



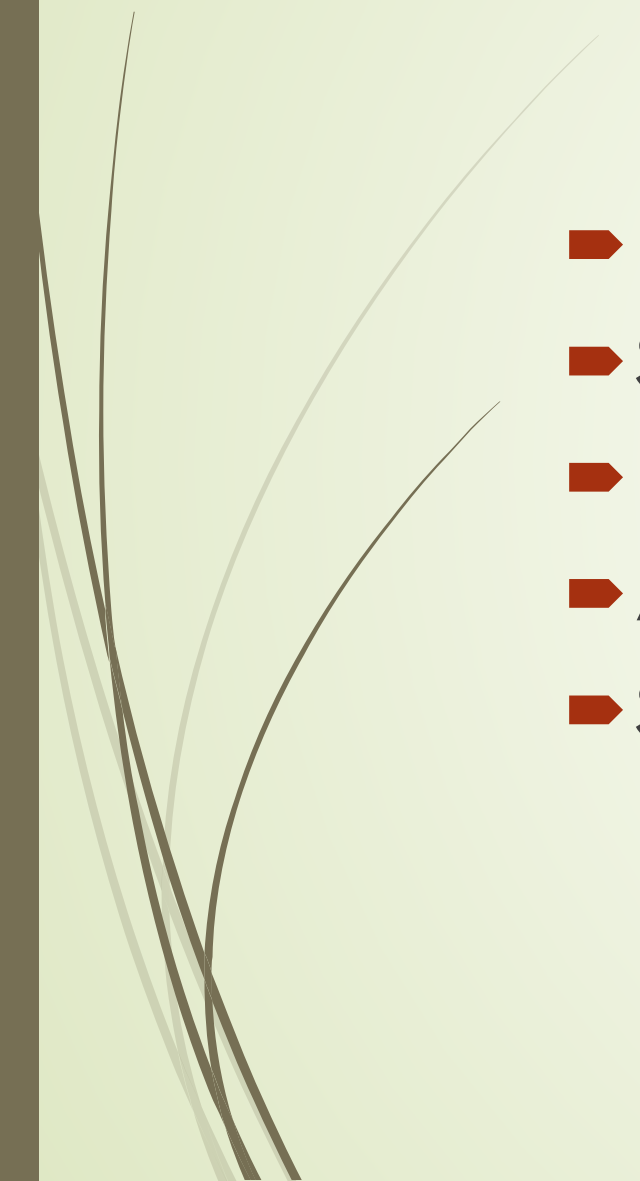
Monroe County, Michigan Plan of Implementation Opioid National Settlement Funds

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Monroe County Board of Commissioners



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Background

- ▶ County retained Miller Law to represent County as plaintiff to bring cause of action against national pharmaceutical industry
- ▶ Litigation commenced in late 2017
- ▶ County's Lawsuit filed against manufacturers, distributors and pharmacies
 - ▶ 1,200 page lawsuit with 129 exhibits



Background-continued

- ▶ County supported Miller Law through information and case data provided by:
 - ▶ MANTIS
 - ▶ Public Health & Medical Examiner Office
 - ▶ Sheriff's Office
 - ▶ Prosecutor's Office
 - ▶ County Administrator/Chief Financial Officer & County General Counsel coordinated litigation support

Background-continued

- Monroe's lawsuit consolidated into multi-district litigation, involving claims in 9 different districts and assigned to federal court in Ohio
- Monroe's claims included alleged improper marketing of, & inappropriate distribution of various prescription opiate medications into cities, states & towns across the United States & the resulting damages that occurred from these practices
- 400 plus depositions were taken & the parties submitted 100 expert witnesses as part of the litigation

Monroe County Data

- From 2006 through 2014; approximately 71 million units of opioids were shipped into Monroe County; 53 pills for every man, woman & child in Monroe County
- In 2016, patients in Monroe County received 154,426 opioid prescriptions amounting to 10,935,495 units of opiates. The population was approximately 150,000
- 41% of Monroe County adults were aware of someone who had misused or abused prescription pain medications in the past year, increasing to 47% of those with incomes less than \$25,000.

Sources:

- Automation of Reports & Consolidated Orders System (ARCOS)
- Opinion & Order dated April 30, 2020
- 2019 Monroe County, MI Opioid Assessment

Monroe County Drug Related Deaths 2017-2021

Year	Total Deaths	Opiates	Heroin Toxicity	Fentanyl Toxicity	= or < 35 yrs of age
2017	47	36	15	24	20
2018	45	39	16	26	15
2019	35	33	6	29	15
2020	55	47	10	43	17
2021	52	44	1	43	21

Important to note – drug breakdown will not equal total deaths since many are multiple drug toxicity and counted more than once in the breakdown.

