**COUNTY USE OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS**

**PLAN OF IMPLEMENTATION FUNDING AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

**THE COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**AND**

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**THIS AGREEMENT,** made and entered into by and between the **COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, a municipal corporation and political subdivision of the State of Michigan, hereinafter referred to as the “County”), and **[Recipient], [Recipient’s Address]** (hereinafter referred to as the “Recipient”). Collectively, the signatories are referred to as the Parties, and individually, as a Party.

## RECITALS:

**WHEREAS**, the County has received and will continue to receive funding from defendants of the national opioid litigation (the “Opioid Litigation”) and the resulting settlement of which the County was participant. The County’s claims formed part of the basis of the national settlement and payments to plaintiffs from defendants, with some payments scheduled to continue until ca. 2040 (“Settlement Payments”). The Opioid Litigation parties have agreed to the described Settlement Payments subject to the ongoing financial viability of each of the Opioid Litigation defendants. The Opioid Litigation settlement provides for the Settlement Payments to be expended for enumerated treatment and prevention programs and services; and

**WHEREAS**, the County developed and adopted a Plan of Implementation (the “Plan”) that prescribes how it will allocate the settlement funds for programs, services, targeted audience, intended outcomes and entities who will receive funding. Prior to adopting the Plan, the County received input and review of the Plan from outside third parties and concurrence on the Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has determined to grant funding to the “Recipient” and the funding will be directed to **[program name]** used to **[program description]** (“the Program”). Funding will be provided in amount not to exceed\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and 00/100 Dollars ($\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.00) (the “Award Amount”); and

**WHEREAS**, the County has determined that the Program is consistent with the abatement strategies set forth in the Opioid Litigation settlement List of Opioid Remediation Uses, attached hereto as Exhibit B (originally marked Exhibit “E” in the settlements).

**WHEREAS**, the Parties understand and acknowledge by executing this Agreement the County will not provide additional funding in excess of the Award Amount, and any costs of the Program, including any overruns or other expenses not expressly agreed to in writing prior to the expenses being incurred, will not be a liability on the part of the County, and will be the sole responsibility of the Recipient; and

**WHEREAS,** the Recipient, a qualified and experienced provider of the services herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** for and in consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter contained, **IT IS HEREBY AGREED** as follows:

1. **Term and Termination.** This Agreement shall commence on its effective date and continue until it expires or is terminated as provided for herein.
2. **Effective Date**. This Agreement shall become effective on the date (the “Effective Date”) that all of the following has occurred: (i) the approval of the Plan by the Board of Commissioners of the County; (ii) the approval by the governing body of the Recipient; (iii) the execution by an authorized officer of the County; and (iv) the execution by an authorized officer of the Recipient.
3. **Term and Expiration**. This Agreement shall commence on the Effective Date. This Agreement shall expire with no further action on behalf of the parties when the Plan has been implemented by the Recipient, all allowed costs have been paid by the County to the Recipient, and the Award Amount has been spent; provided, no additional extension of this agreement for continued services and requisite funding award has been executed by the Parties. The Parties may extend this Agreement for additional terms as outlined in an amendment to this Agreement.
4. **Termination without Cause**. The County or the Recipient may terminate this Agreement without cause by providing thirty (30) days written notice to the other Party.
5. **Termination for Cause**. Either Party may immediately, upon written notice to the other Party, terminate this Agreement for cause ifthe other Partyis in breach of any provision hereof or is in breach of any provision of Applicable Law, including the failure of the Recipient to provide all necessary assistance the County requires to comply with the provisions of its related regulations and any reporting of program and service data.

***[Alternative]***

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4. **Scope of Services.** The services the Recipient shall provide shall be as set forth in the attached Exhibit A. The attached Exhibit A is incorporated by reference into this Agreement and made a part thereof. In the event there are conflicting terms and conditions between Exhibit A and this Agreement, the terms of this Agreement will prevail.
5. **Compensation.** It is expressly understood and agreed the total compensation the Recipient is to receive under this Agreement for the services performed shall not exceed the Award Amount.

The Countyshall reimburse the Recipient for its costs of the program and services as set forth in Exhibit A up to the Award Amount. Any costs of the program and services in excess of the Award Amount shall be the sole responsibility of the Recipient. The Recipient shall submit monthly or quarterly invoices, as determined by the County, to the County for all or a portion of the costs of the program or services previously incurred, which invoices shall include such supporting documentation from Recipient’s suppliers and providers sufficient to support the payment request (including documentation certifying that all and suppliers/providers have been paid).

The County shall pay County-approved invoices within thirty (30) days of receipt thereof. If the County has requested additional supporting documentation for a portion of the costs of the Plan in a specific invoice, but has not received such supporting documentation in sufficient time to make payment within the thirty (30) days required herein, it shall pay all properly supported and County-approved costs contained in that invoice within the requisite 30 day period and shall pay all remaining costs on the invoice at issue within fifteen (15) days of receipt of sufficient supporting documentation, if the County approves the costs.

Payment by the County to the Recipient is subject to the availability of funds as determined by and in the sole discretion of the County.

