

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION
HENDERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: September 21, 2022
SUBJECT: Opioid Settlement Update – Continued Discussion
PRESENTER: Jodi Grabowski
ATTACHMENTS: Yes
1. PowerPoint Presentation

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Jodi Grabowski, with the Henderson County Health Department, will continue discussions with the Board on the Opioid Settlement, providing additional information and the recommendations from the Substance Abuse Task Force.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to hear the update, and direct Staff accordingly.

Suggested Motion:

No motion suggested.

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	<p>NC Opioid Settlement Funding Reporting Requirements</p> <p>Substance Use Task Force</p> <p>Recommended Priorities & Examples</p> <p>Dogwood Health Trust Funding</p> <p>Next Steps</p>

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NC Opioid Settlement

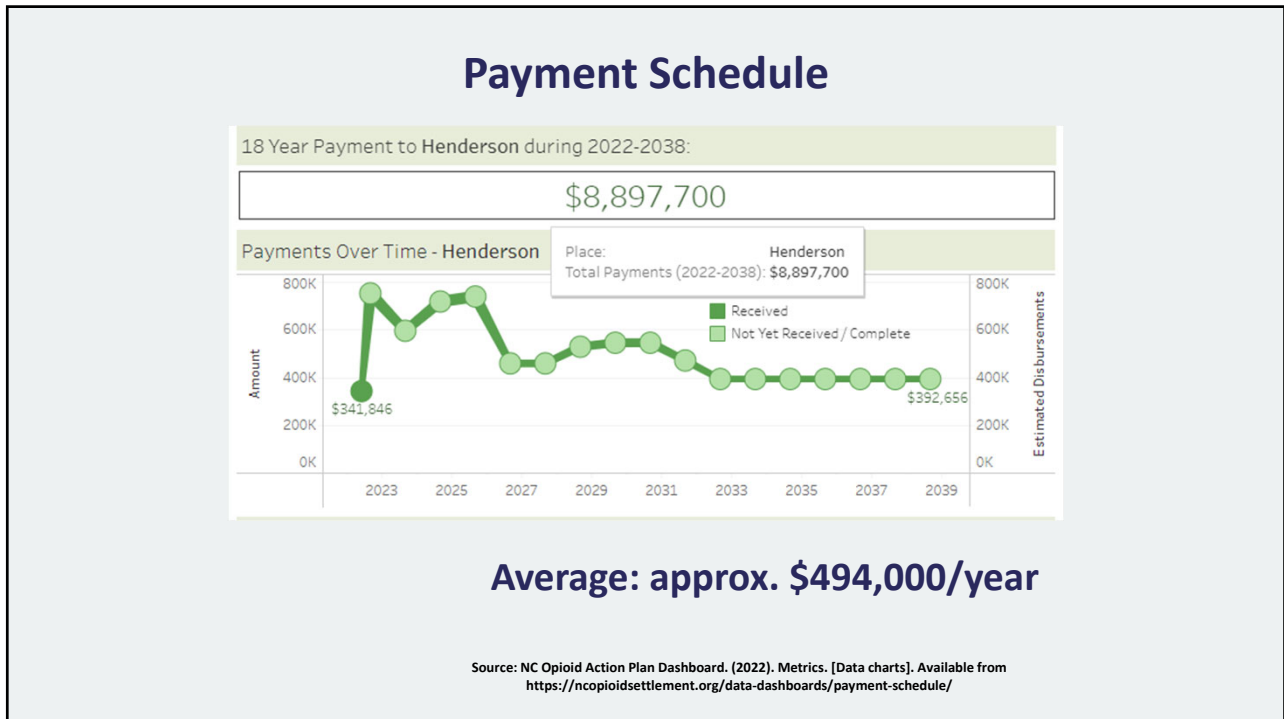
Recipient:
Henderson County Board of Commissioners

For:
Programs and services addressing the opioid crisis.

