



Opioid Settlement Funds

Presentation and Draft Plan

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Settlement Overview



- **Opioid Settlement**

- The Illinois Opioid Allocation Agreement (IOAA) was approved by the Attorney General and by all Illinois Counties with a population over 250,000. (December 2021)
- National settlements were reached with the Janssen group (J&J) of companies and distributors. (January 2022)
- Distributions were not anticipated to arrive before late Fall 2022.
- Settlement Agreements provide that the “intent of the parties”, settlement funds were to be used for “Opioid Remediation”.
 - If funds are not used for remediation, the amounts and uses would need to be reported to the Settlement Fund Administrator.

Definition - Opioid Remediation



- **“Opioid Remediation”** means care, treatment, and other programs and expenditures (including reimbursement for past such programs or expenditures except where this Agreement restricts the use of funds solely to future Opioid Remediation) designed to:
 1. address the misuse and abuse of opioid products,
 2. treat or mitigate opioid use or related disorders, or
 3. mitigate other alleged effects of the opioid abuse crisis, including on those injured as a result of the opioid abuse crisis.

**Examples for use can be found in the Illinois Settlement Agreement, Exhibit B, pages 31-45.*

- First payment received October 2022
- Estimated to receive approximately \$215,000 per year for 18 years
 - As of July 19, 2023, Lake County has received the first 5 years of payments \$1,267,790.71
 - Total estimated at \$3.9 M for 18 years
- Reporting committee is recommended to be the Health and Community Services Committee.

Note: Funds from other pending settlement agreements and litigation will add to this total as they are received, including settlement of the Purdue Pharma litigation presently pending in the federal court system.

Workgroup

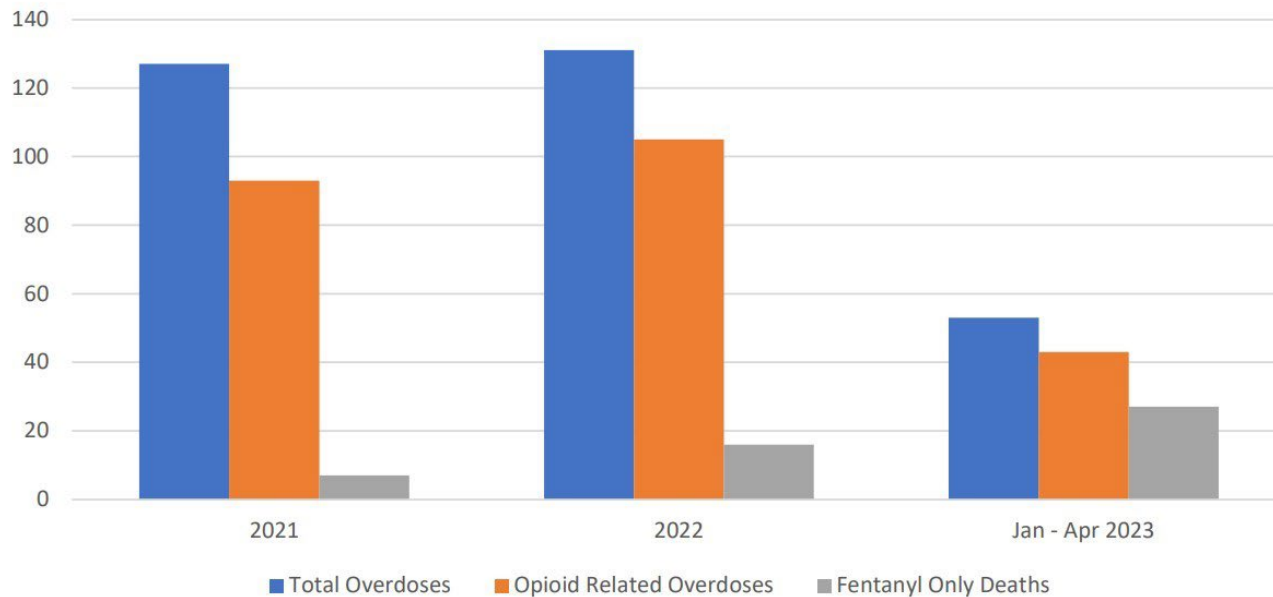
- **States Attorney** – Eric Rinehart and Gunnar Gunnarsson
- **Public Defender** – Joy Gossman
- **Regional Office of Education** – Dr. Michael Karner
- **Health Department** – Mark Pfister and Sam Johnson
- **Courts and Pre-trial Services** – Todd Schroeder, Jeff Ross, Frank Morelli
- **Courts** - Judge Bishop
- **Sheriff** – Undersheriff Oliver
- **Coroner** – Coroner Jennifer Banek and Steve Newton
- **Finance** – Melissa Gallagher
- **County Administration** – Cassandra Hiller

