

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: November 1, 2021

SUBJECT: Collaborative Strategic Planning Process for Prioritization and Distribution of Opioid Litigation Settlement Funds

PRESENTER: Steve Smith, Public Health Director

ATTACHMENTS: Yes

1. Resolution and MOA for Opioid Litigation Settlement Funds
2. Henderson County Board of Health agenda from October 12, 2021
3. 2021 Community Health Assessment - Opioid & Substance Use Data
4. Dogwood Health Trust Grant Award Notification

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The Henderson County Board of Health was presented with data from the 2021 community health assessment process for opioids and substance use at their October 12, 2021 meeting. That information served as an introduction for a Henderson County Partnership for Health discussion regarding shared interests in supporting a Commissioner-led strategic planning process to prioritize use of the Opioid Litigation Settlement Funds. At the conclusion of that discussion, the Board of Health unanimously voted to endorse the Partnership for Health's recommendation requesting that the Henderson County Board of Commissioners convene a task force that would inform the decision making process required by the Memorandum of Agreement to identify and support appropriate opioid remediation activities for Henderson County.

Prior to this discussion, the County Manager had been contacted by Dogwood Health Trust and was encouraged to submit an application on behalf of Henderson County and in collaboration with the HOPE Coalition, for funding to support a community planning collaborative to meet expectations embodied within the MOU for Opioid Litigation Settlement Funds.

On October 19, 2021 Henderson County was notified of the grant award of \$300,000 by Dogwood Health Trust. That grant agreement with Dogwood Health Trust, will be brought to the Board for approval at a future meeting.

Members of the Partnership for Health will be in attendance to present information on this matter.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to discuss the request to define and establish an appropriate task force to accomplish a collaborative and strategic planning process to prioritize the use of the Opioid Litigation Settlement Funds for strategies defined in the MOU to meet the needs within Henderson County, and direct Staff accordingly.

Suggested Motion:

I move the Board establish a Task Force to accomplish the planning requirements of the Memorandum of Agreement for Opioid Litigation Settlement Funds for the purpose of identifying and prioritizing appropriate strategies for Henderson County needs.