1. **Future Funding**. County is not, as a result of entry into or performance by either party under this Agreement, obligated to provide future grants, program-related investments, or other financial or technical support to Recipient, or to extend the relationship with Recipient in any respect, or to engage in any other transaction or relationship with Recipient. Recipient acknowledges that County has not made to Recipient any representations, promises, or assurances about future funding or other support.
2. **Reports**. Recipient shall provide the County timely and reasonable access to all data and information in the Recipient’s possession or control related to the Plan and/or necessary to comply with this Agreement. This includes program evaluation and reporting on clients served, types of services, outputs, outcomes, daily counts, etc., as determined by the County. These types of reporting obligations related to the Plan are required as the County works to measure successful outcomes and determine best uses of Settlement Funds in ensuing years. Recipient shall provide the County or its designated agent(s) information on program services related to Award Amounts. Failure to do so in an accurate and timely manner may result in termination for cause.
3. **Right of Audit**. The County or its designee may audit the Recipient to verify compliance with this Agreement. The Recipient must retain and provide to the County or its designee and/or auditor general upon request, all financial and accounting records related to this Agreement through the Term of this Agreement and for three (3) years after the later of the date of submission of the final expenditure report for the Award Amount. If an audit, litigation, or other action involving the records is initiated before the end of the Financial Audit Period, the Recipient must retain the records until all issues are resolved. This right of audit is limited to matters within the scope of this Agreement unless there is a separate constitutional or statutory basis for such audit.
4. **Right of Inspection.** Within ten (10) calendar days of providing notice, the County and its authorized representatives or designees have the right to enter and inspect Recipient’s premises or any other places where work is being performed under this Agreement or in any location where records are kept related to the Project, and examine, copy, and audit all records related to this Agreement. The Recipient must cooperate and provide reasonable assistance. If financial errors are revealed, the amount in error must be reflected as a credit or debit on subsequent invoices until the amount is paid or refunded. Any remaining balance at the end of this Agreement must be paid or refunded within forty-five (45) calendar days.
5. **Recipient Monitoring**. The Recipient will comply with the County’s policy for Recipient monitoring and provide all required documentation upon request of the County including (1) written responses for Recipient services provided, (2) all financial or non-financial reporting requested by the County related to the Award, (3) written responses to internal control questionnaires.
6. **Compliance with the Law.** The Recipient shall administer the program and provide all the services to be performed under this Agreement in complete compliance with all applicable Federal, State and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations. The laws of the State of Michigan will control in the construction and enforcement of this Agreement.
7. **Applicable Law and Venue.** This Agreement shall be subject to and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan, without regard to any Michigan choice of law rules that would apply the substantive law of any other jurisdiction to the extent not inconsistent with, or pre-empted by Federal law.

In the event any disputes arise under this Agreement, it is understood and agreed that any legal or equitable action resulting from such disputes shall be in Michigan Courts whose jurisdiction and venue shall be established in accordance with the statutes and Court Rules of the State of Michigan. In the event any action is brought in or is moved to a federal court the venue for such action shall be the Federal Judicial District of Michigan, in the district and division in which the County is located.

1. **Independent Contractor.** It is expressly understood and agreed that the Recipient is an independent contractor. The employees, servants and agents of the Recipient shall in no way be deemed to be and shall not hold themselves out as the employees, servants or agents of the County. The Recipient’s employees, servants and agents shall not be entitled to any fringe benefits of the County such as, but not limited to, health and accident insurance, life insurance, paid vacation leave, paid sick leave or longevity. The Recipient shall be responsible for paying any salaries, wages or other compensation due its employees for services performed pursuant to this Agreement and for the withholding and payment of all applicable taxes, including, but not limited to, income and social security taxes to the proper Federal, State and local governments. The Recipient shall carry workers’ compensation insurance coverage for its employees, as required by law and shall provide the County with proof of said coverage.
2. **Nondiscrimination.** The Recipient, as required by law, shall not discriminate against a person to be served or an employee or applicant for employment with respect to hire, tenure, terms, conditions or privileges of employment, programs and services provided, or a matter directly or indirectly related to employment because of race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, height, weight, marital status, physical or mental disability unrelated to the individual’s ability to perform the duties of the particular job or position or political affiliation. The Recipient shall include the language of this assurance in all subcontracts for services covered by this Agreement. Breach of any provisions of this section shall be regarded as a material breach of this Agreement.
3. **Indemnification and Hold Harmless.** The Recipient shall, at its own expense, protect, defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County, and its elected and appointed officers, employees and agents from all claims, damages, costs, law suits and expenses, including, but not limited to, all costs from administrative proceedings, court costs and attorney fees that they may incur as a result of any acts, omissions or negligence of the Recipient or any of its officers, employees, agents or subcontractors which may arise out of this Agreement. This includes any repayment which may be required in the event any portion of the Award Amount is not spent in conformance with this Agreement or the limitations of Exhibit B such that the County is required to return or forego any portion of the Settlement Payments.

The Recipient’s indemnification responsibilities under this section shall include the sum of damages, costs and expenses which are in excess of the sum paid out on behalf of or reimbursed to the County, its officers, employees and agents by the insurance coverage obtained and/or maintained by the Recipient pursuant to the requirements of this Agreement.

1. **Insurance.** The Recipient shall purchase and maintain insurance not less than the limits set forth below. All coverage shall be with insurance companies licensed and admitted to do business in State of Michigan and with insurance carriers acceptable to the County and have a minimum A.M. Best Company’s Insurance Reports rating of A or A- (Excellent).

