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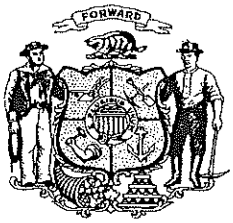

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JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

MEMORANDUM

To: Members
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Howard Marklein
Representative Mark Born

Date: June 30, 2023

Re: DHS Report to JFC

Attached is a report on the Opioid Litigation Settlement Funds from the Department of Health Services, pursuant to JFC s. 13.10 action.

This report is being provided for your information only. No action by the Committee is required. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Attachments

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Dear Senator Marklein and Representative Born:

2021 Wisconsin Act 57 requires the Department of Health Services (DHS) to submit to the Joint Committee on Finance (Committee) a proposal to expend settlement proceeds paid to the State of Wisconsin from the National Prescription Opiate Litigation, Case No. MDL 2804 (NPOL). Under Act 57, 30 percent of the NPOL settlement proceeds will be allocated to DHS for purposes that comply with the settlement agreement or court order. DHS submitted a proposal for funds received in 2022, which the Committee amended and approved on September 8, 2022.[1]

As part of the original approval, the Committee required DHS to submit a report by December 31, 2022, and on a quarterly basis thereafter regarding revenue expenditures under the plan. I am writing to report on the Fiscal Year 23 Quarter 4 (FY 23 Q4) opioid settlement proceedings received through the NPOL.

Please note that on March 29, 2023 DHS also submitted a proposal for an additional $8 million in funds expected to be received in 2023. A Committee member anonymously objected to DHS's proposal on April 17, 2023, and the Committee approved an amended proposal on June 15, 2023. DHS will incorporate details on administering these new funds in future reports.

[1] Joint Committee on Finance. Minutes of the Meeting under s. 13.10. September 8, 2022

A. Settlement Funds Received in FY 23

In FY 23, DHS received three settlement payments, starting with a $6 million payment in August, a $7.6 million payment in October, and ending with the final 2022 payment of $17 million received on December 2, 2022. On June 20, 2023, DHS received the first payment of the year at the amount of $617,290.47. Cumulatively, DHS has received $31,217,290.47 million in settlement payments.

B. Funding Amounts Awarded or Allocated

As of June 30, 2023, DHS has $300,000 in funding opportunities to be opened in July, $4,000,000 of funding opportunities pending award, and a cumulative total of $25,983,625 in awards. This represents a total of $30,283,625.

The table below summarizes the upcoming grant funding opportunities DHS plans to release in the next quarter.

Upcoming Funding Opportunities			
Category		**Available Funding**	**Applications Due**
TOTAL	**$**	**300,000**	n/a
Law Enforcement Agencies - Fentanyl Test Strips	$	300,000	TBD

The following is a description of allocated funds by category of use.

Establish and Fund Program to Distribute Fentanyl Testing Strips
Law enforcement plays a vital role in combating the opioid epidemic and officers are positioned in the community to distribute fentanyl test strips (FTS) in an effort to prevent overdoses and overdose deaths. Fentanyl is being mixed into the drug supply, often without the person using substances being aware. FTS are a simple, easy-to-use tool to detect the presence of fentanyl in substances. When individuals are equipped with FTS and the knowledge FTS provide, they can take steps to ensure their own safety and reduce the risk of overdose. Through this opportunity, law enforcement agencies will receive FTS and the supporting supplies to distribute them to community members at risk for an opioid overdose. The application is currently under review and will be posted by DHS in July. Awards will be made following the application period.

The following table summarizes the funding opportunities which have closed and have applications currently under review by DHS. Awards will be issued in FY 24 Q1.

Funding Opportunities: Under Review		
Category	**Available Funding**	
TOTAL	**$**	**4,000,000**
Law Enforcement Agencies	$	3,000,000
Hub & Spoke Pilot Program	$	1,000,000

Law Enforcement Agencies
The "Opioid Abatement Efforts by Law Enforcement Agencies" Request for Applications provides DHS an opportunity to support law enforcement agencies through four strategies: medication-assisted treatment education and awareness training, community drug disposal efforts, treatment for people incarcerated

with an opioid use disorder, and pre-arrest or pre-arraignment deflection strategies for people with an opioid use disorder. At least $1 million of the funds will be designated for law enforcement agencies in counties or municipalities with 70,000 or fewer residents. The application period was scheduled to close on May 22; however, in response to a request for an extension from a law enforcement agency, the application period was extended for all interested applicants to June 2. Applications are currently being reviewed and awards will be made during FY 24 Q1.

