



**A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNTY OF STOKES
TO DIRECT THE EXPENDITURE OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS**

WHEREAS Stokes County has joined national settlement agreements with companies engaged in the manufacturing, distribution, and dispensing of opioids, including settlements with drug distributors Cardinal, McKesson, and AmerisourceBergen; drug makers Johnson & Johnson and its subsidiary Janssen Pharmaceuticals, and Purdue Pharma, Mallinckrodt, Insys, Allergan, Endo, and Teva; and pharmacies CVS, Rite Aid, Walgreens, and Walmart;

WHEREAS the allocation, use, and reporting of funds stemming from these national settlement agreements and bankruptcy resolutions ("Opioid Settlement Funds") are governed by the Memorandum of Agreement Between the State of North Carolina and Local Governments on Proceeds Relating to the Settlement of Opioid Litigation ("MOA") and the Supplemental Agreement for Additional Funds from Additional Settlements of Opioid Litigation ("SAAF");

WHEREAS Stokes County has received Opioid Settlement Funds pursuant to these national settlement agreements and deposited the Opioid Settlement Funds in a separate special revenue fund as required by section D of the MOA;

WHEREAS section E.6 of the MOA states that, before spending opioid settlement funds, the local government's governing body must adopt a separate resolution that:

- (i) indicates that it is an authorization for expenditure of opioid settlement funds; and,
- (ii) states the specific strategy or strategies the county or municipality intends to fund pursuant to Option A or Option B, using the item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to identify each funded strategy; and,
- (iii) states the amount dedicated to each strategy for a specific period of time.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in alignment with the NC MOA and SAAF, Stokes County authorizes the expenditure of opioid settlement funds as follows:

1. First strategy authorized
 - a. Name of strategy: Collaborative Strategic Planning
 - b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
 - c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: Strategy 1
 - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$472,000
 - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date November 1, 2023 through End date June 30, 2028
 - f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Funding this strategy will be used to hire an Opioid Settlement Coordinator that will act as project manager in overseeing programs and funding for opioid settlement monies. This funding will cover

personnel costs (salary and benefits), equipment, supplies, travel, and other expenses needed for this position to carry out its functions.

g. Provider: Stokes County

2. Second authorized strategy

a. Name of strategy: Post-Overdose Response Team

b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A

c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: Strategy 8

d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$840,000

e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:

Start date November 1, 2023 through End date June 30, 2030

f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Funding this strategy will be used to hire a full-time community paramedic position that will work under EMS to assist in developing the Medication Assisted Treatment Bridge Program (MAT-bridge). This position will primarily be responsible for initial induction of medications and daily re-evaluation and redosing of medications until the patient is placed into long-term substance use disorder treatment. They will also continue providing point-of-care to the community in addition to naloxone care and overdose care. This funding will cover personnel costs (salary and benefits), equipment, supplies, transportation costs, and medication costs associated with the MAT-bridge program.

g. Provider: Stokes County EMS

3. Third authorized strategy

a. Name of strategy: Recovery Support Services

b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A

c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: Strategy 3

d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$366,000

e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:

Start date November 1, 2023 through End date June 30, 2030

f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Funding this strategy will be used to hire a peer support specialist that will be an advocate and provide support for those struggling with substance use and opioid addiction. This funding will cover personnel costs (salary and benefits), equipment, supplies, and other costs associated with carrying out the duties of this position.

g. Provider: Stokes County

4. Fourth authorized strategy

a. Name of strategy: Recovery Support Services

b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A

c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: Strategy 3

d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$564,000

e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:

Start date September 1, 2024 through End date September 1, 2029

f. Description of the program, project, or activity: A Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) providing recovery support services in Stokes County focused on helping individuals overcome opioid use and mental health challenges. Their duties include conducting assessments, developing personalized medication assisted treatment plans for opioid use disorder, offering individual and group therapy for opioid use recovery, connecting clients to community resources, and providing ongoing emotional and practical support.

g. Provider: Stokes County

4. Fifth authorized strategy


- a. Name of strategy: Recovery Support Services
- b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
- c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: Strategy 3
- d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$152,000
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date September 1, 2024 through End date September 1, 2029
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Fifty percent of the salary of an Accountability and Recovery Court Coordinator providing the day-to-day management and coordination of the court's accountability and recovery programs. This individual plays a key role in overseeing opioid user's case management, working with participants in opioid use recovery, and ensuring compliance with court-ordered opioid use treatment plans. The coordinator serves as the liaison between the court, opioid treatment providers, law enforcement, and community partners to support the successful rehabilitation and reintegration of participants into society.
- g. Provider: Stokes County

The total dollar amount of Opioid Settlement Funds appropriated across the above named and authorized strategies is \$2,394,000.

Adopted this the 9th day of September 2024.

Brad Chandler, Chair
Stokes County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Amber N. Brown, Clerk to the Board

