

**A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNTY OF BLADEN
TO DIRECT THE EXPENDITURE OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS**

WHEREAS, Bladen County has joined national settlement agreements with companies engaged in the manufacturing, distribution, and dispensing of opioids, including settlements with drug distributors Cardinal, McKesson, and AmerisourceBergen, and the drug maker Johnson & Johnson and its subsidiary Janssen Pharmaceuticals;

WHEREAS, the allocation, use, and reporting of funds stemming from these national settlement agreements and certain bankruptcy resolutions (“Opioid Settlement Funds”) are governed by the Memorandum of Agreement Between the State of North Carolina and Local Governments on Proceeds Relating to the Settlement of Opioid Litigation (“MOA”);

WHEREAS, Bladen County has received Opioid Settlement Funds pursuant to these national settlement agreements and deposited the Opioid Settlement Funds in a separate special revenue fund as required by section D of the MOA;

WHEREAS, section E.6 of the MOA states:

E.6. Process for drawing from special revenue funds.

- a. Budget item or resolution required. Opioid Settlement Funds can be used for a purpose when the Governing Body includes in its budget or passes a separate resolution authorizing the expenditure of a stated amount of Opioid Settlement Funds for that purpose or those purposes during a specified period of time.
- b. Budget item or resolution details. The budget or resolution should (i) indicate that it is an authorization for expenditure of opioid settlement funds; (ii) state the specific strategy or strategies the county or municipality intends to fund pursuant to Option A or Option B, using the item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to identify each funded strategy, and (iii) state the amount dedicated to each strategy for a stated period of time.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in alignment with the NC MOA, Bladen County authorizes the expenditure of opioid settlement funds as follows:

1. First strategy authorized
 - a. Name of strategy: **Collaborative Strategic Planning**
 - b. Strategy is included in **Exhibit A**
 - c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: **Exhibit A: “Strategy 1”**
 - d. Amounted authorized for this strategy: **\$60,750 excluding travel expenses**
 - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place: Start date **March 4, 2022** through End date **December 31, 2023**
 - f. Description of the program, project, or activity: **Update Bladen County’s strategic plan which will include the steps necessary for the County to take under Option A which will strengthen the existing service system for Opioid and other Substance Abuse Services to refine the existing levels of care that exist in Bladen County. The strategic plan will also include a written summary of the planning and needs assessment process, the gaps**

which exist within the county which keep it from effectively and efficiently responding to the Opioid as well as other alcohol/drug crisis and treatment demand situations.

g. Provider: **Addiction, Consulting and Training (ACT) Associates, LLC.**

2. Second strategy authorized:

a. Name of strategy: **Evidence-based Practice Addiction Treatment**

b. Strategy is included in Exhibit: **Exhibit A**

c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: **2**

d. Amounted authorized for this strategy: **\$120,450**

e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:

Start date: **January 1, 2023**, end date: **December 31, 2023**

f. Description of the program, project, or activity: **Provide peer-based detox, treatment and sober housing to individuals who are 18 years of age or older and are seeking recovery services and are residents of Bladen County. Provider shall not be required to provide services to any sex offender or other individual who has been deemed “ineligible for service” by Provider according to the rules and regulations of the Program.**

g. Provider: **The Healing Place of New Hanover County**

3. Third authorized strategy

a. Name of strategy: **Post overdose Response Team**

b. Strategy is included in Exhibit: **Exhibit A**

c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: **8**

d. Amounted authorized for this strategy: **\$56,347**

e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:

Start date **January 1, 2023** through End date **December 31, 2023**

f. Description of the program, project, or activity: **Re-establish the Community Paramedic Service for EMS to provide Post Overdose linkage to treatment, follow-up, and referrals.**

g. Provider: **Bladen County EMS**

The total dollar amount of Opioid Settlement Funds appropriated across the above named and authorized strategies is **\$237,547.00**

Adopted this the **3rd** day of **January, 2023.**

ATTEST:

Maria C. Edwards, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board

Rodney Hester, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioners

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