"Hub and Spoke" Substance Use Pilot Program

The Hub and Spoke Health Home Pilot Program is a new model to treat eligible BadgerCare Plus and Medicaid members who have substance use disorders and at least one other health condition. This new benefit is called Integrated Recovery Support Services. It provides a range of services to support an enrolled members' recovery from substance use disorders by addressing their health-related social needs, in addition to promoting access and coordinating care for their physical and behavioral health issues. The application process, which closed on June 16, will allow DHS to include additional Hub Sites to pilot the program. Applications are currently being reviewed and awards will be made during FY 24 Q1.

Expand Narcan® Direct Program

The Narcan® Direct Program (NDP) provides the overdose reversal and life-saving medication to law enforcement agencies, county or municipal public health departments, tribal health clinics, syringe access programs, recovery community organizations, and opioid treatment programs. FY 23 Q4, DHS awarded $202,350 to support and expand the community agencies receiving Narcan®. This provided 60 agencies with 4,260 doses of Narcan®. Agencies receiving this award and their award amounts are noted in Appendix A.

Expand Narcan® Direct Program and Establish Fentanyl Test Strip Program

Funds allocated to expand the Narcan® Direct Program and to establish and fund a program to distribute Fentanyl Test Strips are supporting two funding opportunities: Public Health Vending Machines and the EMS Leave Behind Program.

Public Health Vending Machines (PHVMs) provide Wisconsin a new, innovative opportunity to protect and promote the health and safety of people who use drugs. Many Wisconsinites do not seek assistance or services for their drug use due to a fear of being recognized, shamed, judged, and arrested. PHVMs, also referred to as harm reduction vending machines, act as a safe haven for people to obtain no-cost, stigma-free preventative health and wellness services. They provide the opportunity for discrete, confidential access to harm reduction tools. Early evaluation efforts are already demonstrating the machines as effective in engaging young people who use drugs and have not previously engaged in harm reduction or recovery services. These machines also increase access to public health and wellness supplies outside of traditional service providers' hours of operation and in locations previously not providing harm reduction tools. PHVMs are practical and require less resources than a brick-and-mortar based program with paid staff. PHVMs provide people with the resources they need, where they need them, when they need them, and without judgment or shame. Funding will support the purchase and set up of a vending machine, naloxone/Narcan® supplies, and fentanyl test strip supplies. Funding is also allowed for packaging items for placement in the machine and for printing resource and promotional materials. Awarded agencies are provided in Appendix B. The amount of funding awarded to each agency will be determined through DHS' contract negotiation process and will be reported in FY 24 Q1.

Increasing access to overdose prevention tools, including Narcan® and fentanyl test strip supplies, is an essential component to reducing overdoses and overdose deaths in Wisconsin. EMS providers across the country and within Wisconsin have instituted public safety-based Leave Behind Programs. Leave Behind Programs allow EMS professionals to distribute, or "leave behind," overdose prevention tools and resources at the scene of care, or after transport to a hospital, with the patient and/or their social networks

(family, friends, roommates, etc.). This model presents an innovative opportunity to expand access to life-saving tools for individuals at high risk for overdose and death. This opportunity will supply EMS providers with funding for the purchase of Narcan® and the purchase of fentanyl test strip supplies for distribution through a Leave Behind Program. Awarded agencies are provided in Appendix C. The amount of funding awarded to each agency will be determined through DHS' contract negotiation process and will be reported in FY 24 Q1.

Tribal Nations

DHS is supporting federally recognized tribal nations in providing a spectrum of strategies across the continuum of care to address their unique conditions; provide programs and activities with minimal demands or barriers for participants, while building upon the strengths of local tribal culture, tradition, and practices; and provide high quality, effective, equitable, understandable, and respectful prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery efforts and services that are responsive to diverse cultural health belief and practices, preferred languages, health literacy, and other communication needs. Applications were received from all federally recognized tribal nations with members in Wisconsin, and DHS awarded all applicants funding. Individual awards and general program summaries are provided in Appendix D.

