

COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH PUBLIC HEARING ON OPIOID SETTLEMENT  
SPENDING PLAN

RESOLUTION NUMBER

**WHEREAS,** County is the most vulnerable county in Michigan related to substance use, with a rate of overdose fatalities per 100,000 people, and

**WHEREAS,** County participated and signed on in national litigation against manufacturers, distributors and pharmacies for their role in the opioid and overdose crisis; and

**WHEREAS,** County is projected to receive \$ over a total of eighteen (18) years, beginning in January 2023, as a result of litigation; and

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Commissioners has the ability to file lawsuits for any forthcoming opioid-related settlements; and

**WHEREAS,** the use of opioid settlement funds must meet certain requirements as outlined in Settlement Agreement Exhibit E and by the definition of opioid remediation as outlined in the settlement agreements; and

**WHEREAS,** the County Board of Commissioners wishes to establish a public hearing and Board of Commissioners discussion on the opioid settlement spending plan to be held on and to be repeated as each new spend plan is developed to ensure community voices are heard related to expenditures associated with the drug overdose crisis; and

**WHEREAS,** the County Board of Commissioners has final approval on how the opioid settlement monies are dispersed.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** the County Board of Commissioners hereby establishes a public hearing and Board of Commissioners discussion scheduled for with subsequent public hearings and Board of Commissioner discussions taking place as each new spend plan is developed. Public hearing and Board discussion will be promoted through regular Board channels as well as through additional avenues to ensure all community voices have an opportunity to be heard. Additional avenues may include social media, press, radio, and others.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** the public hearing and Board of Commissioners discussion will provide feedback to the Board of Commissioners on strategies and activities the public feels are most urgent and pressing for the use of opioid settlement funds.