

# OPIOID SETTLEMENT

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## PRESENTATION AGENDA

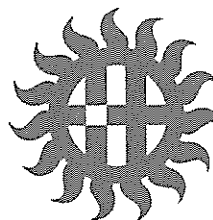
- Process
- Resource
- Strategies, goals, settings, and populations
- Funding
- Next Steps



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## City/County Collaboration

1. Joint Community Advisory Council
2. Similar Resolutions
3. Coordinated Funding
4. Joint Evaluation and Reporting



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## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

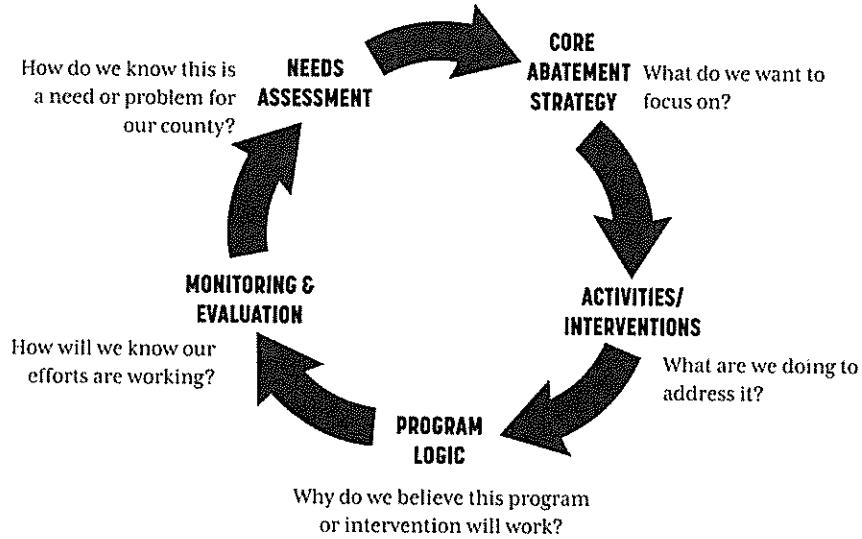
1. Spend money to save lives
2. Use evidence to guide spending
3. Invest in youth prevention
4. Focus on racial equity
5. Develop a fair and transparent process



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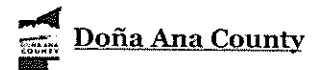
# PLANNING PROCESS



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# DECISION PROCESS

- NMSU/Crimson Research needs assessment
- Evidence-based practices
- Allowable expenditures per settlement agreement
- Opioid Settlement Principles Resources and Indicators  
Settlement Metrics | Opioid Principles



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## SELECTED STRATEGIES

Medication Assisted  
Treatment

Warm Hand-Off  
Programs/Recovery  
Services

Prevention Programs

Data Collection/  
Research

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## GOALS

1. Improve **access and utilization of Medication for Opioid Use Disorders (MOUD)** by engaging people seeking medical/emergency care.
2. Increase access to MOUD in **rural** communities and for **Spanish-speaking** constituents.
3. Improve **early identification** of Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) by implementing universal **screening**.
4. Improve access to **naloxone** for people most vulnerable to overdose.



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## GOALS CONTINUED

5. Incorporate **harm reduction** services into medical/emergency care to people at risk of overdose from OUD or developing OUD.
6. Improve **capacity** within healthcare systems to **identify and treat** OUD.
7. Create a more **comprehensive continuum** of care for substance use disorders (SUD) or OUD and improve **transitions of care**.
8. Prevent the development of OUD, primarily in children and youth, by **addressing risk factors**.
9. Ensure **effectiveness** and **transparency** through data collection, analysis, and reporting.



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## SETTINGS AND POPULATIONS

Below are the recommended settings in which programs will be implemented, and the target populations to receive the services.

### Emergency Departments

- People who overdose or are experiencing withdrawal symptoms.

### Community

- People who are justice-involved or likely to be and have OUD &/or SUD.
- Older adults at risk of overdose
- People at risk of developing OUD or overdosing from OUD, especially children and youth.

### Residential Treatment Facilities and Primary Care Clinics, as well as Intensive Outpatient and Partial Hospitalization Programs

- People with current SUD or serious mental illness (SMI).
- All new patients



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## SETTINGS AND POPULATIONS CONTINUED

### First Responder (EMS/Fire/Police)

- People who overdose or near overdose but may not go to emergency departments.
- People in rural communities and/or who are Spanish speaking.

### Obstetrics, Pediatric Clinics, Labor and Delivery Departments

- Pregnant/post-partum women and infants and their families.
- Children and youth at risk for developing OUD.

### Child Welfare

- Children and youth involved with justice or care systems.
- Children and youth at risk of developing OUD.



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## FUNDS

- The County is estimated to receive \$14,486,903.55 through 2038, and as of May 2025, has received \$5,621,156.45.
- Settlements with Distributors, Manufacturers, Retailers.
- Use of funds to address harms/governed by the settlement agreement.
- Funds held separately



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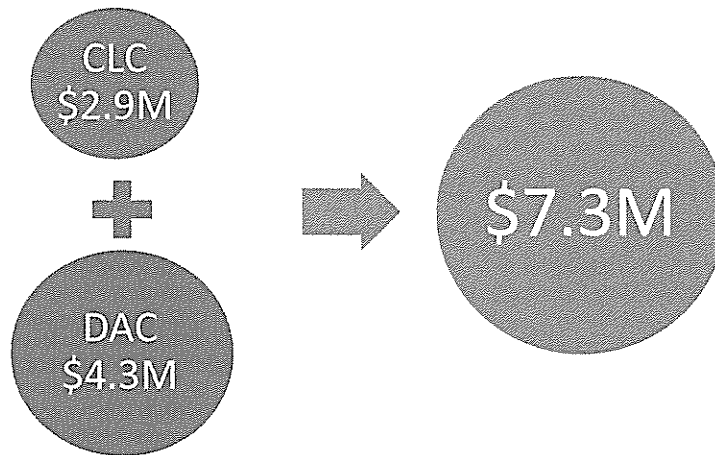
## RECOMMENDED EXPENDITURES

- Two-year funding cycle 30% of (\$14.5) expected total distribution = \$4,346,071
  - Treatment 60%- \$2,407,519
  - Prevention 40%- \$1,605,013
  - Program administration/evaluation- \$333,539
- Future years funding
  - \$1,275,085 remaining balance + annual distributions+ settlements



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## COMMUNITY EXPENDITURES



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## NEXT STEPS

- Development of RFPs – September/October
- Pre-proposal community workshop – September 16, 2025
- Release of RFPs – October/November
- Evaluation – November/December (City/County)
- Awards – January (Commission approval)



## DISCUSSION

