

## RESOLUTION

### ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board of Health  
Supervisor Peer  
INITIATED BY



7/18/2023  
DATE DRAFTED

#### **Adopting an Implementation Plan for Use of Opioid Settlement Funds**

**WHEREAS**, the National Opioid Settlement resolves opioid-related litigation that was brought forward by states and local jurisdictions to address and abate harms associated with the opioid epidemic; and,

**WHEREAS**, Rock County joined the litigation and will be receiving funds from the settlement; and,

**WHEREAS**, settlement funds are required to be used for specific abatement strategies listed in a document known as Exhibit E; and,

**WHEREAS**, in February 2022, Rock County created an internal workgroup of County staff to guide the development of recommendations for how the funding could be used to address local challenges related to the opioid epidemic; and,

**WHEREAS**, the workgroup consisted of representatives from Human Services, the Sheriff's Office, Corporation Counsel, County Administration, and Public Health; and,

**WHEREAS**, through community engagement, review of prior substance use/misuse assessments, and analysis of data, the workgroup developed the [Rock County Opioid Settlement Funds Report of Recommendations](#), which was presented to the County Board in September 2022; and,

**WHEREAS**, the *Report of Recommendations* was discussed and endorsed by the Human Services Board on February 22, 2023, the Board of Health on March 1, 2023, and the Public Safety & Justice Committee on March 6, 2023; and,

**WHEREAS**, the workgroup then developed strategies that align with the endorsed recommendations; and,

**WHEREAS**, the proposed strategies for the initial use of opioid settlement funds are outlined in the attached *Rock County Opioid Settlement Funds Update and Implementation Plan*; and,

**WHEREAS**, the strategies are intended to increase access to higher-level treatment and sober living facilities; prevent the onset of opioid use disorder through youth prevention; and provide substance use disorder and mental health assessment with rapid access to treatment in the criminal justice system; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 10th day of August, 2023 does hereby adopt the *Rock County Opioid Settlement Funds Update and Implementation Plan* as the County's strategy for the use of settlement funds to address the harms of the opioid epidemic in Rock County.

#### FISCAL NOTE:

This resolution approves the Rock County Opioid Settlement Funds Update and Implementation Plan. This resolution does not amend the budget at this time.

Sherry Oja  
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to §§ 59.01 & 59.51, Wis. Stats.

Richard Greenlee  
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended. If approved, the County Board would expect to see additional resolutions authorizing specific projects at future meetings.

Josh Smith  
County Administrator

**Committee Action**

Board of Health

The Board of Health recommended this resolution for approval unanimously.

Human Services Board

The Human Services Board recommended this resolution for approval by a unanimous voice vote. Citizen Representative Hoffman was absent.

Public Safety & Justice Committee

Public Safety & Justice Committee recommended this resolution for approval by a unanimous voice vote.