

DHS Opioid Settlement Funds

WCA Opioid Abatement Summit August 22, 2022 Stevens Point

Opioid Settlements

Overview

- Act 57 allocates 30 percent of settlement proceeds to DHS. The remaining 70 percent of the settlement proceeds will be provided to local governments that were party to the litigation.
- Act 57 requires DHS to submit a plan to JCF for expending opioid settlement funds by April 1st annually.
- On February 25th, DOJ learned that agreements had been reached in two settlements with a group of major pharmaceutical distributors (Cardinal, McKesson, and AmerisourceBergen) and Johnson & Johnson.

Overview

- DHS received an initial payment of \$6 million from these settlements on July 29th.
- DHS expects to receive a total of \$31 million in payments this calendar year.
- These settlements will make annual payments through 2038.
- Several additional settlements remain in litigation.

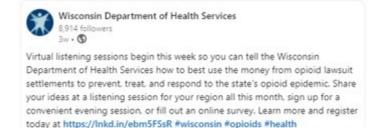
DHS Listening Sessions

Purpose

The purpose of the Opioid Settlement Listening Sessions was to gather bigpicture input from a broad group of stakeholders to inform the Department of Health Services' use of future opioid settlement funds.

What We Did

- 12 sessions held between Jan 12-28
 - 2 in each region
 - 2 evening sessions
- Survey link available for written feedback





By the Numbers

518 attendees

113 speakers

326 surveys submitted

897
Comments

Initial Themes

- Prevent proactively
- Enhance harm reduction
- Expand treatment options
- Support recovery
- Address root causes
- Ensure supportive policies and systems

Post-listening sessions

- Analyzed listening session input and survey responses
- Developed a list of recommendations
- Released report summarizing what we heard
- Input from listening sessions used as guidance for DHS opioid settlement plan.

https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p03211.pdf



DHS Settlement Funds Plan

DHS Settlement Plan Overview

- DHS submitted an updated proposal to JCF on July 28th.
- Three-phase approach:
 - Immediate Needs and Harm Reduction (\$6 million)
 - One-time Capital Projects & Priority Needs/Communities (\$17 million)
 - 3) Long-term Investment Projects (\$8 million)
- Report: https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p03288.pdf

DHS Opioid Plan Investments

- Increasing the availability of NARCAN® and fentanyl test strips around the state. (\$5 million)
- Addressing root causes (\$1 million)
- Expanding access via new and updated treatment facilities. (\$11 million)
- Funding for tribal nations to address the dramatic increase in opioid overdose deaths. (\$6 million)

DHS Opioid Plan Investments (cont.)

- Enhancing data collection and surveillance (\$500K)
- Prevention efforts in schools and communities (\$2 million)
- Expanding treatment (MAT and Room & Board) (\$3.5 million)
- Family Support Centers (\$2 million)

DHS Settlement Plan Timeline

- DHS submitted first plan to JFC on April 1, 2022, in accordance with 2021 Act 57.
- JFC raised an objection on April 21, 2022, asking DHS to submit an amended plan with final payment amounts once known, along with amounts to be allocated to each investment.
- DHS submitted revised plan to JFC on July 28, 2022, per JFC directions.
- JFC objected to revised plan on August 17, 2022.

Next Steps