

Opioid Settlement Funds Update

Chatham County Board of Commissioners

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THE SHERIFF'S PREVENTION PARTNERSHIP ON CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES



➤ History

- Founded in late 2017 to bring partners together to address the growing opioid overdose crisis
- Initiated by the Sheriff's Office in partnership with the Public Health Department
- Made up of cross-sector stakeholders to share resources, discuss gaps in services, and develop a comprehensive Coordinated Opioid Overdose Prevention Action Plan
- Impacted by COVID-19 pandemic, though many efforts continued led by stakeholders
- Chatham Drug Free, the county's alcohol, tobacco and other drug prevention coalition, continued to convene partners in executing coordinated prevention strategies



Partners

Chatham County Sheriff's Office

Chatham County Public Health Department

Chatham County Courts Programs

Chatham County DSS

Chatham Drug Free

Chatham County Emergency Mgmt

Chatham Hospital

Chatham County Public Schools

Chatham Recovery

Caramore Community

Daymark Recovery Services

First Health EMS

Insight Human Services

KidSCOPE

Piedmont Health Services

Parents Matter

Pittsboro Police Department

Renaissance Wellness Services

SafeKids Coalition Chatham

Siler City Police Department

OVERDOSE CRISIS IN CHATHAM COUNTY

The rate of drug overdose deaths in Chatham County and NC grew significantly in 2020 and 2021. Chatham County and North Carolina overdose deaths per 100,000 residents, 2001-2021





FIRST OPIOID SETTLEMENT



In July 2021, North Carolina announced a \$26 billion agreement with 4 pharmaceutical distributors of opioids to bring resources to communities harmed by the opioid epidemic – including \$750 million to state and local governments.



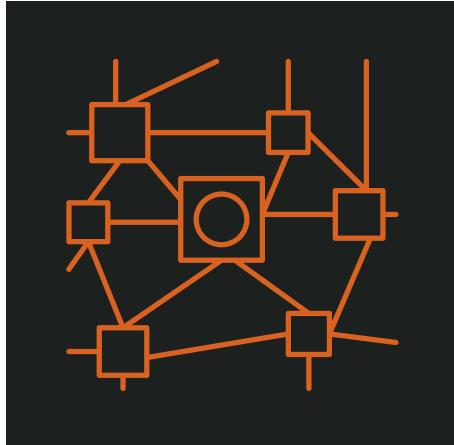
Beginning in 2022 and ending in 2038, Chatham County will receive a total of \$2.91 million in funding from this settlement, averaging approximately \$170,000 per year over 17.

BOC ASK #1



APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO DIRECT THE EXPENDITURE OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS

Collective Impact Approach



We propose that the funds be utilized to support a collective impact approach built on existing collaborative efforts including the Sheriff's Prevention Partnership and Chatham Drug Free.

Rationale

- ❖ A collective impact framework supports a comprehensive, strategic, and data-driven approach to preventing overdose deaths in the county including a focus on Prevention, Harm Reduction, Treatment Access, and Recovery.
- ❖ The SPPCS and Chatham Drug Free have already been bringing partners together around these issues.
- ❖ Opioid Settlement funds can be braided with other funding streams to pursue innovative strategies.
- ❖ Collaboration fosters innovation, root cause focused solutions, greater collective power, increased awareness, more effective use of limited resources, and fewer gaps in services.
- ❖ Competition for limited resources undermines the potential impact of funding.



COLLECTIVE IMPACT PLAN FOR OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS

Create a full-time Overdose Prevention Coordinator position housed at the Chatham County Public Health Department.

Update: Coordinator begins April 3rd!

Support and sustain the Sheriff's Prevention Partnership

Dedicate Opioid Settlement funds to support SPPCS led Option A aligned strategies.

PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET

Chatham County is expected to receive \$2.9 million dispersed in annual installments from 2022 to 2038. The annual payment amount varies from year to year but all funds received can be rolled over into the next fiscal year. The following proposed budget includes a higher initial year budget to account for start-up costs and an estimated annual budget for years 2023-2038 based on an average of the remaining funds. The budget is intended to be a high level depiction of how funds will be allocated across the recommended priorities. Actual costs will be determined as the strategies are further developed.

Strategy	2022-2023 (start-up year)	Avge. Annual Budget est.
COLLECTIVE IMPACT APPROACH	\$120,500	\$109,760
Overdose Prevention Coordinator	\$92,000	\$94,760
Data tracking and reporting tools		
Marketing, Communications	28,500	\$15,000
Material, Supplies, Equipment		
Training, Travel		
NC MOA OPTION A ALIGNED STRATEGIES	\$90,000	\$59,125
Post-overdose/jail response team		
Prevention - Education (CDF)		
Other- Re-entry taskforce, MAT in jail		
TOTAL	\$210,5000	\$168,585



SECOND OPIOID SETTLEMENT



NC reached a second settlement with 5 other companies that will direct an additional \$600 million to state and local governments



Beginning in 2023 and ending in 2035, Chatham County is projected to receive an additional \$2.33 million in funding from this settlement, averaging approximately \$179,000 per year over 13 years.

BOC ASK #2



APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF OPIOID SETTLEMENTS AND APPROVING THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS BEFORE APRIL 18TH DEADLINE



THANK YOU

QUESTIONS?



OPIOID OVERDOSE CRISIS IN CHATHAM COUNTY

	2021	2020
Overdose Deaths	24 (first 10 months)	18
Rate of Overdose Deaths (including opioids, stimulants, benzodiazepines and others) per 100,000 residents	38.7 (first 10 months)	24.2
Overdoses involving illicit opioids (fentanyl, heroin, etc.)		77.8%
Rate of Opioid Overdose ED Visits per 100,000 residents	114.1	
Number of Opioid Overdose ED Visits	85	
CCSO Overdose Response Calls	58	21
Siler City Police Department Overdose Response Calls	25	14
Percent of Chatham County Households who reported misuse of prescription drugs in past year (CCCS)	2.4%	
Percent of Chatham County households who sought help for drug use while living in Chatham County (CCCS)	1.4%	
Percent of Chatham County High Schoolers who ever misused prescription pain medicine		2019: 19.9%
Percent of children in foster care due to parental substance use	69.9%	

HIGHLIGHTS OF EXISTING INITIATIVES TO COMBAT THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC IN CHATHAM



Sheriff's Office

- ❖ 116 lives saved in Chatham with Narcan since 2017 (inc. first responders)
- ❖ Coordinating delivery of Narcan to several partner agencies
- ❖ Support through Victim Service Coordinators for those who have lost loved ones
- ❖ Permanent prescription dropbox at Detention Center
- ❖ 35 mobile takeback events (over 400,000 pills collected)
- ❖ Routinely partner with local pharmacies and other agencies to raise awareness about the risks associated with stockpiling medications within the home
- ❖ Offer addiction, education, and recovery services at the Detention Center
- ❖ Recovery Celebration

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Chatham Drug Free

- ❖ Serve as prevention subcommittee of SPPCS
- ❖ Distribute Good Samaritan 911 "Be Kind, Leave No One Behind" cell phone cleaners to high school students
- ❖ Implement Good Samaritan 911 on-line learning course for school staff
- ❖ Support Community Resource Hubs
- ❖ Partner with Orange Partnership for Alcohol and Drug Free Youth on holiday youth access to alcohol billboard in Chatham Co.
- ❖ Conduct third annual Recovery Celebration in Siler City
- ❖ Develop disposal plan for vape liquid and paraphernalia confiscated by schools