Medication Assisted Treatment

Earlier this year DHS issued a grant funding opportunity for low threshold access to medication for opioid use disorder programs. These programs are designed to reduce barriers to medication for opioid use disorder, specifically buprenorphine, by making minimal requirements of patients and offering same day, immediate enrollment in buprenorphine treatment and wraparound case management/recovery support services. After buprenorphine induction and when individuals are initially stabilized, they are transitioned to other programs where they receive maintenance buprenorphine. Low threshold programs can occur in multiple settings including hospital emergency department-based buprenorphine induction projects, mobile health unit projects, and pharmacy buprenorphine induction projects. The DHS grant funding opportunity solicited more applications than funding available. By supplementing this project with the $2 million of opioid settlement funding, DHS was able to support more grantees than anticipated. DHS recently announced awards supported by settlement funds to: Wisconsin Society of Addiction Medicine, Milwaukee Health Service Systems in Eau Claire and in Appleton, Quality Addiction Management in Beloit, and Addiction Medical Solutions in Janesville. A summary of each program and award amounts will be shared in DHS's FY 24 Q1 report.

Statewide Community-Based Organization for After-School Programming

Community-based nonprofit organizations capable of providing after-school opioid prevention programs across Wisconsin in partnership with local law enforcement agencies were invited to apply for this funding opportunity. After-school programs are an important component of a comprehensive prevention strategy. These programs are safe, structured activities that convene regularly and offer activities to help children learn new skills. They encompass a broad range of focus areas including academic support, mentoring, positive youth development, arts, sports and recreation, apprenticeships, workforce development programs, and programs for youth experiencing homelessness.

Funds were awarded ($750,000) to the Boys and Girls Club Fox Valley, which represents a network of 26 Boys and Girls Clubs that serve more than 70 communities across the state. This funding will support after-school programming for youth focused on providing them information and skills to make healthy decisions through the SMART Moves Program, a program developed by the Boys and Girls Club of America.

The following table summarizes the amount of funding DHS awarded by category of use during FY 23 Q4 and cumulatively.

Funding Awards by Category			
Category	**Previous Awards**	**FY 2023 Q4 Awards**	**Cumulative Awards**
TOTAL	**$ 14,081,275**	**$ 11,902,350**	**$ 25,983,625**
Expand Narcan® Direct Program	$ 1,034,550	$ 202,350	$ 2,786,900
EMS Leave Behind Program*		$ 570,000	
Public Health Vending Machines*		$ 980,000	
Establish Fentanyl Test Strips	$ 296,725		$ 1,696,725
EMS Leave Behind Program*		$ 300,000	
Public Health Vending Machines*		$ 1,100,000	
Capital Projects	$ 10,000,000	$ -	$ 10,000,000
Funding for Tribal Nations	$ -	$ 6,000,000	$ 6,000,000
Central Alert System	$ -	$ -	$ -
K-12 Evidence-Based Prevention	$ 250,000	$ -	$ 250,000
Medication Assisted Treatment*	$ -	$ 2,000,000	$ 2,000,000
Room and Board for Residential Treatment	$ 2,500,000	$ -	$ 2,500,000
Law Enforcement Agencies	$ -	$ -	$ -
Statewide Prevention	$ -	$ 750,000	$ 750,000
Hub and Spoke Pilot Program	$ -	$ -	$ -

*Actual award amounts may change slightly based on the outcome of the DHS contract negotiation process

C. Funding Expenditures

As of June 15, 2023, a total of $1,338,115 in expenditures have been recorded for programs supported with settlement funds; this includes $316,675 in reported previous expenditures and $1,021,440 of expenditures in FY 23 Q4.

Under the state's accounting and contracting systems, in most circumstances, a grantee must report expenditures to the state under its contract. The state then makes payments to the grantee based on those reported expenses within required timeframes. Once the state makes the payments, expenditures are recorded in the state accounting system for the contract.

The fact that a grant may have been approved or awarded does not necessarily mean funds have been expended. DHS does not pre-pay for services supported by these grants. Recipients first incur costs, then submit qualifying expenses to DHS for reimbursement according to the contracted agreement. The terms and conditions of the release of the funds are provided in the signed and executed contracts between DHS and grant awardees. The short timeframe in which DHS has been able to create, open, and award new funding opportunities for partners impacts the ability for those partners to have begun using their awarded funds and invoicing DHS for reimbursement, as most of them have a pending application, just received a notice of award, or are engaged in contract negotiations.