A. Workers’ Compensation Insurance. Workers’ Compensation Insurance including Employers’ Liability Coverage in accordance with all applicable statutes of the State of Michigan.

B. Commercial General Liability Insurance. Commercial General Liability Insurance on an “occurrence basis” only with limits of liability of not less than ONE MILLION AND NO/100 DOLLARS ($1,000,000.00) per occurrence and/or aggregate combined single limit, personal injury, bodily injury and property damage. Coverage shall include the following: (1) Broad Form General Liability Endorsement or equivalent if not in policy proper; (2) Contractual Liability; (3) Products and Completed Operations; and (4) Independent Contractors coverage.

C. Motor Vehicle Liability. Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance, including Michigan No-Fault Coverage, with limits of liability of not less than FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS ($500,000.00) per occurrence, and/or aggregate, combined single limit, bodily injury and property damage. Coverage shall include all owned, non-owned and hired vehicles.

D. Additional Insured. The Commercial General Liability Insurance as described above shall include the following as “Additional Insured”; the County, and all of the County’s elected and appointed officials, employees and volunteers, all boards, commissions and/or authorities and board members including employees and volunteers thereof. Said insurance shall be considered to be primary coverage to the Additional Insureds, and not contributing with any other insurance or similar protection available to the Additional Insureds whether said other available coverage be primary, contributing or excess.

E. Deductibles and SIRs. The Recipient shall be responsible for paying any deductibles and self-insured retentions (SIRs) in its insurance coverages.

F. Cancellation Notice. Workers’ Compensation Insurance, Commercial General Liability Insurance and Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance as described above, shall include on their certificates of insurance, which are to be submitted to the County as required below, an endorsement stating the following: “It is understood and agreed that thirty (30) days advance written notice of cancellation, non-renewal, reduction and/or material change shall be sent to: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ County, [address].” In the event the Recipient’s insurer refuses to provide such an endorsement the Recipient shall be responsible for providing the required notice.

G. Proof of Insurance. The Recipient shall provide to the County at the time this Agreement is returned by it for execution, with two (2) copies of certificates of insurance for each of the policies mentioned above. If so requested, certified copies of policies shall be furnished.

1. **Waivers; Remedies.** No delay on the part of any of either Party in exercising any right, power or privilege hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall any waiver on the part of the either Party of any right, power or privilege hereunder operate as a waiver of any other right, power or privilege hereunder, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right, power or privilege hereunder preclude any other or further exercise of any other right, power or privilege hereunder. The rights and remedies herein provided are cumulative and are not exclusive of any rights or remedies which the parties hereto may otherwise have at law or in equity.

In the event the Recipient is in breach of any provision of Applicable Law, or misuses the Award Amount funding in any way, it shall immediately, upon written demand from the County, repay all of the funds previously received pursuant to this Agreement.

1. **Modifications, Amendments or Waiver of Provisions of the Agreement.** All modifications, amendments or waivers of any provision of this Agreement shall be made only by the written mutual consent of the parties hereto.
2. **Assignment or Subcontracting.** The Recipient shall not assign, subcontract or otherwise transfer its duties and/or obligations under this Agreement.
3. **Purpose of Section Titles.** The titles of the sections set forth in this Agreement are inserted for the convenience of reference only and shall be disregarded when construing or interpreting any of the provisions of this Agreement.
4. **Complete Agreement.** This Agreement, the Exhibits A and B, and any additional or supplementary documents incorporated herein by specific reference contains all the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties hereto, and no other agreements, oral or otherwise, regarding the subject matter of this Agreement or any part thereof shall have any validity or bind any of the parties hereto.
5. **Survival Clause**. All rights, duties and responsibilities of any party that either expressly or by their nature extend into the future, including warranties and indemnification, shall extend beyond and survive the end of the Agreement ‘s term or the termination of this Agreement.
6. **Invalid/Unenforceable Provisions.** If any clause or provision of this Agreement is rendered invalid or unenforceable because of any State or Federal statute or regulation or ruling by any tribunal of competent jurisdiction, that clause or provision shall be null and void, and any such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remainder of this Agreement. Where the deletion of the invalid or unenforceable clause or provision would result in the illegality and or unenforceability of this Agreement, this Agreement shall be considered to have terminated as of the date in which the clause or provision was rendered invalid or unenforceable.
7. **Force Majeure**. Any delay or failure in the performance by either Party hereunder shall be excused if and to the extent caused by the occurrence of a Force Majeure. For purposes of this Agreement, Force Majeure shall mean a cause or event that is not reasonably foreseeable or otherwise caused by or under the control of the Party claiming Force Majeure, including acts of God, fires, floods, epidemics, explosions, riots, wars, hurricane, sabotage terrorism, vandalism, accident, restraint of government, governmental acts, injunctions, labor strikes, that prevent the claiming Party from furnishing the materials or equipment, and other like events that are beyond the reasonable anticipation and control of the Party affected thereby, despite such Party's reasonable efforts to prevent, avoid, delay, or mitigate the effect of such acts, events or occurrences, and which events or the effects thereof are not attributable to a Party's failure to perform its obligations under this Agreement.
8. **Non-Beneficiary Contract.** Nothing expressed or referred to in this Agreement is intended or shall be construed to give any person other than the Parties to this Agreement or their respective successors or permitted assignees any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under or in respect of this Agreement, it being the intention of the Parties that this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby shall be for the sole and exclusive benefit of such Parties or such successors and permitted assignees. The Recipient’s suppliers or providers are not considered the Recipient’s assignees and are not third-party beneficiaries.
9. **Notice**. Any and all correspondence or notices required, permitted, or provided for under this Agreement to be delivered to any Party shall be sent to that Party by either electronic mail with confirmation of receipt or by first class mail. All such written notices shall be addressed as provided below. All correspondence shall be considered delivered to a Party as of the date that the electronic confirmation of receipt is received (if notice is provided by electronic mail) or when notice is deposited with sufficient postage with the United State Postal Service. A notice of termination shall be sent via electronic mail with confirmation of receipt or via certified mail to the address specified below. Notices shall be mailed to the following addresses:

