

Wake County Opioid Settlement Draft Funding Plan

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Overview

- Review of settlement
- Impact for Wake County
- Planning process
- Findings and survey results
- Recommendations

National Opioid Settlement

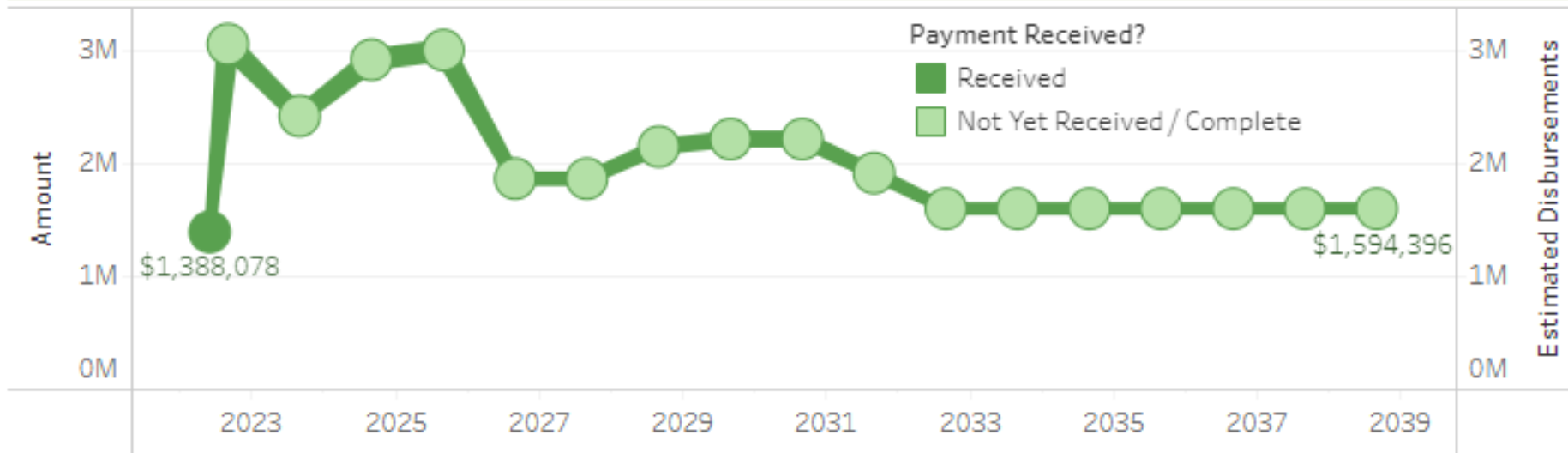
- Nationwide settlements have been reached to resolve all Opioid litigation brought by states and local political subdivisions against the three largest pharmaceutical distributors and manufacturer.
- These \$26B settlements will provide substantial funds to states and subdivisions for abatement of the Opioid epidemic across the country and will impose transformative changes in the way the settling defendants conduct their business.
- Funds began flowing to states in April 2022
 - NC will receive approximately \$750M over 18-year term
- NC has approved and signed the settlements
 - Established Memorandum of Agreement to guide use and management of funds
- Wake County agreed to the settlement in November 2021

Funding To Wake County

18 Year Payment to Wake during 2022-2038:

\$36,129,436

Payments Over Time - Wake



- *Raleigh and Cary directed their funding to Wake County*

Plan Principles

1. Draw from existing Behavioral Health Plan and Overdose Coalition plan, developed in partnership with the community.
2. Be responsive to community priorities, especially for those experiencing health disparities.
3. Focus investments based upon their potential impact and measurable outcomes.
4. Adopt a collective impact approach that leverages other funding sources and is sensitive to sustainability.
5. Complement and enhance existing programs while avoiding unnecessary duplication of effort.

Wake County Planning

- Process developed to be compliant with requirements of MOA
- Build from strategies and structures currently in place:
 - Wake County Behavioral Health Plan
 - Board of Commissioner 2022 Goals
 - Wake County Drug Overdose Prevention Initiative Action Plan
 - NC Opioid and Substance Use Action Plan
- Engaged community and stakeholders
- Received prioritization through survey
- Focus on FY23 and FY24 (September 2022 – June 2024)

Community Meeting

- Held in-person and on-line
- More than 250 attendees
- Representatives included:
 - Advocates/self/family
 - Community providers
 - Criminal justice
 - Education
 - Health care
 - Housing
 - Human Services
 - Other
- Meeting material and video available at www.wakegov.com/opioidsettlement



Community Meeting

Key Takeaways

- Addiction is a chronic, relapsing disease.
- Treatment works, but far too few people can access it.
- Opioid treatment services are available, but not readily accessible in all areas of Wake County.
- The highest growth in rates of overdose deaths during the past two years have been in Black and Hispanic populations, which have seen over 220% increases.
- Critical supports for people seeking treatment should include recovery supports such as housing, employment assistance, transportation and other assistance.
- Our children are at risk.
- Teachers, counselors, and coaches can be trained as mentors to help youth feel secure and confident, speak up when they feel alone and conflicted, and develop emotional intelligence
- Recovery is a journey, not a destination. Supports need to be available for the long term.

