

# Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee

## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. CT

### Committee members in attendance:

- Lt. Governor Tammy Miller, Committee Chair
- Daniel Haugen, Superintendent, North Dakota Highway Patrol
- Mary Korsmo, North Dakota State Association of City and County Health Officials Executive Director, Association of Counties
- Jonathan Holth, Managing Director, Recovery Reinvented

### Committee members absent:

- Pamela Sagness, Executive Director, Behavioral Health Division, North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services
- Stephanie Dassinger Engebretson, Deputy Director and Attorney at Law, North Dakota League of Cities
- Aaron Birst, Executive Director, North Dakota Association of Counties

### Welcome and call to order:

Lt. Governor Tammy Miller, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00am CT.

### Meeting agenda review

- Quorum not present.

### Meeting meetings review

- Quorum not present. 8/15/2024 meeting minutes will be voted on at next meeting.

### Opioid settlement updates

Elin Alm from the ND Attorney General's Office shared updates. ND has reached a settlement with 13 manufacturers, distributors, or pharmacies. The settlement with Purdue is still pending. ND has received \$22.7 million in opioid settlement funds and is expected to receive an additional \$40 million. Since last meeting, ND has received half a million from the Endo settlement. Most settlements pay out annually around June/July. The AG's office will share projections of future payments via email following the meeting.

### Behavioral Health Division updates

Amy Lies shared updates on the \$8 million in opioid settlement funding appropriated to the Department of Health and Human Services Behavioral Health Division (BHD). \$4.7 million of the appropriated \$8 million has been spent. Amy shared successes from the Opioid Settlement Fund (OSF) grantees. Additionally, Amy shared that BHD applied for and was awarded the federal State Opioid Response (SOR) grant from SAMHSA. The grant will provide BHD with \$4 million annually through 9/29/2027 to address the opioid crisis. Lastly, Amy shared the success of the Opioid Best Practice Summit that was held in Bismarck on December 9<sup>th</sup>.

### Discuss recommendations for the 69<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly

The committee voiced prevention and treatment should remain a priority. The committee also voiced a desire to create a one-pager for members to utilize during legislative session.

### Committee Discussion

No additional discussion.

### Public Comment

None.

**Discuss next steps, next meeting agenda, and next meeting date**

BHD will create and share a one-pager with the committee prior to legislative session. Next meeting date to be determined.

**Adjournment:** Having completed the agenda items and hearing no further comments from Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee members or the public, Lt. Governor Tammy Miller, Committee Chair, adjourned at 10:52 CT.

*Meeting Minutes submitted by Amy Lies, Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee, Administrator*