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National Opioid
Settlement Funding
Board of Health
June 13, 2024



NC Opioid Settlement

In line with the National Settlement Agreement, funds “may support programs or services...that serve persons with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) or any co-occurring Substance Use Disorder (SUD) or mental health condition.”

A

One or more strategies from a shorter list of evidence-based, high-impact strategies to address the epidemic (treatment, harm reduction, prevention, recovery)

B

One or more strategies from a longer list of strategies **after** engaging in a collaborative strategic planning process with diverse, local stakeholders





Durham County Process

- ✓ Resolution approving the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)
- ✓ Creation of a Special Revenue Fund
- ✓ Inventory of Existing Efforts
- ✓ Inviting Community Input
 - ✓ Dedicated Webpage
 - ✓ Online Survey
 - ✓ Community Input Sessions
- ✓ Resolution to sign on to WAVE 2
- ✓ Established an internal work group January 2024
- ✓ 2024 Community Meeting being developed





DCo Survey Responses

- ❖ Survey Portal opened December 7, 2022 to January 31, 2023
- ❖ 554 Responses





Highest Priority Areas

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1. Evidence-Based Addiction Treatment
2. Early Intervention
3. Strategic Planning
4. Recovery Housing
5. Recovery Support Services

Highest Overall Votes

1. Evidence-Based Addiction Treatment
2. Recovery Support Services
3. Recovery Housing
4. Employment Services
5. Early Intervention





Community Input Session March 20, 2023

68 Attendees
from a Diverse Group of Stakeholders



Community Input Session

Strategies – Highest Votes

- ❖ Evidence-based Addiction Treatment
- ❖ Evidence-based Recovery Support Services
- ❖ Recovery Support Housing





Community Priorities

Based on March 20, 2023 Town Hall Attendees

Addiction Treatment

Support evidence-based addiction treatment consistent with ASAM's national practice guidelines for the treatment of opioid use disorder – including Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) with any medication approved for this purpose – through Opioid Treatment Programs, qualified providers of Office-Based Opioid Treatment, Federally Qualified Health Centers, treatment offered in conjunction with justice system programs, or other community-based programs offering evidence-based addiction treatment.

Recovery Support Services

Fund evidence-based recovery support services, including peer support specialists or care navigators based in settings that support people in treatment or recovery, or people who use drugs, in accessing addiction treatment, recovery support, harm reduction services, primary healthcare, or other services or supports they need to improve their health or well-being.

Recovery Support Housing

Fund programs offering recovery housing support to people in treatment or recovery, or people who use drugs, such as assistance with rent, move-in deposits, or utilities; or fund recovery housing programs that provide housing to individuals receiving Medication-Assisted Treatment for opioid use disorder



Opioid Settlement

18 Year Payment to Durham during 2022-2038:

\$20,958,139

FY22-23	\$1,502,545
FY23-24	\$3,181,465
FY24-25	\$1,511,243
FY25-26	\$1,682,221
FY26-27	\$1,318,916
FY27-28	\$997,293
FY28-29	\$1,404,123
FY29-30	\$1,460,567
FY30-31	\$1,296,399
FY31-32	\$1,199,008
FY32-33	\$1,097,700
FY33-34	\$857,512
FY34-35	\$857,512
FY35-36	\$857,512
FY36-37	\$709,159
FY37-38	\$512,481
FY38-39	\$512,481



Fully Approved Opioid Spending

- I. Public Health Harm Reduction
- II. Community Linkages to Care
- III. Opioid Settlement Manager Position





Draft FY 24-25 Budget

- I. Public Health Harm Reduction – \$342,028
- II. Community Linkages to Care - \$436,719
- III. Opioid Settlement Manager Position – salary and benefits \$145,119
- IV. Sheriff’s Office Medical Director – salary and benefits \$200,000
- V. Community Paramedics (2) - \$224,568
- VI. *NC Harm Reduction Coalition Drug Checking Program - \$330,336 (\$193,749 recurring)