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1. **Counterparts**. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original and all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. The exchange of copies of this Agreement and of signature pages by facsimile or PDF transmission shall constitute effective execution and delivery of this Agreement as to the parties hereto and may be used in lieu of the original Agreement for all purposes. Signatures of the Parties hereto transmitted by facsimile or PDF shall be deemed to be their original signatures for all purposes.
2. **Entire Agreement**. This Agreement sets forth the entire agreement between the Parties and supersedes any and all prior agreements or understandings between them in any related to the subject matter of this Agreement. It is further understood and agreed that the terms and conditions of this Agreement are contractual and are not a mere recital and that there are no other agreements, understandings, contracts, or representations between the Parties in any way related to the subject matter of this Agreement, except as expressly stated in this Agreement.
3. **Certification of Authority to Sign Agreement.** The people signing on behalf of the parties to this Agreement certify by their signatures that they are duly authorized to sign this Agreement on behalf of the party they represent and that this Agreement has been authorized by the party they represent.

## THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PARTIES HERETO HAVE FULLY EXECUTED THIS AGREEMENT ON THE DATE AND YEAR FIRST ABOVE WRITTEN.

**COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

By: By:

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Chairperson (Signature)

County Board of Commissioners Name:

(Print or Type)

Date: Title: (Print or Type)

Date:

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**Exhibit A**

**Scope of Work**

[S*cope of work should contain sufficient detail so that county can ascertain how the activities comply with Exhibit B*. *Pricing for services rendered should be* *included, including unit prices where appropriate*.]

**Exhibit B**

**List of Opioid Remediation Uses**

**Schedule A**

**Core Strategies**

States and Qualifying Block Grantees shall choose from among the abatement strategies listed in

Schedule B. However, priority shall be given to the following core abatement strategies (“Core

Strategies”).

**A. NALOXONE OR OTHER FDA-APPROVED DRUG TO**

**REVERSE OPIOID OVERDOSES**

1. Expand training for first responders, schools, community

support groups and families; and

2. Increase distribution to individuals who are uninsured or

whose insurance does not cover the needed service.

**B. MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT (“MAT”)**

**DISTRIBUTION AND OTHER OPIOID-RELATED**

**TREATMENT**

1. Increase distribution of MAT to individuals who are

uninsured or whose insurance does not cover the needed

service;

2. Provide education to school-based and youth-focused

programs that discourage or prevent misuse;

3. Provide MAT education and awareness training to

healthcare providers, EMTs, law enforcement, and other

first responders; and

4. Provide treatment and recovery support services such as

residential and inpatient treatment, intensive outpatient

treatment, outpatient therapy or counseling, and recovery

housing that allow or integrate medication and with other

support services.

**C. PREGNANT & POSTPARTUM WOMEN**

1. Expand Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to

Treatment (“SBIRT”) services to non-Medicaid eligible or

uninsured pregnant women;

2. Expand comprehensive evidence-based treatment and

recovery services, including MAT, for women with cooccurring Opioid Use Disorder (“OUD”) and other

Substance Use Disorder (“SUD”)/Mental Health disorders

for uninsured individuals for up to 12 months postpartum;

and

3. Provide comprehensive wrap-around services to individuals

with OUD, including housing, transportation, job

placement/training, and childcare.

**D. EXPANDING TREATMENT FOR NEONATAL**

**ABSTINENCE SYNDROME (“NAS”)**

1. Expand comprehensive evidence-based and recovery

support for NAS babies;

2. Expand services for better continuum of care with infantneed dyad; and

3. Expand long-term treatment and services for medical

monitoring of NAS babies and their families.

**E. EXPANSION OF WARM HAND-OFF PROGRAMS AND**

**RECOVERY SERVICES**

1. Expand services such as navigators and on-call teams to

begin MAT in hospital emergency departments;

2. Expand warm hand-off services to transition to recovery

services;

3. Broaden scope of recovery services to include co-occurring

SUD or mental health conditions;

4. Provide comprehensive wrap-around services to individuals

in recovery, including housing, transportation, job

placement/training, and childcare; and

5. Hire additional social workers or other behavioral health

workers to facilitate expansions above.

**F. TREATMENT FOR INCARCERATED POPULATION**

1. Provide evidence-based treatment and recovery support,

including MAT for persons with OUD and co-occurring

SUD/MH disorders within and transitioning out of the

criminal justice system; and

2. Increase funding for jails to provide treatment to inmates

with OUD.