Expenditures by Category			
Category	Previously Expended	FY 2023 Q4 Expenditures	Cummulative Expenditures
TOTAL	**$ 316,675**	**$ 1,021,440**	**$ 1,338,115**
Expand Narcan® Direct Program	$ 19,950	$ 1,021,440	$ 1,041,390
Establish Fentanyl Test Strips	$ 296,725		$ 296,725
Capital Projects	$ -		$ -
Funding for Tribal Nations	$ -		$ -
Central Alert System	$ -		$ -
K-12 Evidence-Based Prevention	$ -		$ -
Medication Assisted Treatment	$ -		$ -
Room and Board for Residental Treatment	$ -		$ -
Law Enforcement Agencies	$ -		$ -
Statewide Prevention	$ -		$ -
Hub and Spoke Pilot Program	$ -		$ -

D. Listing of Individual Recipients of Awarded Funds

Please see Section C and the Appendices for recipients of awarded funds.

E. Program Accomplishments or Other Relevant Metrics Resulting from Awarded Funds.

Program Accomplishments or other Relevant Metrics resulting from Awarded Funds

In these quarterly letters, DHS will report on program accomplishments and outcomes as funds are awarded and initiatives implemented. The following is a summary of program accomplishments as of this quarter.

Expand Narcan® Direct Program
The Narcan® Direct Program (NDP) provides overdose reversal and life-saving medication to law enforcement agencies, county or municipal public health departments, tribal health clinics, syringe access programs, recovery community organizations, and opioid treatment programs.

During the previous three months of reported data (March – May 2023), the NDP reports training 8,195 people in overdose prevention and Narcan® administration and distributing 9,975 Narcan® kits (total of 19,950 doses). NDP agencies reported over 602 successful overdose reversals. Due to data collection limitations the number of successful overdose reversals is an underreported amount.

Establish and Fund Fentanyl Test Strip Program
As previously reported in FY 23 Q2, 207,500 fentanyl test strips were provided to 25 opioid treatment programs across the state to distribute to clients. Other strategies to establish a fentanyl test strip program (details provided above regarding law enforcement agencies, Public Health Vending Machines, and the EMS Leave Behind Program) are currently engaged in the application or contract negotiation process, have not begun implementation, and do not yet have accomplishments to report.

Capital Projects
Community-based providers offering prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery services for individuals with an opioid use disorder were invited to apply for funds to support capital project expanding services in Wisconsin. DHS awarded part of this funding for a capital project that supports the expansion of bed capacity for the treatment of pregnant and post-partum women in a family-centered

treatment environment and at least $3 million of these funds were awarded to support projects in counties with fewer than 500,000 residents.

DHS and award recipients completed negotiations and all contracts have been fully executed. The contract period begins on July 1, 2023, and project coordination will begin at that time. Accomplishments and other metrics will be provided once implementation begins.

Funding for Tribal Nations
DHS is supporting federally recognized tribal nations in providing a spectrum of strategies across the continuum of care to address their unique conditions; provide programs and activities with minimal demands or barriers for participants, while building upon the strengths of local tribal culture, tradition, and practices; and provide high quality, effective, equitable, understandable, and respectful prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery efforts and services that are responsive to diverse cultural health belief and practices, preferred languages, health literacy, and other communication needs.

DHS is engaged in contract negotiations with tribal nations and no funds have been expended. Accomplishments and other relevant metrics will be shared in future reports, once tribal nations begin implementation.

Central Alert System
The Central Alert System, which generates daily spike alerts for counties and tribes, remains in beta mode with 10 participating agencies in this pilot (Columbia, Eau Claire, Fond du Lac, Kenosha, La Crosse, Rock, Sauk, Waukesha, Winnebago counties and the Greater Lake Winnebago Area). DHS is building the system to allow expansion across the state, notifying all counties and tribes on a near real-time basis when an unexpected increase in suspected overdoses is indicated by the data. An unexpected increase in suspected overdoses may indicate a change occurred within the local drug supply, increasing the chances of overdose situations. This knowledge allows local providers and agencies to quickly deploy messaging, education, and resources to intervene, reduce overdoses, and prevent deaths. The system is still drawing from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and once expended, will begin drawing from settlement funds to complete this project. The anticipated timeline for completion of the pilot phase of this project is December 31, 2023.

K-12 Evidence-Based Substance Use Prevention Curriculums or Programs
DHS allocated $250,000 to the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) for grants related to K-12 evidence-based substance use prevention curriculums or programs. As an update, DPI extended the closing date for the funding opportunity to May 19, 2023. DPI is reviewing applicants and awards are expected to be announced during FY 24 Q1. The grant period is July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Accomplishments and other relevant metrics will be shared in future reports, once implementation begins.