Source – knowmoremonroe.com, data provided by Monroe County Medical Examiner's Office

State & National Data

- ▶ Michigan ranked 10th nationally in per capita prescribing rates of opioids and 18th in overdose deaths.
 - ▶ In Michigan, accidental overdose deaths increased six-fold from 81 to 519 annually, between 1999 and 2013
 - ▶ Of these, about 60% had received a prescription opioid in the last 30 days
- ▶ In 2021, 107,622 lives were lost in the United States due to a drug overdose; an average of 295 people per day.
 - ▶ Drug overdoses are the leading cause of death for Americans ages 18-45
 - ▶ Of this total, approximately 66% of overdose deaths were attributable to opioids

Settlement

- ▶ Defendants (National Opioid Firms) could not defeat claims brought by Monroe County on briefs/motions
- ▶ As a result, a \$26 Billion Gross settlement was reached with the following national defendants:
 - ▶ Johnson & Johnson/Janssen (opioid manufacturer); Amerisource Bergen, Cardinal Health & McKesson (distributors)
- ▶ Translated into a \$22.8 Billion net settlement with governments around the country pursuant to the Intrastate Agreement among the plaintiffs
- ▶ The settlement allocation to Michigan from the national opioid settlement is approximately 3.4% of the national recovery, estimated at \$776,295,123
- ▶ Of this amount, 50% is distributed to Michigan local units and 50% to the State of Michigan

Settlement-continued

- The settlement allocation to Monroe County is enhanced by 16% because of its leadership in being chosen as bellwether plaintiff in the case and tested a motion from defendants to dismiss the claims under Michigan law
- The settlement allocation to Monroe County is approximately 1.77% of the total aggregate settlement amount or \$5,496,299
- Payments under the settlement are spread over 18 years
- Monroe County is scheduled to receive an average of \$305,000 annually
- Funds will be managed in a restricted account to be used only for eligible expenditures; financial reporting of funds required to monitor compliance
- Distribution of funds was delayed due to litigation from Ottawa County who objected to distribution formula

Settlement-continued

- The funding settlement allocation metrics were determined nationally and within Michigan using these factors for counties:
 - A. The number of persons suffering from opioid use disorder (“OUD”) in the county;
 - B. The number of overdose deaths (“OD Deaths”) that occurred in the county; and
 - C. The amount of opioids distributed within the county by Morphine Milligram Equivalent (“MME”)
- Use of Settlement Funds:
 - The funds must be used for approved opioid abatement purposes. See www.nationalopioidsettlement.com
 - 15 pages of guidance on approved/eligible uses
 - Treatment/Prevention/Other Strategies

Plan of Implementation

- Monroe Plan incorporates the Monroe Opioid Strategic Plan elements
- Monroe Opioid Strategic Plan developed in 2020 with the following community sectors:
 - Faith
 - Public Health
 - Behavioral Health
 - Non-profit
 - Education
 - Government
 - Law Enforcement
 - Business
 - Family/Parent
 - Treatment/Recovery
- Annual Plan of Implementation with settlement funds supporting county-wide services
- Input on Plan from law enforcement, public health, community partners & administration
- Strengthens existing providers to expand programs & services; leveraging their reservoirs of expertise, systems, methodologies and reporting protocols

Plan of Implementation-continued

- Resources allocated to 7 community service providers in SUD, OUD, MH and training;
 - Service contracts guiding use of funds, reporting on services provided, how many, when, etc.
 - Determine outcomes from funding-service providers with WSU requested to assist with dash boarding of key metrics & program evaluation for future funding
- Allocates annual average funding amount plus limited amount of one-time funding to stand up programs
- Draft Plan submitted to the following outside agencies for review:
 - Miller Law – Evaluate Compliance to settlement terms
 - Michigan Association of Counties - Opioid Coordinator
 - Community Mental Health Partnership of Southeast Michigan, Substance Use Services Director

Action Plans: 8 Coordinated Approaches

- ▶ **#1** Community Recovery Peer Based Support for long-term recovery of Substance Use Disorder (SUD) afflicted individuals
 - ▶ **Target Audience:** Individuals with Substance Use Disorder (SUD) seeking or sustaining recovery
 - ▶ **Goal:** Provide coordination of services within community, connecting individuals needing support to resources for sustaining long-term recovery outcomes
 - ▶ **Annual Funding:** \$10,000

