

Wake County Opioid Settlement Draft Funding Plan

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Overview

- Review of settlement
- Impact for Wake County
- Planning process
- Findings and survey results
- Recommendations
- Next steps

National Opioid Settlement

- Nationwide settlements have been reached to resolve all Opioid litigation brought by states and local political subdivisions against the three largest pharmaceutical distributors and manufacturer.
- These \$26B settlements will provide substantial funds to states and subdivisions for abatement of the Opioid epidemic across the country and will impose transformative changes in the way the settling defendants conduct their business.
- Funds began flowing to states in April 2022
 - NC will receive approximately \$750M over 18-year term
- NC has approved and signed the settlements
 - Established Memorandum of Agreement to guide use and management of funds
- Wake County agreed to the settlement in November 2021

Opioid Impact in Wake County 2021 By The Numbers



Drug overdose deaths:

198



County rate:
17.8 per
100,000



Community naloxone reversals:

546

49.1/100,000
( : 39.6/100,000)

Drug overdose hospital emergency department visits:

1,091



98.1/
100,000

Residents who received Medication Assisted Treatment (combination of medication and counseling):



2,917

0.03% ( : 0.5%)



Opioid deaths involving illicit opioids:

74.7%

People receiving dispensed opioid pills:

11.7%
( : 12.9%)



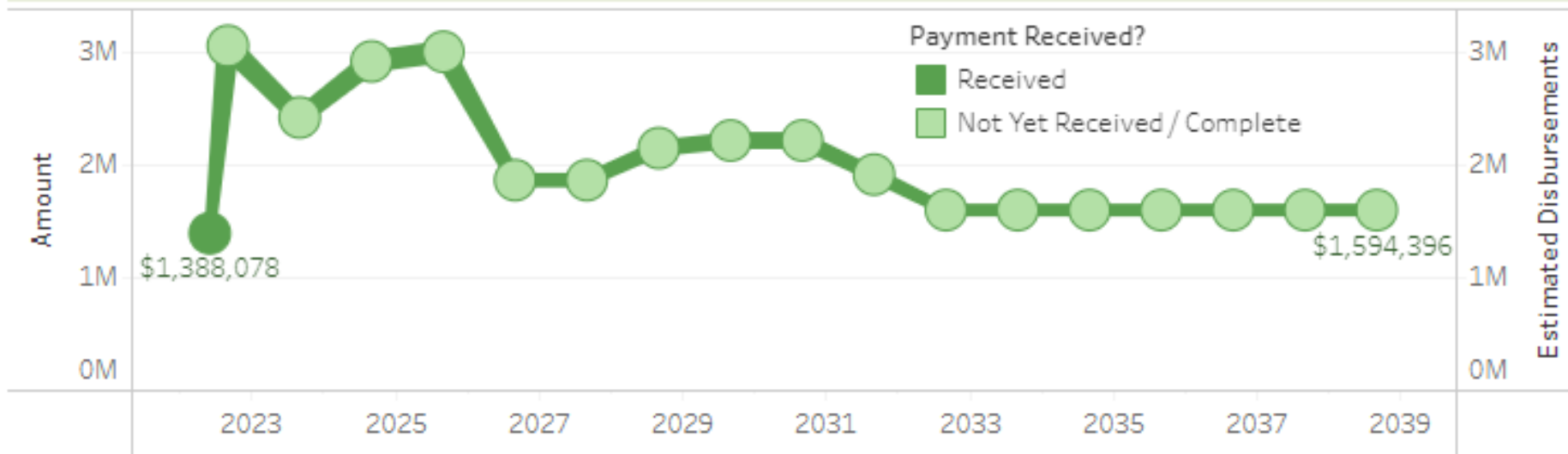
Data source: NCDHHS Opioid and Substance Use Action Plan Data Dashboard