Medication-Assisted Treatment
DHS is currently engaged in the contract negotiation portion of the funding process. The awarded agencies and the amount of funding awarded to each agency will be determined through this process and will be reported in FY 24 Q1. Accomplishments and other relevant metrics will be shared in future reports, once implementation begins.

Room and Board Costs for Residential Substance Use Disorder Treatment
Wisconsin Medicaid has offered a residential substance use disorder treatment benefit since February 2021. It provides treatment for youth and adults to promote recovery from substance use disorder and reduce the incidence and duration of institutional care Medicaid members might otherwise need. Federal law prohibits Medicaid from reimbursing for the costs of room and board. Covering the costs of room and board is a barrier to residential substance use disorder treatment for many Medicaid members. To make

this benefit more accessible, DHS solicited applications from tribal nations and counties for funding to cover the room and board costs for individuals with an opioid use disorder in 2023. A total of $2,500,000 in awards were issued to 49 applicants. Agencies will submit their first progress report to provide accomplishments and relevant metrics on July 30, 2023. This will include activities between January and June 30, 2023 and will be reported in FY 24 Q1.

Law Enforcement Agencies
The application period for this funding opportunity closed on June 2, 2023. Awards will be announced in FY 24 Q1, and accomplishments and other relevant metrics will be shared in future reports, once implementation begins.

Statewide Community-Based Organization for After-School Programming
Funds were awarded to the Boys and Girls Club Fox Valley, which represents a network of 26 Boys and Girls Clubs that serve more than 70 communities across the state. This funding will support after-school programming for youth focused on providing them information and skills to make healthy decisions through the SMART Moves Program, a program developed by the Boys and Girls Club of America. The contract will begin on July 1, 2023 and accomplishments and other relevant metrics will be shared in future reports, once implementation begins.

Hub and Spoke Pilot Program
The application period for this funding opportunity closed June 16, 2023. Awards will be announced in FY 24 Q1, and accomplishments and other relevant metrics will be shared in future reports, once implementation begins.

Please contact me if you have any questions about this report.

Sincerely,

Kirsten L. Johnson
Secretary-designee

Appendix A – Individual Recipients of Narcan® Direct Program Expansion Awards

Narcan® Direct Program Expansion - Awards Issued in FY 23 Q4			
Agency Name	**Funding Amount Awarded**	**Narcan® Cases Provided**	**Total Number of Narcan® Doses Provided**
Addiction Services and Pharmacotherapy Madison	$ 1,140	2	48
Buffalo County Dept HHS	$ 1,140	2	48
Calumet County Public Health Department	$ 2,850	5	120
Chippewa County Dept of Public Health	$ 8,550	15	360
Clark County Health Department	$ 1,140	2	48
Community Medical Services- South Milwaukee Clinic	$ 17,100	30	720
Crawford County Health and Human Services Department	$ 1,710	3	72
Cudahy Health Department	$ 1,140	2	48
Dodge County Health and Human Services	$ 3,420	6	144
Door County Public Health	$ 9,120	16	384
Eau Claire Comprehensive Treatment Center	$ 1,710	3	72
Kenosha County Public Health	$ 8,550	15	360
Kewaunee County Public Health Department	$ 570	1	24
La Crosse County Health Department	$ 6,840	12	288
Oconto County HHS Public Health Division	$ 14,250	25	600
Racine County Behavioral Health Services	$ 6,840	12	288
Rock County Public Health Department	$ 11,400	20	480
Samad's House Corp	$ 5,700	10	240
Sauk County Public Health	$ 8,550	15	360
St Croix Tribal Health	$ 1,140	2	48
St. Croix County Department of HHS	$ 14,250	25	600
UMOS Inc.	$ 8,550	15	360
Unified Community Services	$ 3,420	6	144
Walworth County Public Health	$ 5,700	10	240
Washington Ozaukee Public Health Dept	$ 17,100	30	720
Wausau Comprehensive Treatment Center	$ 3,420	6	144
West Allis Health Department	$ 19,380	34	816
West Allis Health Department	$ 570	1	24
Wisconsin Voices for Recovery	$ 11,400	20	480
WisHope	$ 5,700	10	240
TOTAL	**$ 202,350**	**355**	**8,520**