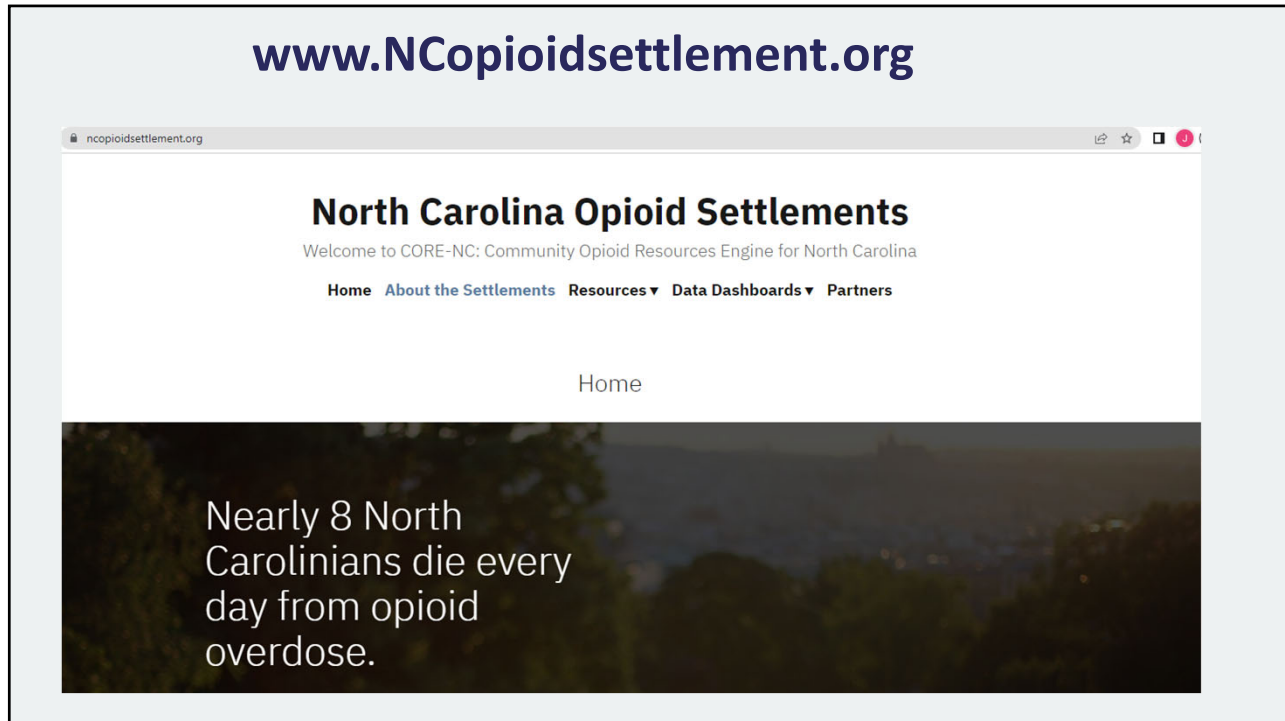
Goal:
Address the impact on Henderson County constituents of the opioid crisis and its downstream affects.

Amount:
Almost \$9 million, over 18 years

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Substance Use Task Force

Commissioner Lapsley re-convened this group in 2022 to discuss the Opioid Settlement funds.

County staff met with these community partners:

- Advent Health Hendersonville
- Blue Ridge Health
- First Contact Addiction Ministries
- Henderson Co DSS
- Henderson Co Sheriff's Department
- Henderson Co Health Department Hope Coalition
- MAHEC
- Pardee UNC Healthcare
- The Free Clinics
- VAYA
- Community Members: Dr. Medina, Stephen Mace, Jason Harris.

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MOA (Memorandum of Agreement)

A local government may fund one or more strategies from a list of evidence-based, high-impact strategies to address the epidemic.

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

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MOA: Recommended Priorities

1. Collaborative strategic planning.
- 2. Evidence-based addiction treatment.**
- 3. Recovery support services.**
4. Recovery housing support.
5. Employment-related services.
- 6. Early intervention.**
7. Naloxone distribution.
8. Post-overdose response team.
9. Syringe Service Program.
- 10. Criminal justice diversion programs.**
11. Addiction treatment for incarcerated persons.
12. Reentry Programs.

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Task Force outcome: agreed on four priorities

Recovery Support Services

Recovery support programs provide a range of support services to people who are in recovery from drugs, such as peer support and assistance in accessing health care

Evidence based addiction treatment

Local programs that offer Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) and other evidence-based addiction treatment to people with opioid use disorder

Early Intervention Services

Programs that help identify young people who may be struggling with drug use and provide them with the help they need

Criminal Justice Diversion

Provide an alternative to incarceration for people with mental health and substance use conditions who come in contact with law enforcement and the justice systems

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Examples for these priorities

Recovery Support Services

- Certified Peer Support staff to help people navigate systems, engage in recovery programs, address barriers to care.
- Peer embedded in EMS, DSS, LHD...

Evidence based addiction treatment

- Increase access to Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) & other evidence-based addiction treatment through local care providers.
- Community Paramedic working with a Peer

Early Intervention Services

- The Sheriff Dept's STAR Camp
- Youth Prevention Programs
- Social Workers in schools

Criminal Justice Diversion

- Hope Coalition's Hope Rising Program
- Veteran's Recovery Court
- Adult Recovery Court

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Dogwood Health Trust Grant

DHT has dispersed funds to counties and municipalities to support them in planning their use of Opioid Settlement Funds.

Hope Coalition and Henderson County co-applied for and received this DHT grant of \$300,000.

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Next Steps

Recovery Court Planning
Community Educational Event

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Resources

The Opioid Settlement Dashboard – ncopioidsettlement.org

NC DOJ Opioid Settlement Page – <https://www.morepowerfulnc.org/opioid-settlements/>

NC Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) Opioid Litigation Page –
<https://www.ncacc.org/services-for-counties/disaster-preparedness-and-recovery/opioid-litigation-settlement/>

Settlement Memorandum of Agreement (details the strategies) – <https://ncdoj.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Opioid-MOA.pdf>

NCDHHS' Opioid and Substance Use Action Plan –
<https://www.ncdhhs.gov/media/13667/download?attachment>

NC Opioid and Substance Use Action Plan Data Dashboard – <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/opioid-action-and-substance-use-plan-data-dashboard>

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Thank you

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