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

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# Behavioral Health Justice Collaborative Stakeholders

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Planning for the Settlement Funds

**Immediate-Term:** April 2022 - September 2022
- Proximate Community Feedback
- BHJC Stakeholder Feedback
- FY 22 Budget Amendment Proposal

**Short-Term:** May 2022 - Spring 2023
- Comprehensive Community Engagement Process
- BHJC Strategic Plan Activation

**Mid-Term:** Spring 2023 - 2025
- Measurement & Reporting
- BHJC Strategic Planning Cycle

**Long-Term:** 2025 - 2038
- Regional Coordination & Engagement
- Preventative Lens
- Community Updates & Engagement in Continuous Planning

**Concurrent Processes**
- Data Collection & Analysis
- Program Evaluation
- Public Engagement Dashboard
- State-Level Collaboration, Feedback, Engagement

**City-County Behavioral Health Justice Collaborative (BHJC) Strategic Planning Process**
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?

- **June/July 2022**: Community feedback report & findings
- **July/August 2022**: Draft financial plan for Board consideration
- **August/September 2022**: Final recommendations submitted for Board approval
Discussion