Total projected spending plan FY 24-25: \$1,678,770

**Stabilized revenue over project life: \$1.3M/annually

NOT RECOMMENDED

Youth Home Diversion Coordinator – salary and benefits \$90,000

Community Paramedic Case Manager - \$106,009





The Approval Process

- I. The governing body must approve a spending authorization form, which must then be submitted to Community Opioid Resources Engine (CORE-NC)
 - a. CORE-NC is a collaborative partnership between NCDOJ, NCDHHS, NCACC, UNC Injury Prevention Research Center

- II. Local governments also must comply with budgeting and finance laws for appropriating money
 - a. Mid-year budget ordinance amendment
 - b. Adopt as part of the initial budget process
 - c. Include as a capital project ordinance





Harm Reduction – DCo Public Health

- ❖ Hiring of a Public Health Harm Reduction Specialist
- ❖ Provide medical supplies for harm reduction to include:
 - Narcan supplies to support DCo Public Health Pharmacy distribution
 - 3 vending machines
 - Safer syringe program supplies for DCo Public Health Pharmacy and community distribution
 - Considering potential contracts for outreach by an individual(s) with lived experience





Community Linkages to Care (CLC) – DCo Public Health

- ❖ The Community Linkages to Care (CLC) Peer Support Program was developed to connect individuals who are struggling with substance use disorder (SUD) with comprehensive, evidence-based care, which acknowledges social determinants of health and responds to current housing challenges.
- ❖ The goals are to:
 - Reduce overdose hospital visits and fatalities in Durham County.
 - Increase the number of naloxone opioid overdose reversal kits distributed to Durham County residents with SUD.
 - Engage key stakeholders across Durham County to help respond to the overdose crisis and address social determinants of health for individuals affected by SUD.



Opioid Settlement Manager – DCo Public Health

- ❖ The Opioid Program Manager position will oversee the development, administration, budget, grant management, and reporting for Durham County’s Opioid Settlement Program.
- ❖ This role will involve close collaboration with staff and community partners engaged in community overdose prevention, education, harm reduction, treatment opportunities, and recovery support.
- ❖ The position is open, and we seek qualified candidates to make a meaningful impact.





Community Paramedics – DCo Office of Emergency Services

- ❖ Specially trained paramedics who function in a non-emergency capacity
- ❖ At least 5 years experience as a paramedic
- ❖ Extra training to serve more vulnerable populations
- ❖ 2022 NACo Achievement Award
- ❖ Community Impact Award from CPI Security and WRAL
- ❖ 61%+ of all current responses are opioid related
- ❖ Expanding this program by two (2) Community Paramedics will provide for improved wrap-around services and allow staff to better meet service demands of the community





MAT Medical Director – DCo Sheriff's Office

- ❖ Manage the medical contract and ensure compliance at every level
- ❖ Manage all programs related to Opioid Treatment (OTP) and Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)
- ❖ Direct and in-direct supervision of all staff involved in these functions at the detention facility





Drug Checking Program – NC Harm Reduction Coalition

- ❖ Purchase (through a grant) of a FT-IR Spectrometer
- ❖ Purchase (through a grant) of a mobile medical unit to house the spectrometer and program and wraparound harm reduction outreach
- ❖ Drug checking programs have emerged as a high-impact, evidence-based strategy to prevent overdose, wounds and other issues stemming from contaminated drug supply

Basic Model

Coalition staff will be available in the community for mobile checking of substances. Samples can be checked through the FT-IR Spectrometer by a trained technician. Substances within the sample are identified and communicated back.





Path Forward

- I. Hiring of Opioid Settlement Manager
- II. Develop Structure, advisory board
- III. Develop scorecard





Additional Resources

- ❖ County Manager's Office departmental webpage

www.dconc.gov -> County Manager's Office ->
North Carolina Opioid Settlement tab -> News

- ❖ NCACC Opioid Settlement Team

- ❖ www.ncopioidsettlement.org



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