Appendix B – Individual Recipients of Public Health Vending Machine Awards

Adams County Health and Human Services/Public Health
Ashland County Health & Human Services
City of Milwaukee Police Department (Milwaukee County)
City of Racine Public Health Department (Racine County)
Dunn County Health Department
Eau Claire City-County Health Department
Embrace Services, Inc. (syringe service program in Price County)
Grand Chute Police Department (Outagamie County)
Jefferson County Health Department
Kenosha County Public Health
Langlade County Health Department
Manitowoc County Health Department
Marinette County Public Health
Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin
Outagamie County Public Health Division
Portage County Public Health Division
Racine County Public Health Division
Rock County Human Services
Rock County Public Health Department
Rock County Sheriff's Office
Sauk County Public Health
St. Croix Tribal Health Clinic
Stockbridge-Munsee Community
Washington Ozaukee Public Health Department
Wausau Police Department (Marathon County)
West Allis Health Department (Milwaukee County)
Winnebago County Health Department
Wood County Health Department

**Awarded amounts will be reported in FY 24 Q1, following DHS contract negotiations*

Appendix C – Individual Recipients of EMS Leave Behind Program: Support Supplies Awards

City of Lake Geneva Fire Department – covers the service area of Lake Geneva, North Shore of Geneva Lake/Lin Township, and Geneva Township/Lake Como in Walworth County

Deer Grove EMS – covers the Villages of Cottage Grove and Deerfield and the Towns of Cottage Grove, Deerfield, and portions of Pleasant Springs in Dane County

Franklin Fire Department – covers the City of Franklin in Milwaukee County

Greenfield Fire Department – covers the City of Greenfield and the mutual aid partner cities of Milwaukee, West Allis, Greendale, Hales Corners, Franklin

Gunderson Tri State Ambulance – service area includes most of LaCrosse County, a third of Vernon County, a third of Trempealeau County, and parts of other counties

Kenosha Fire Department – covers the City of Kenosha in Kenosha County

Laona Rescue Unit – covers the Townships of Blackwell, Caswell, Carter, Freedom, Laona, and Wabeno in Forest County and includes the Forest County Potawatomi Reservation Land in Blackwell and Carter.

Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin – covers the Menominee Reservation and Menominee County

Menomonee Falls Fire Department – covers the Villages of Lannon and Menomonee Falls in Waukesha County

Milwaukee County Office of Emergency Management – has oversight for EMS in all of Milwaukee County

Milwaukee Fire Department – covers the City of Milwaukee with additional service to suburban Milwaukee

North Shore Fire and Rescue – covers the City of Glendale and the Villages of Bayside, Brown Deer, Fox Point, Glendale, River Hills, Shorewood, and Whitefish Bay

Northwestern Municipal EMS Inc. – covers 17 municipalities and a tribal reservation that includes half of Polk County

Oak Creek Fire Department – covers the City of Oak Creek and is part of the Milwaukee County Shared Services group which includes all municipalities in Milwaukee County

Oconto Falls Area Ambulance – covers the Towns of Oconto Falls, Morgan, Stiles, the City of Oconto Falls, and the Village of Lena in Oconto County

Orange Cross Ambulance – covers rural and municipal areas throughout Sheboygan County

Portage County EMS – covers Portage County

Racine Fire Department – covers the City of Racine in Racine County

Rio Fire Department – covers 9 area villages and townships in the center of Columbia County

South Milwaukee Fire Department – Covers the City of South Milwaukee and the remaining area of Milwaukee County through shared services

St. Croix Falls Fire Department – covers the Townships of St. Croix Falls and Eureka and the City of St. Croix

Town of Beloit Fire Department – applied on behalf of all EMS agencies in Rock County

**Awarded amounts will be reported in FY 24 Q1, following DHS contract negotiations*

Appendix D – Individual Recipients of Tribal Nations Opioid Abatement Efforts Awards

The **Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians** received an award amount of **$553,421** and will provide health care services for tribal members who use drugs and evidence-backed training to support youth prevention programs, which may include a Gathering of Native Americans event. They will facilitate medication-assisted treatment/medication for opioid use disorder by increasing staff capacity. They will also work with a production company to develop an educational film on the impacts of discrimination against Native Americans with a substance use disorder in healthcare settings.

The **Forest County Potawatomi Community** (FCPC) received an award amount of **$540,546** and will sustain critical substance use disorder services at their transitional living facility, which employs peer support specialists and a transitional living manager. FCPC will increase capacity to assist the Behavioral Health and the Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse clinical staff in the provision of outpatient care. They will provide education and training to their staff on evidence-based treatment models and offer community-based traditional healing services to those in recovery and their families.