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Court Programs

- ❖ Diversion -based programming as an alternative sentencing to help citizens protect their future
- ❖ 1st time Offenders Program provides support to those charged with a first-time offenses to avoid criminal record.
- ❖ Pretrial Release assists courts in release and detention decisions that preserve safety and defendants' civil rights
- ❖ Juvenile Diversion, in partnership with Department of Juvenile Justice, provides education and supportive services
- ❖ Family Treatment Court: Collaborative approach to serve parents and families who enter the child welfare system due to parental substance use disorders
- ❖ Recovery Celebration

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Public Health Department

- ❖ Distributing Narcan to community (136 kits since May)
- ❖ Developing messaging campaign and informational materials on substance use prevention and harm reduction
- ❖ Gathering and sharing data, including 2021 Community Assessment and Illicit Substance & Prescription Drug Abuse Topical Report (visit www.chathamcountync.gov/healthreports)
- ❖ Coordinating action planning around opioid crisis
- ❖ Community outreach events (inc. Recovery Celebration)
- ❖ Housing Opioid Overdose Prevention Coordinator



OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS: KEY QUESTIONS

Which MOA option to select?

- ❖ Option A: Fund strategies from a shorter list of high-impact strategies to address the epidemic.
- ❖ Option B: Undertake collaborative strategic planning process and then chooses a strategies from larger list

Who oversees the process and where do the funds go?

What capacity is needed to do this work effectively?



PLAN



- ❖ NC MOA OPTION A
- ❖ COLLECTIVE IMPACT APPROACH WITH SPPCS
- ❖ HIRE OPIOID OVERDOSE PREVENTION COORDINATOR

Strategy #1: Option A

We propose that Chatham County select NC MOA Option A.



Rationale

- ❖ The majority of strategies prioritized by the SPPCS fit within the scope of Option A.
- ❖ The amount of Opioid Settlement funds the county will receive is limited (Average approx. \$170,000 per year). Therefore, it is important we prioritize a limited number of strategies.
- ❖ Additional funds can be tapped for other evidence-based prevention strategies in the county.
- ❖ Option B would require investment in a strategic planning process before the money can be used to advance our prioritized strategies. The funds would be better used for moving forward with our prioritized strategies.



SUPPORT AND SUSTAIN THE SHERIFF'S PREVENTION PARTNERSHIP

The Sheriff's Prevention Partnership's coordinated and collaborative approach to the Opioid Crisis in Chatham County provides a vital framework for building and executing a comprehensive plan for preventing overdose deaths. In addition to hiring an Overdose Prevention Coordinator to facilitate and lead the Partnership, Opioid Settlement funds will be used to strengthen and sustain the partnership in the following ways:

- ❖ Data dashboard and tracking tools
- ❖ Marketing and communications
- ❖ Training
- ❖ Materials and Supplies





FUND OPTION A ALIGNED STRATEGIES

Opioid Settlement Funds would be used to fund the following NC MOA Option A aligned strategies from the Chatham County Coordinated Overdose Prevention Action Plan:



- ❖ Establishment of a post-overdose and jail response program that includes peer support specialists
- ❖ Chatham Drug Free led education and training focused on 'early identification and intervention for children or adolescents who may be struggling with problematic use of drugs or mental health conditions'
- ❖ Support the convening of a re-entry taskforce to coordinate services for justice-involved individuals in the community and individuals who are engaged in the post-overdose program
- ❖ Support a pilot partnership to provide MAT in the Chatham County jail



OVERDOSE PREVENTION COORDINATOR

Responsible for overseeing the implementation and evaluation of the county's Coordinated Overdose Prevention Plan



Key responsibilities will include:

- ❖ Serve as Coordinator of the Sheriff's Prevention Partnership on Controlled Substances, including Coordination of the Chatham Drug Free Coalition which serves as the Prevention Subcommittee of the Partnership
- ❖ Monitor and evaluate the County's Coordinated Overdose Action Plan
- ❖ Implementation of evidence-based overdose prevention and harm reduction strategies
- ❖ Ensure all requirements of Opioid Settlement funds, both local and state, are met, including reporting, tracking of funds, and proper use of funds
- ❖ Secure additional funding and support for substance use prevention work