

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

**HENDERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MEETING DATE: April 3, 2023

SUBJECT: Opioid Settlement Fund Update

PRESENTER: Katie Varnadoe, The REAL Academy

ATTACHMENTS: Yes
1. PowerPoint Presentation

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Katie Varnadoe, Director of Consulting Services with The REAL Academy, will provide the Board with an update on the Strategic Plan for the Use of Opioid Settlement Funds.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

No Board Action is requested, this item is for information only.

Suggested Motion(s):

No motion suggested.

Strategic Plan for the Use of Opioid Settlement Funds

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Overview

- Methodology
- Needs Assessment: Root Cause Analysis and Gap Analysis
- Goals and Objectives
- Prioritized Strategies
- Recommended Interventions
- Evaluation
- Process for Reviews and Updates





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Methodology

- Data Driven
 - State and local opioid data
 - Data from the community health assessment
 - Guidelines and recommendations included in the NC MOA for the Use of Opioid Settlement Funds
- Locally Informed
 - Substance Use Action Team
 - Crisis Collaborative
 - Community Health Assessment Committee

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Values

	Integrity	Data-driven recommendations based on analysis of feedback from the community, public health data, and NC MOA guidelines
	Best Practice	Recommendations for interventions are supported by evidence-based practices and/or regional trends
	Impact	Interventions tailored to the specific needs of the county
	Adaptability	Process for informed decision-making and updates to the strategic plan

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Needs Assessment: Impact of OUD on Henderson County

- Opioid Overdoses and Overdose Deaths
 - 84% of overdose fatalities in Henderson County attributed to Opioids (state average is 75%) (Henderson County Health Assessment)
- Capacity Issues for Crisis Services
 - For every 1 overdose death in NC, there are 5 emergency room visits (NC Opioid Dashboard)
- Economic and Socio-Economic Impacts
 - \$393,226,561 economic impact on Henderson County from loss of life due to overdose (Medication and Drug Overdose in Henderson County)
- Arrests and Jail Recidivism
 - Point in time count May 11, 2020: 38.6% of incarcerated individuals charged with crimes directly related to illicit drug use
- Children in Foster Care
 - Children in foster care in Henderson County due to parental substance use is 67.4%, state rate is 45.7% (NCDHHS)

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Root Causes

Individual Risk Factors

- Genetic Predisposition
- Chronic Pain
- Chronic Stress
- Co-occurring disorders

Environmental Risk Factors

- Availability of Opioids
- Early Childhood Exposure
- Trauma
- Isolation

Social & Economic Risk Factors

- Poverty
- Education level
- Employment
- Insurance Coverage
- Housing

Systemic Risk Factors

- Stigma
- Access to Treatment
- Continuity of Care

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Service Gaps

- Prevention and Early Intervention
- Inpatient and Residential Treatment
- Naloxone Distribution
- Diversion Programs
- Treatment Courts
- Recovery Housing
- Workforce Development

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Barriers to Accessing Care

Individual Barriers

- Cost
- Lack of Awareness
- Co-occurring disorders
- Transportation and/or other SDOH

Provider Barriers

- Staffing shortages
- Capacity issues
- Pay source issues

Systemic Barriers

- Stigma
- Medicaid/State Funding

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Goals & Objectives

Reduce	Reduce Opioid-Related Deaths
Reduce	Reduce Rate of Overdoses
Increase	Increase Access to Treatment
Improve	Improve Coordination of Care
Increase	Increase Public Awareness
Decrease	Decrease Jail Recidivism
Decrease	Decrease Utilization of Crisis Services

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Prioritized Strategies

Recovery Support Services

Early Intervention

Evidence-Based Addiction Treatment

Criminal Diversion Justice Programs

Collaborative Strategic Planning

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Recommended
Interventions

Strategic Priority	Intervention(s)
Recovery Support Services	Detention Healthcare/Reentry Navigator
Early Intervention	Awareness Campaigns Community Training
Evidence-based Addiction Treatment	Address Barriers to Accessing Treatment & Bolster Existing Programs
Criminal Diversion Justice Programs	Recovery Court Coordinator
Collaborative Strategic Planning	Substance Use Grant and Contract Coordinator

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Process for Reviews and Updates



Routine workgroup meetings




Routine outcome reporting



Annual evaluations


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Next Steps



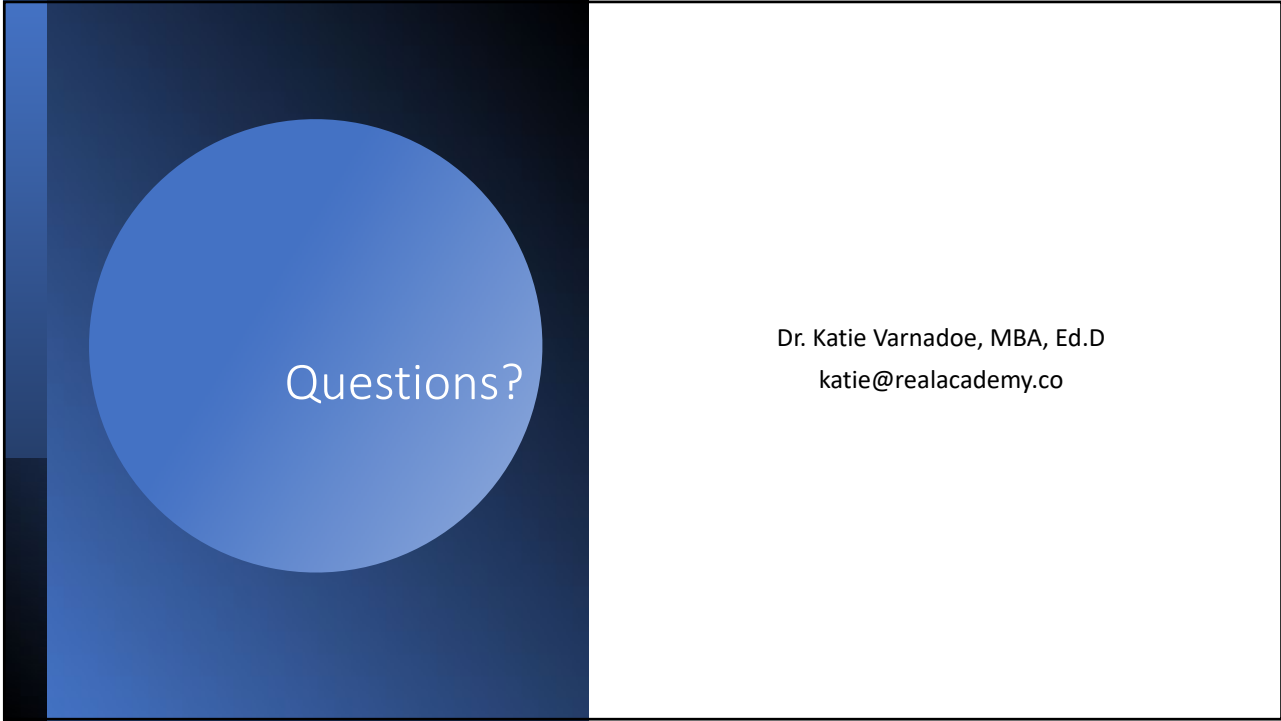
Implementation Plan

Hiring
Launch of Recovery Court
RFP's



Substance Use Strategy

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Questions?

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