**G. PREVENTION PROGRAMS**

1. Funding for media campaigns to prevent opioid use (similar

to the FDA’s “Real Cost” campaign to prevent youth from

misusing tobacco);

2. Funding for evidence-based prevention programs in

schools;

3. Funding for medical provider education and outreach

regarding best prescribing practices for opioids consistent

with the 2016 CDC guidelines, including providers at

hospitals (academic detailing);

4. Funding for community drug disposal programs; and

5. Funding and training for first responders to participate in

pre-arrest diversion programs, post-overdose response

teams, or similar strategies that connect at-risk individuals

to behavioral health services and supports.

**H. EXPANDING SYRINGE SERVICE PROGRAMS**

1. Provide comprehensive syringe services programs with

more wrap-around services, including linkage to OUD

treatment, access to sterile syringes and linkage to care and

treatment of infectious diseases.

**I. EVIDENCE-BASED DATA COLLECTION AND**

**RESEARCH ANALYZING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE**

**ABATEMENT STRATEGIES WITHIN THE STATE**

**Schedule B**

**Approved Uses**

Support treatment of Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and any co-occurring Substance Use Disorder

or Mental Health (SUD/MH) conditions through evidence-based or evidence-informed programs

or strategies that may include, but are not limited to, the following:

PART ONE: TREATMENT

**A. TREAT OPIOID USE DISORDER (OUD)**

Support treatment of Opioid Use Disorder (“OUD”) and any co-occurring Substance Use

Disorder or Mental Health (“SUD/MH”) conditions through evidence-based or evidence-informed programs or strategies that may include, but are not limited to, those that:

1. Expand availability of treatment for OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH

conditions, including all forms of Medication-Assisted Treatment (“MAT”)

approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

2. Support and reimburse evidence-based services that adhere to the American

Society of Addiction Medicine (“ASAM”) continuum of care for OUD and any cooccurring SUD/MH conditions.

3. Expand telehealth to increase access to treatment for OUD and any co-occurring

SUD/MH conditions, including MAT, as well as counseling, psychiatric support,

and other treatment and recovery support services.

4. Improve oversight of Opioid Treatment Programs (“OTPs”) to assure evidence based or evidence-informed practices such as adequate methadone dosing and low

threshold approaches to treatment.

5. Support mobile intervention, treatment, and recovery services, offered by

qualified professionals and service providers, such as peer recovery coaches, for

persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions and for persons

who have experienced an opioid overdose.

6. Provide treatment of trauma for individuals with OUD (e.g., violence, sexual

assault, human trafficking, or adverse childhood experiences) and family

members (e.g., surviving family members after an overdose or overdose fatality),

and training of health care personnel to identify and address such trauma.

7. Support evidence-based withdrawal management services for people with OUD

and any co-occurring mental health conditions.

8. Provide training on MAT for health care providers, first responders, students, or

other supporting professionals, such as peer recovery coaches or recovery

outreach specialists, including telementoring to assist community-based providers

in rural or underserved areas.

9. Support workforce development for addiction professionals who work with

persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions.

10. Offer fellowships for addiction medicine specialists for direct patient care,

instructors, and clinical research for treatments.

11. Offer scholarships and supports for behavioral health practitioners or workers

involved in addressing OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH or mental health

conditions, including, but not limited to, training, scholarships, fellowships, loan

repayment programs, or other incentives for providers to work in rural or

underserved areas.

12. Provide funding and training for clinicians to obtain a waiver under the federal

Drug Addiction Treatment Act of 2000 (“DATA 2000”) to prescribe MAT for

OUD, and provide technical assistance and professional support to clinicians who

have obtained a DATA 2000 waiver.

13. Disseminate of web-based training curricula, such as the American Academy of

Addiction Psychiatry’s Provider Clinical Support Service–Opioids web-based

training curriculum and motivational interviewing.

14. Develop and disseminate new curricula, such as the American Academy of

Addiction Psychiatry’s Provider Clinical Support Service for Medication–

Assisted Treatment.

**B. SUPPORT PEOPLE IN TREATMENT AND RECOVERY**

Support people in recovery from OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions

through evidence-based or evidence-informed programs or strategies that may include,

but are not limited to, the programs or strategies that:

1. Provide comprehensive wrap-around services to individuals with OUD and any

co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, including housing, transportation, education,

job placement, job training, or childcare.

2. Provide the full continuum of care of treatment and recovery services for OUD

and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, including supportive housing, peer

support services and counseling, community navigators, case management, and

connections to community-based services.

3. Provide counseling, peer-support, recovery case management and residential

treatment with access to medications for those who need it to persons with OUD

and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions.

4. Provide access to housing for people with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH

conditions, including supportive housing, recovery housing, housing assistance

programs, training for housing providers, or recovery housing programs that allow

or integrate FDA-approved mediation with other support services.

5. Provide community support services, including social and legal services, to assist

in deinstitutionalizing persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH

conditions.

6. Support or expand peer-recovery centers, which may include support groups,

social events, computer access, or other services for persons with OUD and any

co-occurring SUD/MH conditions.

7. Provide or support transportation to treatment or recovery programs or services

for persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions.

8. Provide employment training or educational services for persons in treatment for

or recovery from OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions.

9. Identify successful recovery programs such as physician, pilot, and college

recovery programs, and provide support and technical assistance to increase the

number and capacity of high-quality programs to help those in recovery.

10. Engage non-profits, faith-based communities, and community coalitions to

support people in treatment and recovery and to support family members in their

efforts to support the person with OUD in the family.

