

COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE

RESOLUTION TO CREATE OPIOID SETTLEMENT STEERING COMMITTEE

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 an Opioid Settlement Steering Committee to remain active throughout the duration of the opioid settlements, and for which membership does not prioritize or preclude members from receiving opioid settlement monies; and

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

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the County Board of Commissioners hereby establishes an Opioid Settlement Steering Committee with representatives from the following sectors – LIST SECTORS (Suggestions include: government, public health, health care providers, public safety, criminal-legal system, prevention coalition, harm reduction providers, recovery support providers, schools and universities, behavioral health providers, treatment providers, medical examiner/coroner, individuals with lived experience with substance use, family and friends of those with lived experience, and tribal citizens and governments).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Opioid Settlement Steering Committee will provide annual recommendations to advise the Board of Commissioners on strategies and activities for the use of opioid settlement funds.