Funding To Wake County

18 Year Payment to Wake during 2022-2038:

\$36,129,436

Payments Over Time - Wake



- Raleigh and Cary directed their funding to Wake County*

Wake County Planning

- Process developed to be compliant with requirements of MOA
- Build from strategies and structures currently in place:
 - Wake County Behavioral Health Plan
 - Board of Commissioner 2022 Goals
 - Wake County Drug Overdose Prevention Initiative Action Plan
 - NC Opioid and Substance Use Action Plan
- Engaged community and stakeholders
- Received prioritization through survey
- Focus on FY23 and FY24 (September 2022 – June 2024)

Plan Principles

1. Draw from existing Behavioral Health Plan and Overdose Coalition plan, developed in partnership with the community.
2. Be responsive to community priorities, especially for those experiencing health disparities.
3. Focus investments based upon their potential impact and measurable outcomes.
4. Adopt a collective impact approach that leverages other funding sources and is sensitive to sustainability.
5. Complement and enhance existing programs while avoiding unnecessary duplication of effort.

Counties May Fund Strategies Outlined in MOA

Prevention



EARLY INTERVENTION



SYRINGE SERVICE PROGRAM



NALOXONE DISTRIBUTION

Treatment



EVIDENCE BASED ADDICTION TREATMENT



ADDICTION TREATMENT FOR INCARCERATED PERSONS

Recovery



POST OVERDOSE RESPONSE TEAMS



CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVERSION PROGRAMS



RE-ENTRY PROGRAMS



RECOVERY SUPPORT SERVICES



RECOVERY HOUSING SUPPORT



EMPLOYMENT RELATED SERVICES

Community Meeting

- Held in-person and on-line
- More than 250 attendees
- Representatives included:
 - Advocates/self/family
 - Community providers
 - Criminal justice
 - Education
 - Health care
 - Housing
 - Human Services
 - Other
- Meeting material and video available at www.wakegov.com/opioidsettlement



Community Meeting

Key Takeaways

- Addiction is a chronic, relapsing disease.
- Treatment works, but far too few people can access it.
- Opioid treatment services are available, but not readily accessible in all areas of Wake County.
- The highest growth in rates of overdose deaths during the past two years have been in Black and Hispanic populations, which have seen over 220% increases.
- Critical supports for people seeking treatment should include recovery supports such as housing, employment assistance, transportation and other assistance.
- Our children are at risk.
- Teachers, counselors, and coaches can be trained as mentors to help youth feel secure and confident, speak up when they feel alone and conflicted, and develop emotional intelligence
- Recovery is a journey, not a destination. Supports need to be available for the long term.

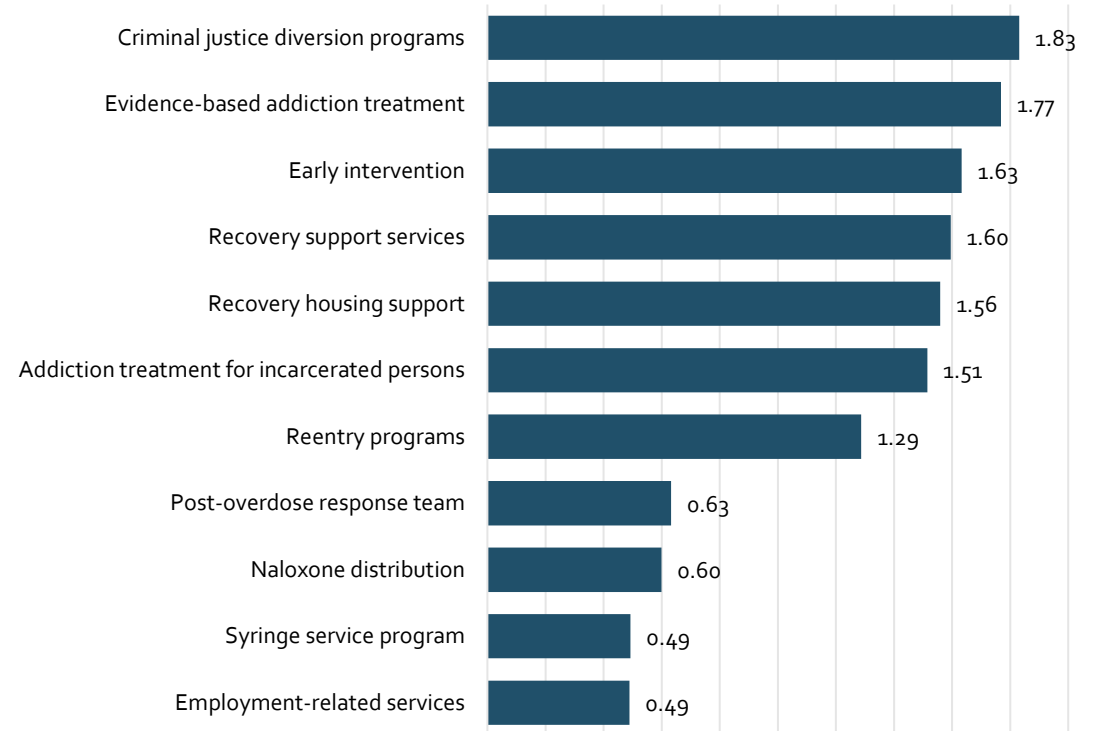
The logo for the National Opioid Settlement Community Meeting. It features the text "NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT COMMUNITY MEETING" in a teal, sans-serif font, stacked vertically. To the right of the text is a large, stylized teal arrow pointing to the right, which is part of a larger graphic element consisting of two overlapping teal shapes.

