A Colorado Model: Getting to Yes

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Core Principles for All Colorado Plan

Maximize Settlement Funds

Utilize Existing Infrastructure To the Extent Possible

Ensure Equity for All Local Governments
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Colorado Opioid Settlement Funds Distribution

- 20% Direct Allocation by Formula to Participating local Governments
  *Requirements – Full Transparency

- 60% Regional Opioid Abatement Fund Formula Allocations to Regions
  *Requirement – Full Transparency

- 10% Infrastructure Fund – State
  This fund will support hard hit areas in the state with resource needs
  *Requirement – Full Transparency

- 10% Direct Allocation to State Government
  *Requirement – Full Transparency
Colorado Opioid Regions

Regions for the distribution of opioid settlement funds

[Map showing 20 regions with corresponding numbers and names for distribution of funds.]
Colorado Opioid Abatement Council (COAC)
13 Members
AG is the non-voting Chair

Regional Opioid Abatement Council (ROAC)

Membership
- Voting Members
  - County Rep*
  - Municipal Rep
  - Public Health Rep
  - Police, Sheriff, DA Rep
  - Courts Rep
- Advisory Members
  - Treatment Providers
  - Recover Providers
  - Harm Reduction
  - Affected Persons
  - Other

Opioid Crisis Recovery Funds Advisory Committee

Membership
- 13 Governor Appointees
  - Licensed Physician
  - Licensed Pharmacist
  - Licensed Nurse
  - Licensed Dentist
  - Licensed Veterinarian
  - Licensed Phys Therapist
  - Local Public Health
  - Affected Person
  - Affected Family
  - Advocacy Organization
  - 16 State Organization Appointees

60% Regional & 10% Infrastructure Shares

2-Year Plan Administer Regional Funds

10% State Share

*Each Regional Council should have a representative from each county
Video and Outreach Encouraging Local Governments to sign the MOU
AG Signs MOU

Our state framework represents what works in Colorado - local control with state support
Resources – Best Practices:

- **PRINCIPLES FOR THE USE OF FUNDS FROM THE OPIOID LITIGATION** – BLOOMBERG SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

- **Evidence Based Strategies for Abatement of Harms from the Opioid Epidemic** - Harvard Medical School, Blavatnik Institute for Health Care Policy

**Funding – look for ways to “braid” funds**

- State Opioid Response (SOR) grants from Office of Behavioral Health
- (can be used for stimulants and opioids)

- AARPA Behavioral Health Funds

- Attorney General office grants

- Infrastructure fund for rural areas
Treatment and Recovery

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Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)
Supportive Housing and residential treatment – access to MAT
Mental Health Trauma issues resulting from opioid use
Expand Telehealth to increase access to treatment, MAT, counseling, psychiatric support and other forms of treatment services
Addiction Medicine Workforce Development
Scholarships for Certified Addiction Specialists
Prescription Drug Monitoring Program
Continuum of Care (Warm Hand-Offs/Hub and Spoke Models)
Gender specific Care (Women, Children, families, etc.)
Opioid Settlement Funds – Allowable Uses

Intervention

Evidence-based treatment models

• Health Care Provider screening for Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and other risk factors
• Health Care Provider know how to appropriately counsel, treat/refer patient for OUD Treatment
• Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) programs
• Training and long-term implementation of SBIRT in key systems (health, schools, colleges, criminal justice and probation)
• Training for ER personnel – MAT induction, post-discharge planning, warm hand-offs
• School based contacts for parent resources
• Develop best practices on addressing OUD in the workplace
• Engage non-profits and faith community as a system to support outreach for treatment

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Criminal Justice
Innovative treatment, diversion strategies and wrap-around services

- Address the needs of persons involved in the criminal justice system who have OUD and co-occurring SUD or mental health issues
  - Support pre-arrest diversion and deflection strategies
  - Support pre-trial services
  - Support treatment and recovery courts – including referrals to MAT or other evidence based treatment
  - Including those who are incarcerated, on probation or on parole
  - Including those who are leaving jail or prison or have recently left jail or prison
  - Support Continuum of Care/Warm Hand-Offs/Hub and Spoke model
Prevention & Education
Widespread prevention and education efforts
Among communities

- Any campaign that implements evidence-informed prevention, such as reduced social and physical access, stigma reduction – including staffing, educational campaigns, or training of coalitions in evidence-informed implementation
  - Prescribing Practices (Colorado Consortium for Rx Drug Abuse Prevention)
  - Misuse of Opioids
  - Safe Disposal
  - Fentanyl Awareness (Email Heidi for social media toolkit)
  - School based programs
  - Community Coalitions
  - Non-profit and faith community

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Harm Reduction
Strategies for reducing or mitigating the Negative consequences associated with Substance use

• Increase availability and distribution of naloxone
  • First responders
  • Overdose patients
  • Opioid users
  • Family and friends of opioid users
  • Schools
  • Community navigators and outreach workers
  • Drug offenders upon release from jail/prison
  • Other members of the general public
• Syringe service programs
• Access to testing and treatment for infectious diseases such as HIV and Hepatitis C resulting from IV opioid use.

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Other

- Regional Planning to identify goals for opioid reduction and support efforts or to identify areas and populations with the greatest needs for treatment intervention services
- Government dashboard to track key opioid-related indicators and supports as identified through collaborative community processes
- Staffing and training
  - Funding for programs and services regarding staff training and networking to improve staff capability to abate the opioid crisis.
- Support infrastructure and staffing for collaborative cross-systems coordination
- Administrative costs for any of the approved purposes in the MOU (Exhibit A) – not to exceed 10%

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Colorado Next Steps

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Dashboard

Settlement Details  Regional Distributions  Local Distributions  State Distributions  Expenditure Information

$389.63M  $1.71M  419

Total Anticipated Amount of Settlement Funding  Year 1 Funding  Governments Participating in the Settlement
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Ongoing
Toolkits

Regional Opioid Abatement Council Toolkit

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FENTANYL: overdoses & impacts in Colorado

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid approved for treating severe pain, such as advanced cancer pain. Illicitly manufactured fentanyl is the main driver of recent increases in synthetic opioid deaths.

DEA lab testing reveals that 2 out of every 5 pills with fentanyl contain a potentially lethal dose.

In 2021, there were 854 fentanyl-related overdose deaths compared to 540 deaths in 2020.*

For more info about what the Colorado Attorney General's Office is doing to combat the fentanyl and opioid crisis, visit our page [here](#) OR scan here.

* according to preliminary data from Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE).
Questions?

Resources

- Opioid Crisis Response Plan (Colorado)
- Colorado Memorandum of Understanding

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