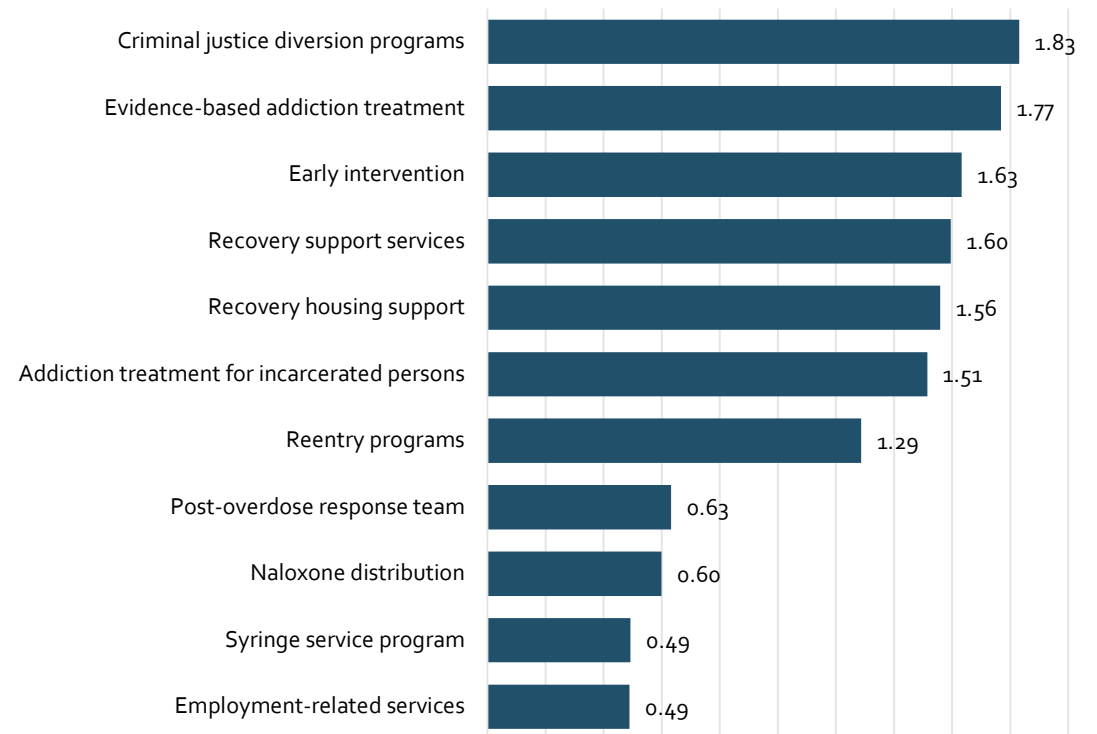


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Survey Results

- Web-based survey provided an opportunity for the public to vote and rank their top five priorities to be included in the initial plan
- The survey was open August 2 through the close of business, August 5
- Received 272 responses
- Top five selections
 - Criminal justice diversion
 - Evidence based addiction treatment
 - Early intervention
 - Recovery support services
 - Recovery housing support

Opioid Settlement Funds - Community Prioritization
(Weighted Results)



Recommended Strategic Initiatives for FY23-FY24

- **Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) Treatment (FY23 through FY24 = \$2M)**
 - Provide funding for Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) for uninsured or underinsured individual with any medication approved for this purpose by the FDA and assist continuity of care for these individuals among community providers.
 - Provide flexible resources to support needs of individuals while engaged in OUD treatment.
- **Care Navigation (FY23 through FY24 = \$1.5M)**
 - Establish and equip team of navigators to support three target populations to help individuals access addiction treatment, recovery support, harm reduction services, primary healthcare or other services or supports they need to improve their health or well-being.
 - Geographically identified communities
 - Criminal justice involved
 - Youth and their families
 - Provide flexible resources to navigators to prevent harm and to help individuals overcome barriers to accessing and continuing with treatment services.

Recommended Strategic Initiatives for FY23-FY24

- **Early Identification and Intervention (FY23 through FY24 = \$600,000)**
 - Expand education and training programs for youth, parents, community groups, coaches, youth ministers, employers, and others who encounter young people. Training would include Youth Mental Health First Aid, Adverse Childhood Experiences and other educational programs targeting early identification and intervention of problematic use of drugs or mental health conditions.
- **Housing Access and Support (FY23 through FY24 = \$750,000)**
 - Provide access to housing for people with OUD including supportive housing, recovery housing, housing assistance programs, training for housing providers or recovery housing program that allow or integrate FDA-approved medication with other support services.

Strategic Initiatives for FY23-FY24

	FY23- FY24 Funding	Criminal Justice Diversion	E-B Addiction Treatment	Early Intervention	Recovery Support Services	Recovery Housing
Opioid Use Disorder Treatment	\$2M					
Medication Assisted Treatment		X	X		X	
Flexible supports for those in treatment			X		X	X
Care Navigation	\$1.5M					
Geographically identified communities		X		X	X	X
Criminal justice involved		X		X	X	X
Youth and their families		X		X	X	X
Flexible supports to address barriers		X		X	X	X
Early Identification and Intervention	\$600k					
Education and training programs		X		X		
Housing Access and Support	\$750k					
Housing assistance while in treatment or recovery		X	X		X	X

Funding Request

- Approve Wake County Opioid Settlement Funding Plan for FY23 – FY24
- Appropriate \$4.85M funding from settlement funds to special revenue fund
- Uncommitted funds will remain in special revenue fund for future year appropriations

Next Steps – Funding Plan

- Develop implementation plans for approved strategies
- Establish reporting structures to meet MOA requirements and determine impact of investments