Action Plans: 8 Coordinated Approaches

➤ #2 Intensive Outpatient (IOP) Substance Abuse Program

- **Target Audience:** Individuals with opioid use disorder & co-occurring SUD/Mental Health Disorder with little criminal history. Individuals in jail & the same persons upon release. *Based on data from New England Journal of Medicine, death from overdose is 129 more likely within two (2) weeks of release from incarceration v. general population.*
- **Goal:** Create a program through community partnerships working to be proactive in its approach to implementing treatments early, rather than waiting for someone to receive a felony and to then intervene. Partners will:
 - Create re-entry plans for all eligible individuals
 - Provide transportation from jail release or to IOP appointments
 - Assess and connect to mental health needed
 - Coordinate with jail medical staff, primary care physician, MAT prescriber and psychiatrist to ensure continuity of medications from jail into community
- **Annual Funding:** \$234,376; one-time funding \$36,500

Action Plans: 8 Coordinated Approaches

- ▶ **#3 Engagement Center/Facility Alternative to Hospital Admittance or Incarceration**
 - ▶ **Target Audience:** Individuals suffering from substance use disorder & mental health crisis. Connect individuals to treatment and resources to reduce the number of overdoses in the community. Also, increase Naloxone distributions & distribute fentanyl strips and provide HIV/HEP screening, testing & treatment options/referrals. As applicable, refer individuals to wound care treatment and other service providers.
 - ▶ **Goal:** Annually support 1,000 admissions to 400 unduplicated individuals. Connect and provide transportation to 500 admissions to treatment and/or recovery resources. Have minimum of 6 staff certified in CAN thru Monroe County Community College.
 - ▶ **Annual Funding:** \$20,000

Action Plans: 8 Coordinated Approaches

- **#4** Website for Opioid Information and Available Resources
 - **Target Audience:** Community partners, community organizations, individuals searching for resources & assistance & general public. Additionally, individuals searching for resources or assistance & the general public seeking information regarding available resources and how to access them.
 - **Goal:** For the community have ready access to information and resources at all times via website supporting community prevention efforts. Multiple organizations share the same platform for single point of information.
 - **Annual Funding:** \$2,254

Action Plans: 8 Coordinated Approaches

- **#5** Website for Opioid Information/Metrics & Outcomes Tracking
 - **Target Audience:** Community partners, community organizations, individuals searching for resources & assistance & general public. Additional interest from stakeholders and decision makers who can use the dashboard information to evaluate programs and service outcomes.
 - **Goal:** Use the dashboard and metrics to monitor program success, evaluate programs and service outcomes and guide future funding allocations. Create a single repository of resources and information available at any time.
 - **Annual Funding:** \$500

Action Plans: 8 Coordinated Approaches

- ▶ **#6 Substance Use Disorder Resource Guides**
 - ▶ **Target Audience:** Community partners, community organizations, individuals searching for resources & assistance & general public.
 - ▶ **Goal:** A printed resource for community-wide distribution, available at multiple locations in the community including homeless shelters, transitional housing, jail and other partner locations. Community partners will provide input on the most impactful locations for accessing the Resources Guide and the most important and updated information to include. Resource Guide will provide access to information and resources in easy reference printed document.
 - ▶ **Annual Funding:** \$6,000