NATIONAL
OPIOID
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Survey Results

- Web-based survey provided an opportunity for the public to vote and rank their top five priorities to be included in the initial plan
- The survey was open August 2 through the close of business, August 5
- Received 272 responses
- Top five selections
 - Criminal justice diversion
 - Evidence based addiction treatment
 - Early intervention
 - Recovery support services
 - Recovery housing support

Opioid Settlement Funds - Community Prioritization (Weighted Results)



Recommendations

1. Criminal Justice Diversion

- Support pre-arrest or post-arrest diversion programs, or pre-trial service programs, that connect individuals involved or at risk of becoming involved in the criminal justice system to addiction treatment, recovery support, harm reduction services, primary healthcare, prevention, or other services or supports they need.

2. Evidence-Based Addiction Treatment

- Support evidence-based addiction treatment for opioid use disorder – including Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT). This may include capital expenditures, funding for services for uninsured and underinsured, purchase of FDA-approved medication for opioid use disorder and related supports.

3. Early Intervention

- Fund programs, services, or training to encourage early identification and intervention for children or adolescents who may be struggling with problematic use of drugs or mental health conditions. Training programs may target parents, family members, caregivers, teachers, school staff, peers, neighbors, health or human services professionals, or others in contact with children or adolescents.

Recommendations, cont'd

4. Recovery Support Services

- Fund evidence-based recovery support services, including peer support specialists or care navigators that support people in treatment or recovery, or people who use drugs, in accessing addiction treatment, recovery support, harm reduction services, primary healthcare, or other services.

5. Recovery Housing Support

- Fund programs offering recovery housing support to people in treatment or recovery, or people who use drugs, such as assistance with rent, move-in deposits, or utilities; or fund recovery housing programs that provide housing to individuals receiving Medication-Assisted Treatment for opioid use disorder.

Strategic Initiatives for FY23-FY24

	FY23- FY24 Funding	Criminal Justice Diversion	E-B Addiction Treatment	Early Intervention	Recovery Support Services	Recovery Housing
Opioid Use Disorder Treatment	\$2M					
Medication Assisted Treatment			X			
Flexible supports for those in treatment			X		X	X
Care Navigation	\$1.5M					
Geographically identified communities		X		X	X	X
Criminal justice involved		X		X	X	X
Youth and their families		X		X	X	X
Flexible supports to address barriers		X		X	X	X
Early Identification and Intervention	\$300k					
Education and training programs		X		X		
Housing Access and Support	\$750k					
Housing assistance while in treatment or recovery		X	X		X	X

Opioid Use Disorder Treatment

- Provide funding for Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) for uninsured or underinsured individuals with any medication approved for this purpose by the FDA and assist continuity of care for these individuals among community providers.*
- Provide flexible resources to support needs of individuals while engaged in OUD treatment.

