bylaws**

Adopted and Effective: December 17, 2025

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## **Article I – Name**

This organization shall be known as the Lake County Opioid Initiative (LCOI). The organization is a registered 501(c)(3). The Employer Identification Number (EIN) is 84-4111240. The effective date of the 501(c)(3) status of the organization is December 31, 2019.

## **Article II – Mission Statement**

Our mission is to lead a coordinated, culturally responsive, county-wide effort to prevent substance use disorder, overdose, and death, and to strengthen pathways to recovery and community wellness.

## **Article III – Purposes**

To be a recognized voice acting to promote the prevention and recovery from substance use disorder and overdose by focusing on:

1. Delivering data-informed and evidence-based information and education to the community.
2. Reducing stigma surrounding substance use and mental health.
3. Promoting safe prescribing and use of opioids and other addictive substances.
4. Expanding overdose prevention and access to life-saving supplies.
5. Strengthening treatment and recovery support services throughout Lake County.
6. Empowering individuals and families to seek and sustain recovery.
7. Advancing criminal-legal system reform that prioritizes rehabilitation and equitable outcomes.
8. Serving as a county-wide convener and thought leader, connecting systems and stakeholders to drive innovation and lasting, systemic change.

## **Article IV – Membership (General Membership)**

LCOI membership is open to any person or organization located in or serving Lake County that wishes to participate in a coordinated, culturally responsive, county-wide effort to prevent substance use disorder, overdose, and death, and to strengthen pathways to recovery and community wellness.

Members are expected to participate actively in the LCOI committee structure (Article VI). Membership is defined by attendance. If you attend, or your organization attends, at least 50% of the last 12 meetings or the last four previous meetings in succession, you are considered a full member of the LCOI with voting abilities. Only one vote may be cast per agency or organization. If you do not fulfill this criterion, you are considered an associate member, defined as a member without voting rights.

## **Article V – Meetings**

1. The Board of Directors shall meet separately at least once per quarter during the calendar year.
2. Meetings shall be held at least once per quarter, including an annual meeting, for the entire LCOI membership. Additional meetings may be called by the Chairperson as necessary.
3. The Board of Directors shall set the date, time, and location of meetings, providing at least 48 hours' notice.
4. A vote may be taken by the Board of Directors via electronic mail, with an affirmative majority vote required for approval. The vote and outcomes shall be reported and attached to the minutes at the next scheduled meeting.

### **Certification of Adoption**

These Bylaws were duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Lake County Opioid Initiative on the date indicated below and are in full force and effect as of that date.

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| CHAIRPERSON | DATE |
| SECRETARY   | DATE |