



# Chatham County



# Opioid Settlement Funding Updates and Proposal

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## Sheriff's Prevention Partnership and Funding

- **SPPCS was founded in 2017 to work to work collaboratively to address Mental Health issues and prevent Controlled Substance abuse.**
- **Cross-sector collaboration, including public health, law enforcement, Chatham Drug Free, Diversion & Advocacy Programs, providers, non-profits, and others**
- **NC Opioid Settlements started in mid-2022, Chatham receiving a total of \$5.2 million over 18 years**
- **SPPCS plays coordinating role with Opioid Settlement funding**
  - **Settlement funding is specifically to address issues related to the opioid epidemic**





# Quick refresher - my role



- **As our Opioid Overdose Prevention Coordinator I:**
  - Coordinate opioid overdose prevention efforts county-wide
  - Facilitate the Sheriff's Prevention Partnership on Controlled Substances
    - This is a county-wide collaborative and serves as the planning body for all substance use abatement work
      - Specifically the Opioid Settlement Funding
    - Facilitate subcommittees: Harm Reduction, Treatment Access, Recovery Support, and Prevention





## Quick refresher - Opioid Settlement Funding

- **Chatham County is receiving a total of ~\$5.2M between 2022-2038**
- It's frontloaded but averages to about \$293K per year; we've already received about 1M
- Because we're pursuing Option A of the MOA we can select from a menu of twelve evidence-based interventions
- **The purpose of this funding is to remediate the ongoing harms of the opioid crisis**
  - Exponential rise in overdose deaths starting in 2013 nationwide
  - We lose 11 North Carolinians to opioid overdose every day; here in Chatham we've had 92 deaths due to opioid overdose since 2020
  - Saw decrease in overdose rate in 2022 after surpassing state rate in 2021





# Our Opioid Settlement Strategies

FY 23/24 APPROVED STRATEGIES	FY 24/25 PROPOSED STRATEGIES
Collaborative Strategic Planning	<b>Collaborative Strategic Planning</b>
Evidence-Based Addiction Treatment	<b>Evidence Based Addiction Treatment</b>
Early Intervention	<b>Recovery Support Services</b>
Naloxone Distribution	<b>Early Intervention</b>
Post-Overdose Response Teams	<b>Naloxone Distribution</b>
Re-Entry Programs	





# Partnership Decision-Making and Planning

- **Strategies to pursue were identified by the entire Partnership**
  - Focus on impact and feasibility
- The individual strategies are assigned to our existing subcommittees
  - Harm Reduction, Recovery, Treatment Access, and Prevention
    - These are comprised of people with expertise specific to what's allowable under that strategy
    - Subcommittees explore and plan specific interventions for their strategy
- Once interventions are identified by each subcommittee, the entire partnership identifies the top priority for each strategy





# Opioid Settlement Funding Proposal



Strategy	April-June 2024	FY 24/25	TOTAL
Collaborative Strategic Planning	\$23,000	\$116,500	<b>\$139,500</b>
Evidence-Based Treatment	\$10,000	\$45,000	<b>\$55,000</b>
Recovery Support Services	\$15,000	\$35,000	<b>\$50,000</b>
Early Intervention	\$5,000	\$15,000	<b>\$20,000</b>
Naloxone Distribution	\$15,000	\$85,000	<b>\$100,000</b>
			<b>\$364,500</b>



# Collaborative Strategic Planning Strategy

## Updates:

- Opioid Overdose Prevention Coordinator role has been filled
  - Partnership work has resumed after taking hiatus during pandemic
  - Overdose prevention efforts have designated person which has allowed the expansion of Naloxone program

## Proposal:

- **\$139,500**
- Continue supporting Opioid Overdose Prevention Role
  - Salary
  - Fringe
  - Training, continuing education, print and digital communication materials, etc
  - Other small collaboration and planning costs





# ○○○ Evidence-Based Addiction Treatment Strategy



## Updates:

- This is the focus of the **Treatment Access** subcommittee of the Partnership
  - We now have representation from local treatment providers (Piedmont Health Services, Chatham Recovery)
  - Subcommittee provides a way for these providers to collaborate/share info

## Proposal:

- **\$55,000**
  - Directly support access to evidence-based treatment (opioid replacement therapy)
    - Alleviate barriers to care such as copays, medication costs, lab work, etc



# ○○○ Recovery Support Services Strategy



## Updates:

- This is the focus of the **Recovery** subcommittee of the Partnership
  - We have representation from courts, social services, recovery support groups, and people with lived experience
  - Subcommittee provides a way for these providers to collaborate/share info

## Proposal:

- \$50,000
- Directly provide transportation support for people in recovery (including re-entry programs) to access:
  - Medical care
  - Legal appointments
  - Social services
  - Recovery support
- Recovery focused educational events to build recovery community



# ○○○ Early Intervention Strategy



## Updates:

- This is the focus of the **Prevention** subcommittee of the Partnership
  - We have representation from Chatham Drug Free, Chatham County Schools, and other youth focused programs
  - Subcommittee provides a way for these providers to collaborate/share info

## Proposal:

- **\$20,000**
  - Peer education and support programming for at-risk youth
  - Education and support for families affected by substance use through partnership with existing services



# ○○○ Naloxone Distribution Strategy



## Updates:

- This is the focus of the **Harm Reduction** subcommittee of the Partnership
- **Since Dec. 1, 2023 we have distributed over 400 naloxone kits**
  - *We distributed just 157 in FY22/23*
- Hosted our Overdose Prevention training 8 times and trained 75 people
- Installed overdose emergency wall units in 6 public buildings
  - HD, libraries, schools/colleges
- Started post-overdose naloxone distribution at Chatham Hospital

## Proposal:

- **\$100,000**
  - ~\$85k will be spent on the medicine itself
  - Additional harm reduction materials, public messaging, etc
- This includes some startup costs; we don't anticipate allotting this amount every year
- *Naloxone Distribution is a metric for success across all approved strategies*





# Upcoming Annual Public Meetings



**Thursday May 2, 2024 6-8pm**

Goldston Public Library  
Goldston



**Tuesday May 14th, 2024 6-8pm**

Chatham Community Library  
Pittsboro



**Saturday May 18th, 2024 2-4pm**

Wren Memorial Library  
Siler City  
*Spanish Interpretation Available*

Per the Opioid Settlement Funding MOA, we are required to host an annual meeting where the public can learn about our efforts and provide their feedback and ideas





# Opioid Settlement Funding Authorization Request FY 24/25

- **We are requesting authorization to dedicate \$364,500 of the Opioid Settlement Funds for the following strategies:**
  - Collaborative Strategic Planning, *\$139,500*
  - Evidence-Based Addiction Treatment, *\$55,000*
  - Recovery Support Services, *\$50,000*
  - Early Intervention, *\$20,000*
  - Naloxone Distribution, *\$100,000*
- Start date April 1, 2024
- **Suggested motion: Vote to approve Resolution by the County of Chatham to direct the expenditure of \$364,500 in opioid settlement funds to support the aforementioned evidence-based strategies.**
  - Funding authorization runs through June 2025 to align with fiscal year

