



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 6/1/2021

New Business

Department: Legal and Risk

Presenter(s): Michael Frue

Contact(s): Michael Frue and Brandon Freeman

Subject: OPIOID LITIGATION - MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Brief Summary: The North Carolina Association of County Commissioners hosted a "555 Committee" composed of 5 county commissioners, 5 county managers, and 5 county attorneys to facilitate discussions and agreement with the NC Attorney General's Office and the NC Department of Justice to the terms of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to provide for the equitable distribution of any proceeds from a settlement of national opioid litigation to the State of North Carolina and to individual local governments. Timely and unanimous approval of this MOA by county and applicable municipal governments is seen as essential to reaching a "global" settlement of all claims thereby ensuring widespread and equitable funding in the continued fight against the OPIOID crisis.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action: Approve the Resolution Approving the Memorandum of Agreement Between the State of North Carolina and Local Governments on Proceeds Relating to the Settlement of Opioid Litigation.

County Manager's comments and Recommendation: Manager recommends approval as presented.