11. Provide training and development of procedures for government staff to

appropriately interact and provide social and other services to individuals with or

in recovery from OUD, including reducing stigma.

12. Support stigma reduction efforts regarding treatment and support for persons with

OUD, including reducing the stigma on effective treatment.

13. Create or support culturally appropriate services and programs for persons with

OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, including new Americans.

14. Create and/or support recovery high schools.

15. Hire or train behavioral health workers to provide or expand any of the services or

supports listed above.

**C. CONNECT PEOPLE WHO NEED HELP TO THE HELP THEY NEED**

**(CONNECTIONS TO CARE)**

Provide connections to care for people who have—or are at risk of developing—OUD

and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions through evidence-based or evidence-informed

programs or strategies that may include, but are not limited to, those that:

1. Ensure that health care providers are screening for OUD and other risk factors and

know how to appropriately counsel and treat (or refer if necessary) a patient for

OUD treatment.

2. Fund SBIRT programs to reduce the transition from use to disorders, including

SBIRT services to pregnant women who are uninsured or not eligible for

Medicaid.

3. Provide training and long-term implementation of SBIRT in key systems (health,

schools, colleges, criminal justice, and probation), with a focus on youth and

young adults when transition from misuse to opioid disorder is common.

4. Purchase automated versions of SBIRT and support ongoing costs of the

technology.

5. Expand services such as navigators and on-call teams to begin MAT in hospital

emergency departments.

6. Provide training for emergency room personnel treating opioid overdose patients

on post-discharge planning, including community referrals for MAT, recovery

case management or support services.

7. Support hospital programs that transition persons with OUD and any co-occurring

SUD/MH conditions, or persons who have experienced an opioid overdose, into

clinically appropriate follow-up care through a bridge clinic or similar approach.

8. Support crisis stabilization centers that serve as an alternative to hospital

emergency departments for persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH

conditions or persons that have experienced an opioid overdose.

9. Support the work of Emergency Medical Systems, including peer support

specialists, to connect individuals to treatment or other appropriate services

following an opioid overdose or other opioid-related adverse event.

10. Provide funding for peer support specialists or recovery coaches in emergency

departments, detox facilities, recovery centers, recovery housing, or similar

settings; offer services, supports, or connections to care to persons with OUD and

any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions or to persons who have experienced an

opioid overdose.

11. Expand warm hand-off services to transition to recovery services.

12. Create or support school-based contacts that parents can engage with to seek

immediate treatment services for their child; and support prevention, intervention,

treatment, and recovery programs focused on young people.

13. Develop and support best practices on addressing OUD in the workplace.

14. Support assistance programs for health care providers with OUD.

15. Engage non-profits and the faith community as a system to support outreach for

treatment.

16. Support centralized call centers that provide information and connections to

appropriate services and supports for persons with OUD and any co-occurring

SUD/MH conditions.

**D. ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE-INVOLVED PERSONS**

Address the needs of persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions who

are involved in, are at risk of becoming involved in, or are transitioning out of the

criminal justice system through evidence-based or evidence-informed programs or

strategies that may include, but are not limited to, those that:

1. Support pre-arrest or pre-arraignment diversion and deflection strategies for

persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, including

established strategies such as:

1. Self-referral strategies such as the Angel Programs or the Police Assisted

Addiction Recovery Initiative (“PAARI”);

2. Active outreach strategies such as the Drug Abuse Response Team

(“DART”) model;

3. “Naloxone Plus” strategies, which work to ensure that individuals who

have received naloxone to reverse the effects of an overdose are then

linked to treatment programs or other appropriate services;

4. Officer prevention strategies, such as the Law Enforcement Assisted

Diversion (“LEAD”) model;

5. Officer intervention strategies such as the Leon County, Florida Adult

Civil Citation Network or the Chicago Westside Narcotics Diversion to

Treatment Initiative; or

6. Co-responder and/or alternative responder models to address OUD-related

911 calls with greater SUD expertise.

2. Support pre-trial services that connect individuals with OUD and any cooccurring SUD/MH conditions to evidence-informed treatment, including MAT,

and related services.

3. Support treatment and recovery courts that provide evidence-based options for

persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions.

4. Provide evidence-informed treatment, including MAT, recovery support, harm

reduction, or other appropriate services to individuals with OUD and any cooccurring SUD/MH conditions who are incarcerated in jail or prison.

5. Provide evidence-informed treatment, including MAT, recovery support, harm

reduction, or other appropriate services to individuals with OUD and any cooccurring SUD/MH conditions who are leaving jail or prison or have recently left

jail or prison, are on probation or parole, are under community corrections

supervision, or are in re-entry programs or facilities.

6. Support critical time interventions (“CTI”), particularly for individuals living with

dual-diagnosis OUD/serious mental illness, and services for individuals who face

immediate risks and service needs and risks upon release from correctional

settings.

7. Provide training on best practices for addressing the needs of criminal justiceinvolved persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions to law

enforcement, correctional, or judicial personnel or to providers of treatment,

recovery, harm reduction, case management, or other services offered in

connection with any of the strategies described in this section.