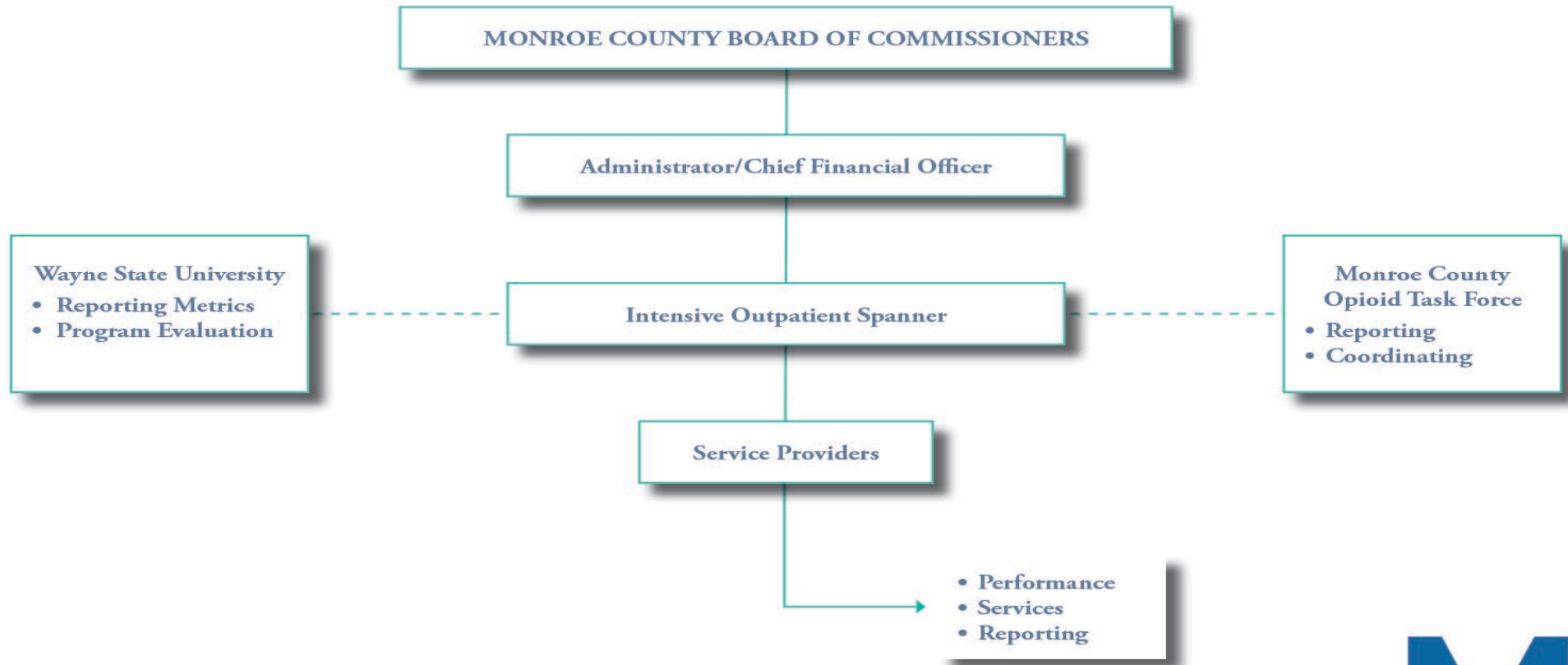
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- **#7** Community First Responders and Family/Community Organizations Training and Education Program
 - **Target Audience:** Individuals with responsibilities that put them in contact with individuals suffering from Opioid Use Disorder (OUD), Substance Use Disorder (SUD), and/or co-occurring SUD/Mental Health Disorder. Includes, but is not limited, to 1st responders, staff of community human service agencies and families who have the potential to or are currently providing support to a family member afflicted by any of the disorders.
 - **Goal:** Provide education and safety training to ensure individuals have awareness of proper procedures and practices. Also, to inform on programs, providers and resources available to best coordinate services and enhance the network among the community partners treating or supporting Opioid Use Disorders.
 - **Annual Funding:** \$30,000

Action Plans: 8 Coordinated Approaches

- ▶ **#8 Treatment and Case Management in Community Employing Mobile Service Delivery**
 - ▶ **Target Audience:** Individuals who suffer from SUD/ODU and are homeless, uninsured or have transportation barriers to access in-office/facility treatment and are unable to pay for services.
 - ▶ **Goal:** Provide treatment, case management and education to an estimated 686 individuals in 2023 and 824 in 2024 who are homeless, uninsured and have transportation barriers that prevent or hinder access to treatment.
 - ▶ **Annual Funding:** \$35,375

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Plan of Implementation Summary

- ▶ Full use of Opioid Settlement Funds
- ▶ Annual Plan delivers \$338,505 of funding resources
- ▶ 8 coordinated Action Plans
- ▶ A comprehensive approach with funds available
- ▶ Leverages community service providers to strengthen programs & services
- ▶ Multiple target audiences to be served in treatment, prevention & education
- ▶ Goals & outcomes tracked to report impact of funds being deployed
 - ▶ Use data to modify Plans in ensuing years to achieve evolving objectives
- ▶ Plan developed then reviewed by 3rd parties requesting input and needed clarifications to ensure compliance and sound practices



Discussion

- ▶ Any additional comments from presenters
- ▶ Upon concurrence of the governing board
 - ▶ County is ready to begin investing settlement funds into the community through service providers to positively impact citizens



Comments & Questions

