

WAYNE COUNTY ANNUAL OPIOID MEETING

November 12, 2024



WAYNE COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA

Litigation Background and NC MOA

- Class action lawsuit against various Opioid manufacturers, distributors, pharmacies, and consultants began in 2017. Thousands of local government units throughout the Country joined the class action lawsuit. Wayne County joined in April 2018.
- In mid-2021, a Plaintiffs reached a settlement with Johnson & Johnson, Cardinal, McKesson, AmerisourceBergen, and McKinsey. Subsequent settlements were reached with Mallinckrodt (bankruptcy), Endo (bankruptcy), Allergen, Teva, CVS, Walgreens, Walmart, and Kroger.
- Local government defendants agreed to surrender individual suits and join the agreements negotiated with state governments. The NC Department of Justice and a working group with the NC Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) worked to negotiate a Memorandum of Agreement with respect to North Carolina's settlement funds.

NC MOA continued

- Governing boards of all Counties were required to approve the MOA in order to receive funds.
- An additional 5% of settlement funds went into an incentive fund for all counties in which municipalities in that county with a population of at least 30,000 residents joined the MOA.
- Wayne County and the City of Goldsboro approved MOA in September 2021.
- The MOA addresses the allocation of funds to counties, the use of funds, and includes transparency and accountability measures.
- Supplemental MOAs have been agreed to address settlement funds from additional distributors and pharmacies (Allergan, Teva, CVS, Walgreens, Walmart, and Kroger).

NC MOA Requirements

- Funds are distributed directly to counties. The Board of Commissioners must authorize all spending ahead of time by resolution.
- MOA offers local governments two options for use of funds. Each option contains strategies to combat opioid pandemic.
- Funds are required to be held in a special revenue fund and are subject to Local Government Commission audit requirements.
- No deadline to expend settlement funds. Counties have discretion as to how much to spend in each given year.
- Counties are required to submit a financial report and impact report to the state annually.
- All reports are available to the public via the CORE-NC portal.

Breakdown of Settlement Funds

- Settlement amounts to each county were determined based on population and the local impact of the opioid crisis as determined by public health statistics.
- Nationally: approximately \$50 Billion
- North Carolina: approximately \$1.37 Billion
 - 85% of funds allocated to local governments
 - 15% of funds allocated to the State of North Carolina
- Total Wayne County Allocation: \$11,304,746
 - Funds will be broken out into annual payments through FY 39.
 - Amount received annually varies year to year.

Option A Strategies (MOA Exhibit A)

- Collaborative Strategic Planning
- Evidence-Based Addiction Treatment
- Recovery Support
- Housing
- Employment
- Early Intervention
- Naloxone
- Post-Overdose Response
- Syringe Service Programs
- Legal System Diversion
- Addiction Treatment for Incarcerated Persons
- Reentry Programs

Wayne County Approach

- Board of Commissioners established an Opioid Working Group to develop an Option A program for disbursement of Wayne County settlement funds.
- Consists of various stakeholders including 2 County Commissioners, HHS Director, DSS and HD representatives, EMS Director, County OES/Law Enforcement, EMS and Health Medical Directors, County Legal Staff, and a representative from the City of Goldsboro.
- Meetings began in May 2023.

NCACC Collaboration

- County Staff and the Working Group consulted with the NC Association of County Commissioners Opioid Settlement Technical Assistance Team (OSTAT) to develop a RFA curtailed specifically for Wayne County.
- OSTAT Team met with County Staff to assist in the planning process and to provide feedback.

NCACC OSTAT Resources to Wayne County

- Strategic Action Planning
 - Prioritization of evidence-based strategies
 - MOA consultations
- Collaborations of Connections
 - Connections to technical experts
 - Cross-county peer connections
 - Hands-on support from NCACC Strategic Project Coordinators
- Program Implementation Support
 - Education and Training
 - Consultation and coaching
 - Outreach
 - Evaluation and data reporting
 - Preparation of financial reporting

2024 Request for Applications

Working Group identified five Option A strategies which were incorporated into the 2024 Request for Applications.

1. Recovery Support Services
2. Early Intervention
3. Addiction Treatment for Incarcerated Persons
4. Reentry Programs
5. Criminal Justice Diversion Programs

2024 RFA Timeline

- April 1, 2024: RFA Opened
- April 17, 2024: Prebid Meeting
- May 10, 2024: Application Deadline
- June/July 2024: Working Group reviewed and scored applications according to RFA criteria
- June/July 2024: Interviews conducted as an opportunity for applicants to provide additional information on their programs

2024 RFA Timeline continued

- Early July 2024: Working Group finalized application scores and developed formal recommendation
- July 16, 2024: Board of Commissioners adopted resolution awarding funding
- July/August 2024: contracts executed with subrecipients
- November 30, 2024: Subrecipients first quarterly report due to County

Award Details

- Reimbursement based grants.
- Subrecipients required to submit financial and impact reports on a quarterly basis.
- Awards are subject to termination in the event the subrecipient fails to comply with terms of award.
- Grants to County Departments did not supplant department budgets. Grants were only provided for newly created programs.
- Unallowable Costs: Capital expenses, research, lobbying activities, and pre-award costs.

2024 Award Recipients

Addiction Treatment for Incarcerated Persons

- Wayne County Sheriff's Office
- IMS Correctional Healthcare

Naloxone Distribution

- Wayne County Health Department

Early Intervention

- Wayne County Structured Day
- Wayne County Public Schools

Evidence-Based Addiction Treatment

- Goldsboro Comprehensive Treatment Center

2024 Award Recipients

Reentry Programs

- Wayne Community College
- Hope Restorations, Inc.

Recovery Support Services

- Wayne County Coalition for Addiction and Life Management, Inc. (CALM)
- Wayne County Day Reporting Center
- Hope Center Ministries
- Four Day Movement, Inc.

Resources

- Wayne County Opioid Settlement Website
 - <https://www.waynegov.com/2189/National-Opioid-Settlement>
- CORE-NC: Community Opioid Resource Engine for North Carolina (<https://ncopiodsettlement.org/>)
 - Opioid Indicators, Payment Schedules, County Spending Reports, Reporting Requirements
- More Powerful NC (<https://www.morepowerfulnc.org>)
 - Recovery and Overdose Prevention Resources
- NC Association of County Commissioners (<https://www.ncacc.org>)
 - MOA and Supplement MOA, Technical Assistance, Webinars, Treatment Resources

QUESTIONS??

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