



Opioid Settlement Overview & Status Report

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Opioid Settlement Finalized

- A **\$26 billion** national opioid agreement was announced as being finalized by NC Attorney General Josh Stein on 2/25/22 with North Carolina's share to be **\$757+ million**
- An MOA between NC and Local Governments outlines how the money will be divided between the state, counties, and municipalities and how this money can be used.



How Much Will Buncombe Receive?

Funds were released to the National Settlement Distributor on April 2, 2022.

Counties and municipalities will begin receiving funds in the "Spring and Summer" of 2022 and continue over a period of 17 years, with funds to be front-loaded.

Buncombe County will receive **\$16,175,039**

City of Asheville will receive **\$1,518,686**

In 2022, Buncombe County to receive \$1,988,101



MOA Opioid Remediation Activities

Buncombe County is already supporting these evidenced based, high-impact strategies

1. Collaborative strategic planning	5. Employment-related services	9. Syringe Service Program
2. Evidence-based addiction treatment	6. Early intervention	10. Criminal justice diversion programs
3. Recovery support services	7. Naloxone distribution	11. Addiction treatment for incarcerated persons
4. Recovery housing support	8. Post-overdose response teams	12. Reentry Programs



Behavioral Health Justice Collaborative Stakeholders

Buncombe County

County Management

County CAPE

Health and Human Services

Emergency Services

Sheriff's Office

Justice Services

Strategic Partnerships

City of Asheville

City Management

City CAPE

APD

Community and Economic Development

Office of E&I

Behavioral Health

Vaya

MAHEC

HCA- Mission

AMCHC & WNCCHS

RHA, FPS, NC Brookhaven, October Road, ADATC

Supportive Services & Courts

Homeward Bound

Sunrise

District Attorney

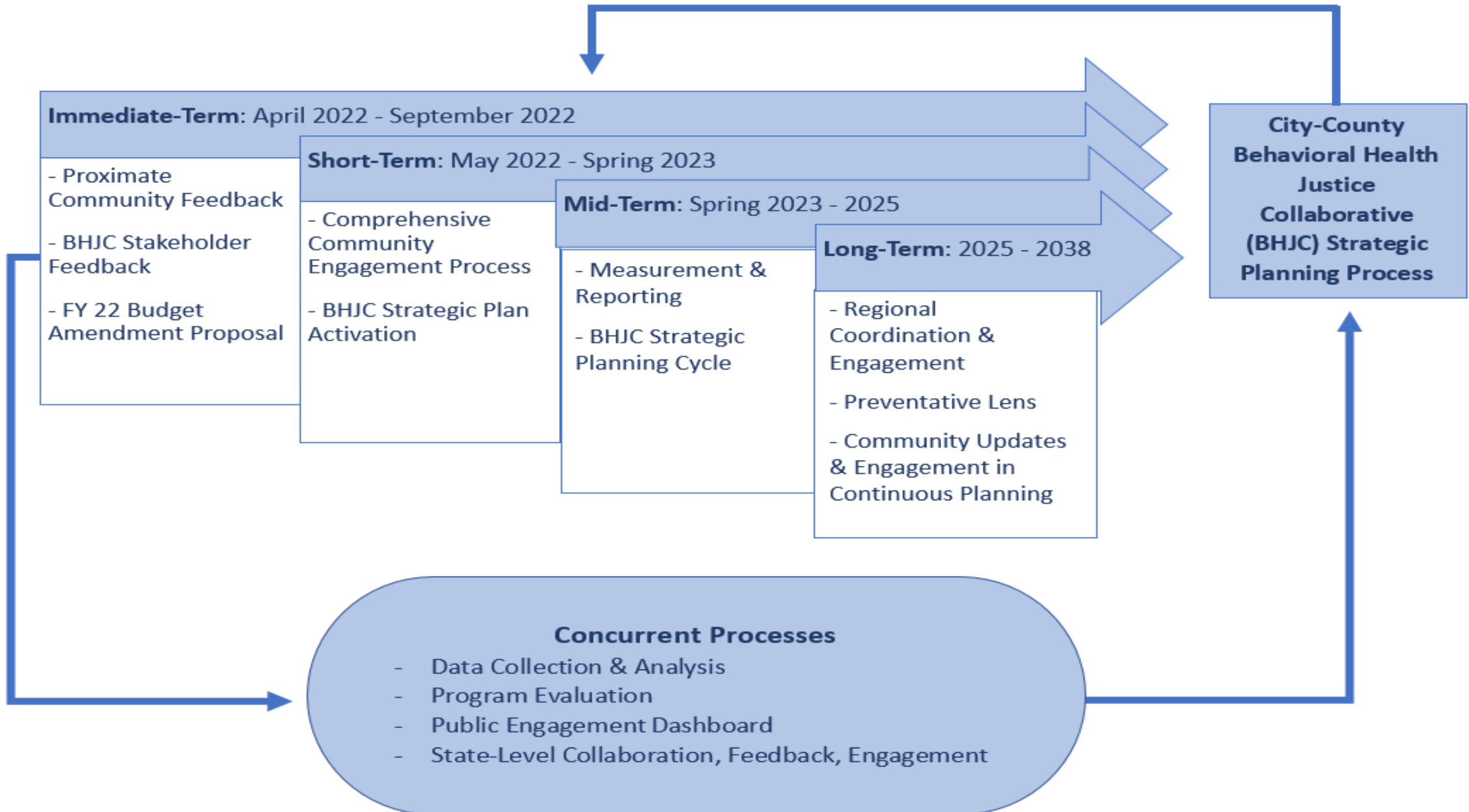
Public Defender

Treatment Court Judge

Probation



Planning for the Settlement Funds

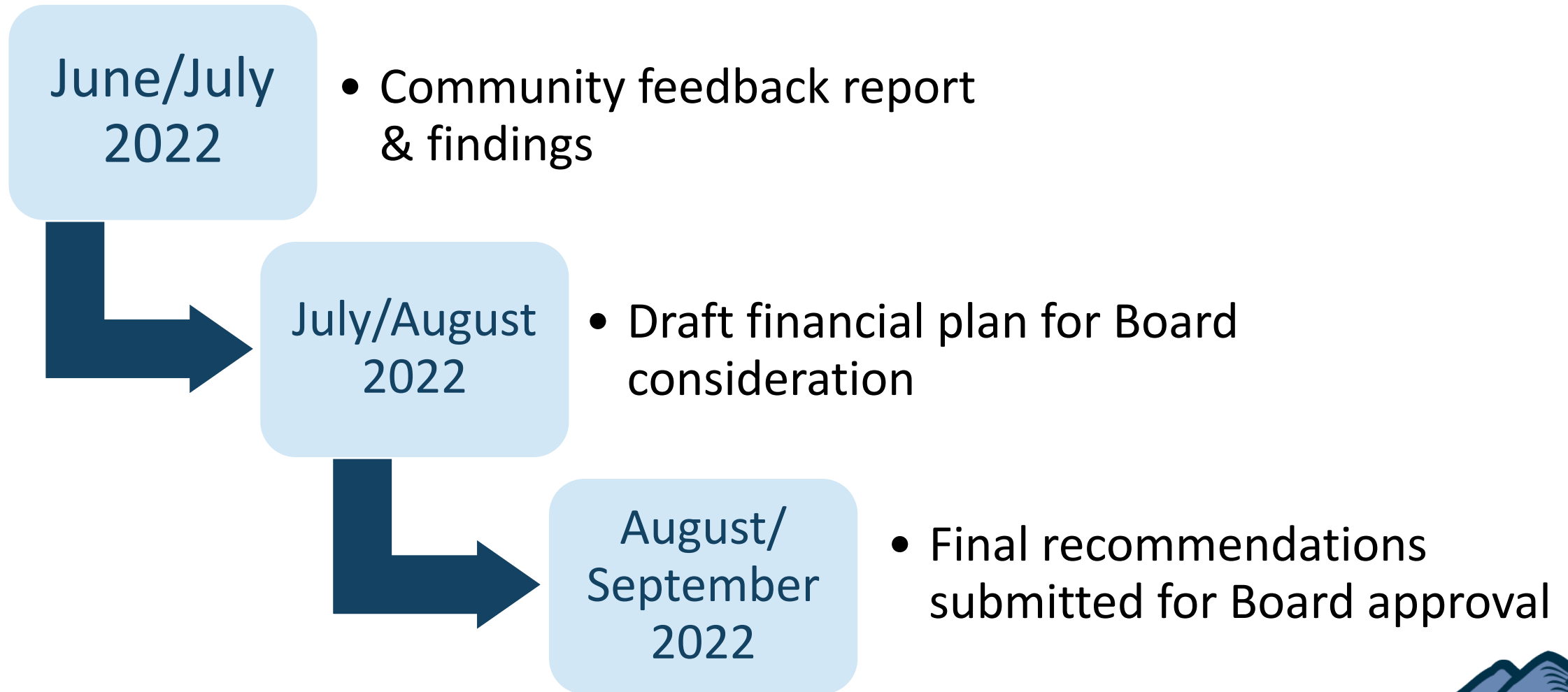


Community Awareness & Input Efforts

- Participate & engage current community meetings
 - Buncombe County Crisis Collaborative
 - C.A.R.E. Team
 - Recovery Community Collaborative
 - Partnership for Substance Free Youth
- Partner with non-profit community-based advocacy groups
- Use Public Input Page to develop ongoing feedback loop
- Attend Community Engagement Markets & other community events



What Can the Board Expect Next?



Discussion