In Short:

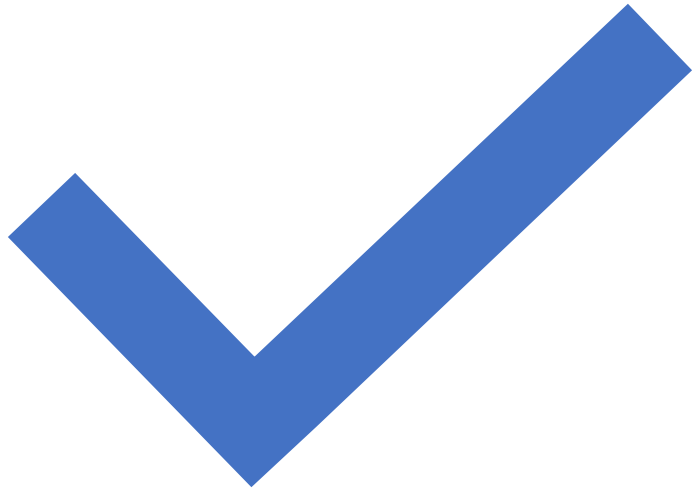
- Reviewed Settlement Agreement
- Opioid Statistics
- Existing programs and capacity
- Drafted program ideas

Opioid Statistics In Brief

Coroner's Office Overdose Comparison 2021 - 2023



- 2021, 93 of the 127 total overdoses were attributable to opioids, 76 of those contained fentanyl, and there were 7 that were solely fentanyl overdoses.
- 2022, 105 of the 131 total overdoses were attributable to opioids, 92 of those contained fentanyl, and there were 16 that were solely fentanyl overdoses.
- In the first 4 months of 2023, 43 of the 53 total overdoses have been attributed to opioids, 38 of these contained fentanyl, and there have been 27 that were solely fentanyl overdoses.



Program Recommendations

- Opioid Program Coordinator
- Opioid Education Program

Opioid Program Coordinator



Opioid Program Coordinator – \$69-90,000 plus benefits

- Responsible for coordinating the County's Opioid Activities in compliance with the Settlement Agreement.
- 13 strategies were identified by the internal workgroup that can be summarized by the below:
 - Coordinate the County's substance use-related activities, including funding, resource development, and service coordination,
 - Collaborate with internal and external partners,
 - Enhance deflection and diversion initiatives,
 - Work on a strategy to provide mini-grants (similar to the Housing and Community Development Commission (HCDC) process) to service providers,
 - Enhance education regarding substance abuse and treatment options,
 - Identify existing capacity/limitations, and pathways to increase prevention, care and support capacity per the Lake County Opioid Initiative (LCOI) strategic goal.

Opioid Education Program



- **Opioid Education Program – ROE** - \$46,000
 - **NARCAN Training** to all school districts
 - **Professional Development** for educators and staff
 - **Drug Education in a Box** – lesson plans, resources and plans for schools to implement by January 2024
 - **Presentations** at local school districts
 - **Fairs for local school districts**

Summary



- **Estimated to receive approximately \$215,000 per year for 18 years**
 - Have received the first 5 years of payments \$1,267,790.71
 - Total estimated at \$3.9 M for 18 years
 - May receive additional funds from pending settlements
- **Opioid Program Coordinator**
 - K8/K9 Hiring Range \$69-90,000 plus benefits
- **Opioid Education Program**
 - \$46,000 for implementation



Questions