

Technical Assistance Collaborative Community Learning Series Webinar Highlights Overview of the Opioid Settlement & Exhibit E | June 8, 2023

Opioid Settlement Background

- **Lawsuits:** Over 2,000 federal lawsuits filed against opioid distributors and manufacturers
- **Consolidation:** Cases consolidated in 2017 under one judge in the Northern District of Ohio
- **Settlement:** In 2019, major distributors and Janssen agreed to settlements

Michigan Opioid Settlement

- State of Michigan will receive nearly \$776 million over 18 years
- 50% of the settlement will be paid directly to county and local governments.
- 70% of funds must be used for future opioid remediation, outlined in Exhibit E of the Settlement Agreement
- Distribution of funds began in January 2023

Principles for Fund Use

- 1 Direct resources towards initiatives that have a **life-saving** impact
- 2 Guide funding decisions using proven **data, research, and evidence**
- 3 Invest in **youth** prevention
- 4 Ensure funding decisions address and **reduce disparities** in affected communities
- 5 Develop a **fair and transparent** process for determining the allocation of funds

Exhibit E Schedule A: Core Strategies

Strategies to Remediate Opioid Use Disorder

- **Naloxone:** Expand distribution and training for emergency overdose reversal
- **Medicated-Assisted Treatment:** Increase access to medication for opioid use disorder
- **Pregnant & Postpartum Women:** Expand evidence-based treatment and support services
- **Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Treatment:** Expand comprehensive recovery support for infants
- **Warm Hand-Off Programs:** Enhance recovery services and transitions
- **Prevention & Education:** Implement school-based programs and media campaigns
- **Incarcerated Population Program**
- **Program Evaluation**
- **Syringe Service Programs**

Exhibit E Schedule B: Approved Uses

Treatment: Expand treatment availability, support people in recovery, strengthen connections to care and increase workforce capacity

Five Treatment Categories

- Treat Opioid Use Disorder
- Support People in Treatment and Recovery
- Connections to Care
- Criminal Justice-Involved Persons
- Pregnant or Parenting Women and Their Families

Prevention: Appropriate prescribing, prevent misuse, and reduce overdose deaths **Other Uses:** Support first responders, leadership, planning, and coordination efforts