**Wake County Board Goal for 2022*

Care Navigation

- Establish and equip teams of peer navigators to help targeted populations access addiction treatment, recovery support, harm reduction services, primary healthcare or other services or supports they need to improve their health or well-being.*
- Targeted populations include:
 - Geographically identified communities
 - Individuals with criminal justice involvement
 - Youth and their families
- Provide flexible resources to support needs of targeted populations

Early Identification and Intervention

- Expand education and training programs for youth, parents, community groups, coaches, youth ministers, employers, and others who encounter young people. Training would include Youth Mental Health First Aid, Adverse Childhood Experiences and other educational programs targeting early identification and intervention of problematic use of drugs or mental health conditions.

Housing Access and Support

- Provide access to housing for people with OUD including supportive housing, recovery housing, housing assistance programs, training for housing providers or recovery housing program that allow or integrate FDA-approved medication with other support services.*

**Wake County Board Goal for 2022*

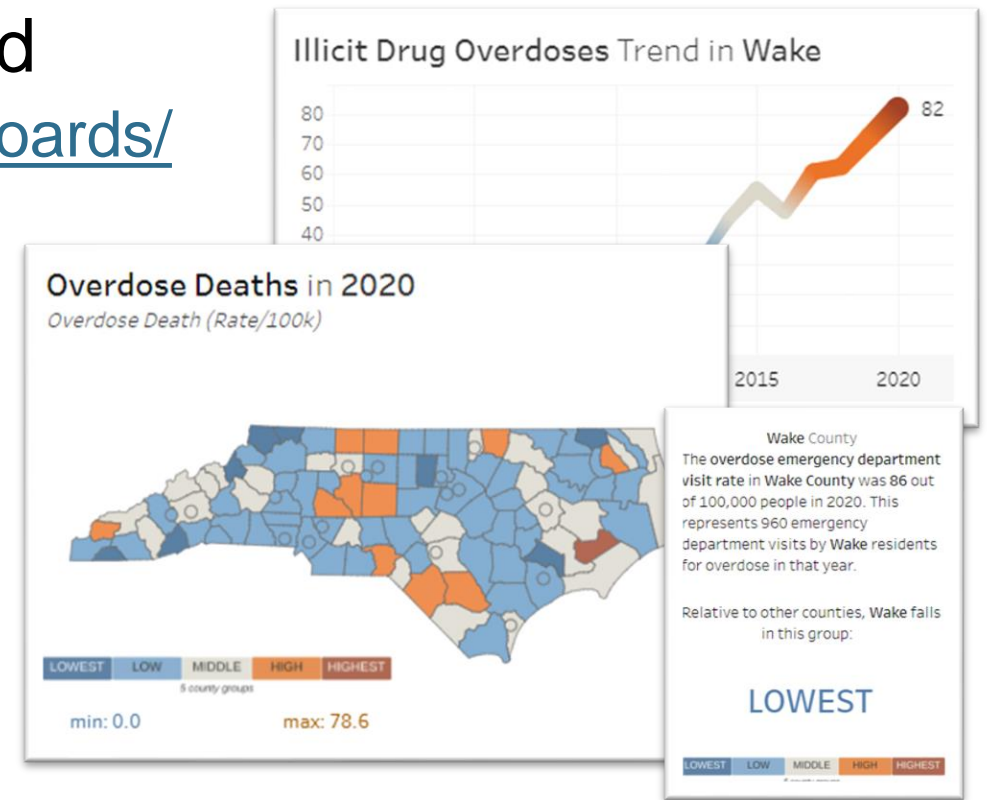
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Transparency and Accountability

- Annual financial and impact reporting and audit requirements
 - Local governments must establish a special revenue fund
- Statewide opioid settlement dashboard

<https://ncopioidsettlement.org/data-dashboards/>



Next Steps – Funding Plan

- August – Human Services Committee provide feedback on draft plan
- September – Share recommended funding plan with full Board of Commissioners
- Fall – begin implementation of funding plan
 - May include additional board actions as implementation steps are determined