**E. ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF PREGNANT OR PARENTING WOMEN AND**

**THEIR FAMILIES, INCLUDING BABIES WITH NEONATAL ABSTINENCE**

**SYNDROME**

Address the needs of pregnant or parenting women with OUD and any co-occurring

SUD/MH conditions, and the needs of their families, including babies with neonatal

abstinence syndrome (“NAS”), through evidence-based or evidence-informed programs

or strategies that may include, but are not limited to, those that:

1. Support evidence-based or evidence-informed treatment, including MAT,

recovery services and supports, and prevention services for pregnant women—or

women who could become pregnant—who have OUD and any co-occurring

SUD/MH conditions, and other measures to educate and provide support to

families affected by Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome.

2. Expand comprehensive evidence-based treatment and recovery services, including

MAT, for uninsured women with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH

conditions for up to 12 months postpartum.

3. Provide training for obstetricians or other healthcare personnel who work with

pregnant women and their families regarding treatment of OUD and any cooccurring SUD/MH conditions.

4. Expand comprehensive evidence-based treatment and recovery support for NAS

babies; expand services for better continuum of care with infant-need dyad; and

expand long-term treatment and services for medical monitoring of NAS babies

and their families.

5. Provide training to health care providers who work with pregnant or parenting

women on best practices for compliance with federal requirements that children

born with NAS get referred to appropriate services and receive a plan of safe care.

6. Provide child and family supports for parenting women with OUD and any cooccurring SUD/MH conditions.

7. Provide enhanced family support and child care services for parents with OUD

and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions.

8. Provide enhanced support for children and family members suffering trauma as a

result of addiction in the family; and offer trauma-informed behavioral health

treatment for adverse childhood events.

9. Offer home-based wrap-around services to persons with OUD and any cooccurring SUD/MH conditions, including, but not limited to, parent skills

training.

10. Provide support for Children’s Services—Fund additional positions and services,

including supportive housing and other residential services, relating to children

being removed from the home and/or placed in foster care due to custodial opioid

use.

PART TWO: PREVENTION

**F. PREVENT OVER-PRESCRIBING AND ENSURE APPROPRIATE**

**PRESCRIBING AND DISPENSING OF OPIOIDS**

Support efforts to prevent over-prescribing and ensure appropriate prescribing and

dispensing of opioids through evidence-based or evidence-informed programs or

strategies that may include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Funding medical provider education and outreach regarding best prescribing

practices for opioids consistent with the Guidelines for Prescribing Opioids for

Chronic Pain from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, including

providers at hospitals (academic detailing).

2. Training for health care providers regarding safe and responsible opioid

prescribing, dosing, and tapering patients off opioids.

3. Continuing Medical Education (CME) on appropriate prescribing of opioids.

4. Providing Support for non-opioid pain treatment alternatives, including training

providers to offer or refer to multi-modal, evidence-informed treatment of pain.

5. Supporting enhancements or improvements to Prescription Drug Monitoring

Programs (“PDMPs”), including, but not limited to, improvements that:

1. Increase the number of prescribers using PDMPs;

2. Improve point-of-care decision-making by increasing the quantity, quality,

or format of data available to prescribers using PDMPs, by improving the

interface that prescribers use to access PDMP data, or both; or

3. Enable states to use PDMP data in support of surveillance or intervention

strategies, including MAT referrals and follow-up for individuals

identified within PDMP data as likely to experience OUD in a manner that

complies with all relevant privacy and security laws and rules.

6. Ensuring PDMPs incorporate available overdose/naloxone deployment data,

including the United States Department of Transportation’s Emergency Medical

Technician overdose database in a manner that complies with all relevant privacy

and security laws and rules.

7. Increasing electronic prescribing to prevent diversion or forgery.

8. Educating dispensers on appropriate opioid dispensing.

**G. PREVENT MISUSE OF OPIOIDS**

Support efforts to discourage or prevent misuse of opioids through evidence-based or

evidence-informed programs or strategies that may include, but are not limited to, the

following:

1. Funding media campaigns to prevent opioid misuse.

2. Corrective advertising or affirmative public education campaigns based on

evidence.

3. Public education relating to drug disposal.

4. Drug take-back disposal or destruction programs.

5. Funding community anti-drug coalitions that engage in drug prevention efforts.

6. Supporting community coalitions in implementing evidence-informed prevention,

such as reduced social access and physical access, stigma reduction—including

staffing, educational campaigns, support for people in treatment or recovery, or

training of coalitions in evidence-informed implementation, including the

Strategic Prevention Framework developed by the U.S. Substance Abuse and

Mental Health Services Administration (“SAMHSA”).

7. Engaging non-profits and faith-based communities as systems to support

prevention.

8. Funding evidence-based prevention programs in schools or evidence-informed

school and community education programs and campaigns for students, families,

school employees, school athletic programs, parent-teacher and student

associations, and others.

9. School-based or youth-focused programs or strategies that have demonstrated

effectiveness in preventing drug misuse and seem likely to be effective in

preventing the uptake and use of opioids.

10. Create or support community-based education or intervention services for

families, youth, and adolescents at risk for OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH

conditions.

11. Support evidence-informed programs or curricula to address mental health needs

of young people who may be at risk of misusing opioids or other drugs, including

emotional modulation and resilience skills.

12. Support greater access to mental health services and supports for young people,

including services and supports provided by school nurses, behavioral health

workers or other school staff, to address mental health needs in young people that

(when not properly addressed) increase the risk of opioid or another drug misuse.

