

**A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNTY OF ROBESON
TO DIRECT THE EXPENDITURE OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS**

WHEREAS Robeson County has joined national settlement agreements with companies engaged in the manufacturing, distribution, and dispensing of opioids.

WHEREAS the allocation, use, and reporting of funds stemming from these national settlement agreements and certain bankruptcy resolutions (“Opioid Settlement Funds”) are governed by the Memorandum of Agreement Between the State of North Carolina and Local Governments on Proceeds Relating to the Settlement of Opioid Litigation (“MOA”) and the Supplemental Agreement for Additional Funds from Additional Settlements of Opioid Litigation (“SAAF”).

WHEREAS Robeson County has received Opioid Settlement Funds pursuant to these national settlement agreements and deposited the Opioid Settlement Funds in a separate special revenue fund as required by section D of the MOA.

WHEREAS section E.6 of the MOA states that, before spending opioid settlement funds, the local government’s governing body must adopt a resolution that:

- (i) indicates that it is an authorization for expenditure of opioid settlement funds; and,
- (ii) states the specific strategy or strategies the county or municipality intends to fund pursuant to Option A or Option B, using the item letter and/or number in exhibit A or Exhibit B to identify each funded strategy; and,
- (iii) states the amount dedicated to each strategy for a specific period of time.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in alignment with the NC MOA and SAAF, Robeson County authorizes the expenditure of opioid settlement funds as follows:

1. First strategy authorized

- a. Name of strategy: Collaborative strategic planning
- b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
- c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A to the MOA: (1)
- d. Amount authorized for this strategy: **\$78,016**
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date **07/06/2024** through End date **06/30/2027**
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity: The strategic planning activities being proposed by the Southeastern Prevention and Addiction Recovery Resource Center (SPARC) through the University of North Carolina at Pembroke College of Health Sciences’ Community Health & Wellness Institute and Department of Social Work will support the development and implementation of a preliminary strategic planning process to address local government needs in Robeson County related to the Opioid Settlement Funding. Activities will include G, H, and I, as listed in exhibit C.
- g. Provider: University of North Carolina at Pembroke -SPARC

2. Second strategy authorized

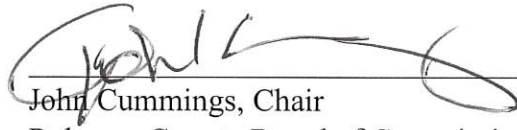
- a. Name of strategy: Collaborative strategic planning
- b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
- c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A to the MOA: (1)
- d. Amount authorized for this strategy: **\$51,984**
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date **07/06/2024** through End date **06/30/2027**
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity: The opioid settlement coordinator will use funds to enhance Robeson County's opioid related efforts. Activities include attending opioid related trainings and workshops to stay informed about best practices and strategies to decrease opioid use in Robeson County, and the addition of a contracted employee to help with all collaborative strategic planning activities specifically but not limited to the Robeson County Opioid Relief Program (RCORP). The contracted employee will coordinate and with all opioid funded peer support specialists to strategize and identify strengths and areas for improvement in patient support.
- g. Provider: Robeson County Administration

3. Third strategy authorized

- a. Name of strategy: Addiction treatment for incarcerated persons
- b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
- c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A to the MOA: (11)
- d. Amount authorized for this strategy: **\$82,303.**
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date **07/06/2024** through End date **06/30/2027**
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity; Robeson County Jail Health (RCJH) Department will use opioid settlement funds to support OUD treatment in the detention center. Activities for the RCJH MAT Program include salaries/payment for a contracted certified MAT provider, a Licensed Clinical Addiction Specialist Therapist to assess and provide therapy for incarcerated persons suffering from OUD, Care Navigator who assists in connecting patients with network support upon release and collects reporting data for the MAT program, Part-time Detention Officers supervising in-house therapy/treatment, and the transport of detainees from holding to the treatment area, and suboxone medication and OUD testing materials.
- g. Provider: Robeson County Jail Health Department

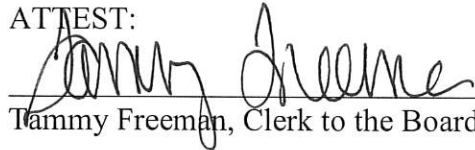
The total dollar amount of Opioid Settlement Funds appropriated across the above named and authorized strategies is **\$212,303.**

Adopted this the __5th__ day of __August__, 2024.



John Cummings, Chair
Robeson County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Tammy Freeman, Clerk to the Board

COUNTY SEAL