Ho-Chunk Nation Division of Behavioral Health (DBH) received an award amount of **$553,421** and will strengthen existing prevention, treatment, and recovery programs and ensure access to critical services to decrease opioid-related deaths and promote the recovery process. DBH activities will include enhancing intervention activities and increasing capacity to existing prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery programs.

The **Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians** received an award amount of **$478,665** and will increase staff and organizational capacity to improve intervention and transitional care for community members. They plan to conduct a feasibility study and business plan for an Ojibwe run residential treatment center while supporting workforce development efforts by providing the funding for individuals to obtain AODA counseling certificates. They will provide community members with opioid and overdose prevention training.

Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians received an award amount of **$553,421** and will increase capacity to assist in screening and diagnosing children with severe behavioral issues that may be struggling with the impact of parental substance use during prenatal development, so they can receive services more quickly at the school and in the community. They will provide services for people in the Emergency Shelter and at the Peter Christensen Health Clinic. Funds will also be used for residential treatment services and transportation, along with supporting the Family Circle Ojibwe Culture Parenting program and resiliency training in the community.

The **Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin** received an award amount of **$553,421** and will provide culturally relevant services throughout programming by enhancing their education and outreach efforts through the Maehnowesekiyah Wellness Center specifically focused on youth, families, and community. Services to be provided include hosting community awareness outreach and education events, providing harm reduction and other health and wellness supplies, supporting individuals attending residential treatment services, and providing recovery coach services.

The **Oneida Nation's Behavioral Health (OBH) KáNi Kuhlí Yo Family Center** received an award amount of **$553,421** and will expand on the established Hub and Spoke and Tribal Opioid Response initiatives to focus on all eligible tribal members living on the Oneida Reservation and surrounding counties who are experiencing severe and complex symptoms including substance use disorder. OBH will expand harm reduction efforts by increasing Narcan® trainings to tribal community members, first responders, and Oneida Nation employees. OBH will provide Narcan® kits and fentanyl testing strips to those who complete the required training. OBH will provide and expand on current Recovery Coach

Services and training opportunities and will commission a feasibility study to determine if there is a need for a community-based culturally focused residential/transitional living facility and detox facility.

The **Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians** received an award amount of **$553,421** and will offer services through the Red Cliff Community Health Center and Behavioral Health Department. They will engage family programming in prevention, harm reduction, treatment, recovery, and wraparound care and will host a Gathering of Native Americans to improve interconnectedness, coping, health, and wellbeing. They will update the Red Cliff Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Tribal Action Plan and will provide treatment including medication for opioid use disorder, traditional Western medicines, in person/out-patient services, traditional Ojibwe healing practices, and other alternative forms of treatment identified for clients. They will also provide peer and recovery supports for individuals.

The **Sokaogon Chippewa Community Health Clinic** received an award amount of **$553,421** and will increase distribution and education programs for naloxone and increase access to substance use disorder treatment programs for patients who lack income, transportation, and other resources in this rural community. Funds will be used to increase capacity for addiction treatment, providing telehealth and mental health services, and peer support workers to hold culturally appropriate support groups. They will procure a wheelchair accessible transport van and contracted driver dedicated to serving clinic patients to help overcome the transportation barriers within the community. They will also purchase a public health vending machine for naloxone distribution.

The **St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin** received an award amount of **$553,421** and will create a model for the St. Croix Tribal Health and Human Services cultural wraparound system of outpatient substance use and mental health treatment, primary care medication-assisted treatment services, and cultural peer-support program. They will develop an agency taskforce and Spiritual-Culture Advisory Board, available for spiritual tele-healthcare for all clients to heal. This project will provide funding for transitional living services to individuals with opioid use disorder who have successfully completed a residential treatment program.

The **Stockbridge-Munsee Community Health and Wellness Center** received an award amount of **$553,421** and will coordinate a community-wide plan to address the opioid issue, increase education and awareness of the opioid crisis including treatment options available, and provide training on how to handle overdose events and how to offer support to those suffering from opioid and/or substance use disorder. They will offer more support for families, increase access to medication-assisted treatment and inpatient treatment, reduce wait times for inpatient treatment, start a peer recovery program and train coaches, and provide culturally appropriate activities.