**H. PREVENT OVERDOSE DEATHS AND OTHER HARMS (HARM REDUCTION)**

Support efforts to prevent or reduce overdose deaths or other opioid-related harms

through evidence-based or evidence-informed programs or strategies that may include,

but are not limited to, the following:

1. Increased availability and distribution of naloxone and other drugs that treat

overdoses for first responders, overdose patients, individuals with OUD and their

friends and family members, schools, community navigators and outreach

workers, persons being released from jail or prison, or other members of the

general public.

2. Public health entities providing free naloxone to anyone in the community.

3. Training and education regarding naloxone and other drugs that treat overdoses

for first responders, overdose patients, patients taking opioids, families, schools,

community support groups, and other members of the general public.

4. Enabling school nurses and other school staff to respond to opioid overdoses, and

provide them with naloxone, training, and support.

5. Expanding, improving, or developing data tracking software and applications for

overdoses/naloxone revivals.

6. Public education relating to emergency responses to overdoses.

7. Public education relating to immunity and Good Samaritan laws.

8. Educating first responders regarding the existence and operation of immunity and

Good Samaritan laws.

9. Syringe service programs and other evidence-informed programs to reduce harms

associated with intravenous drug use, including supplies, staffing, space, peer

support services, referrals to treatment, fentanyl checking, connections to care,

and the full range of harm reduction and treatment services provided by these

programs.

10. Expanding access to testing and treatment for infectious diseases such as HIV and

Hepatitis C resulting from intravenous opioid use.

11. Supporting mobile units that offer or provide referrals to harm reduction services,

treatment, recovery supports, health care, or other appropriate services to persons

that use opioids or persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions.

12. Providing training in harm reduction strategies to health care providers, students,

peer recovery coaches, recovery outreach specialists, or other professionals that

provide care to persons who use opioids or persons with OUD and any cooccurring SUD/MH conditions.

13. Supporting screening for fentanyl in routine clinical toxicology testing.

PART THREE: OTHER STRATEGIES

**I. FIRST RESPONDERS**

In addition to items in section C, D and H relating to first responders, support the

following:

1. Education of law enforcement or other first responders regarding appropriate

practices and precautions when dealing with fentanyl or other drugs.

2. Provision of wellness and support services for first responders and others who

experience secondary trauma associated with opioid-related emergency events.

**J. LEADERSHIP, PLANNING AND COORDINATION**

Support efforts to provide leadership, planning, coordination, facilitations, training and

technical assistance to abate the opioid epidemic through activities, programs, or

strategies that may include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Statewide, regional, local or community regional planning to identify root causes

of addiction and overdose, goals for reducing harms related to the opioid

epidemic, and areas and populations with the greatest needs for treatment

intervention services, and to support training and technical assistance and other

strategies to abate the opioid epidemic described in this opioid abatement strategy

list.

2. A dashboard to (a) share reports, recommendations, or plans to spend opioid

settlement funds; (b) to show how opioid settlement funds have been spent; (c) to

report program or strategy outcomes; or (d) to track, share or visualize key opioidor health-related indicators and supports as identified through collaborative

statewide, regional, local or community processes.

3. Invest in infrastructure or staffing at government or not-for-profit agencies to

support collaborative, cross-system coordination with the purpose of preventing

overprescribing, opioid misuse, or opioid overdoses, treating those with OUD and

any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, supporting them in treatment or recovery,

connecting them to care, or implementing other strategies to abate the opioid

epidemic described in this opioid abatement strategy list.

4. Provide resources to staff government oversight and management of opioid

abatement programs.

**K. TRAINING**

In addition to the training referred to throughout this document, support training to abate

the opioid epidemic through activities, programs, or strategies that may include, but are

not limited to, those that:

1. Provide funding for staff training or networking programs and services to improve

the capability of government, community, and not-for-profit entities to abate the

opioid crisis.

2. Support infrastructure and staffing for collaborative cross-system coordination to

prevent opioid misuse, prevent overdoses, and treat those with OUD and any cooccurring SUD/MH conditions, or implement other strategies to abate the opioid

epidemic described in this opioid abatement strategy list (e.g., health care,

primary care, pharmacies, PDMPs, etc.).

**L. RESEARCH**

Support opioid abatement research that may include, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Monitoring, surveillance, data collection and evaluation of programs and

strategies described in this opioid abatement strategy list.

2. Research non-opioid treatment of chronic pain.

3. Research on improved service delivery for modalities such as SBIRT that

demonstrate promising but mixed results in populations vulnerable to

opioid use disorders.

4. Research on novel harm reduction and prevention efforts such as the

provision of fentanyl test strips.

5. Research on innovative supply-side enforcement efforts such as improved

detection of mail-based delivery of synthetic opioids.

6. Expanded research on swift/certain/fair models to reduce and deter opioid

misuse within criminal justice populations that build upon promising

approaches used to address other substances (e.g., Hawaii HOPE and

Dakota 24/7).

7. Epidemiological surveillance of OUD-related behaviors in critical

populations, including individuals entering the criminal justice system,

including, but not limited to approaches modeled on the Arrestee Drug

Abuse Monitoring (“ADAM”) system.

8. Qualitative and quantitative research regarding public health risks and

harm reduction opportunities within illicit drug markets, including surveys

of market participants who sell or distribute illicit opioids.

9. Geospatial analysis of access barriers to MAT and their association with

treatment engagement and treatment outcomes.