

Allocation of Opioid Settlement Proceeds for 2024-25

Motion:

Move to allocate \$36.0 million in opioid settlement proceeds for 2024-25, as follows:

1. *Tribal Allocations.* Allocate \$6,000,000 to federally recognized tribes in Wisconsin, with the requirement that tribes identify strategies across the continuum of prevention, harm reduction, treatment and recovery for which they plan to use the funds, including culturally-relevant strategies to prevent opioid use, promote health, and community practices.

2. *Harm Reduction Strategies.* Allocate \$6,000,000 for harm reduction initiatives, including, but not limited to programs that DHS currently administers, such as Narcan Direct for distribution of overdose reversal medication, and a program for the distribution of test strips for detection of fentanyl or other substances that pose a high risk of adverse reactions. Direct DHS to expand the drugs and medications available under the Narcan Direct program to include all opioid reversal drugs and medications approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration.

Of the funding for harm reduction strategies, require the Department to allocate the following: (a) \$500,000 for a safe disposal kit dispensing program, modeled after Iowa's Disposal Kit Dispensing Program administered by the Iowa Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing, which reimburses pharmacies for providing free disposal kits and patient education to individuals who may be at risk of accidental opioid or other controlled substance misuse or overdose; and (b) \$500,000 for DHS to provide as grants to small facilities, including, but not limited to, veterinary clinics, behavioral health facilities, surgery centers, nursing home, fire stations, dental offices, correctional facilities, and rural clinics to purchase electronic lock boxes for storing and tracking narcotics. Include the following parameters for the electronic lock box program: (a) limit grants to \$12,500 per facility; (b) require grantees to provide a 25% match for the cost of the purchase, and to cover all costs of ongoing system maintenance, including any service fees and subscriptions; and (c) direct DHS to award grants on a competitive basis, providing priority to facilities in rural areas and those demonstrating high urgency or potential impact.

3. *Capital Projects.* Allocate \$7,700,000 for DHS to fund capital projects that would expand prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery services through the construction of new facilities, and to renovate existing facilities to improve services. Require DHS to distribute at least 30% of the funds for projects in counties with fewer than 500,000 residents.

4. *K-12 Prevention Program.* Allocate \$1,000,000 for the Department of Public Instruction to distribute to school districts, independent charter schools, tribal schools, and private choice schools to implement evidence-based substance use prevention programming. Direct DPI to distribute this funding in the same manner as DPI distributes funding under its current substance abuse grants program. Prohibit DPI from using any of this allocation on operations costs to administer the program.

5. *Grant to a Statewide Community-Based Organization.* Allocate \$1,000,000 for DHS to provide a grant to a community-based organization that serves after-school youth for the purpose of implementing and expanding opioid prevention programs. The organization must use local law enforcement partnerships in its effort to reduce opioid abuse.

6. *Community-Based Prevention -- Competitive Grant Program.* Allocate \$1,500,000 for DHS to provide as grants to community anti-drug coalitions, nonprofit agencies, and faith-based organizations to support prevention programs. Specify that these entities could use the funds to support the following activities: (a) drug prevention; (b) evidence-informed prevention; (c) stigma reduction; (d) training in evidence-informed implementation; (e) community-based education or intervention services; (f) programs and curricula to address mental health needs of young people; and (g) any other activities permissible under the settlement agreements. Of the funding allocated for community-based prevention, require DHS to allocate \$500,000 to community coalitions supported by the Alliance for Wisconsin Youth.

7. *Medication Assisted Treatment.* Allocate \$3,000,000 to support medication assisted treatment and related services, consistent with the purposes of the Settlement Agreement, for individuals with opioid use disorder. Specify that at least 50% of this allocation must be provided to nongovernmental entities.

8. *Room and Board Grants for Residential Substance Use Disorder Treatment.* Allocate \$2,750,000 to fund room and board costs for Medicaid recipients who receive services under Medicaid's residential substance use disorder treatment program.

9. *Law Enforcement Grants.* Allocate \$3,000,000 for DHS to distribute to law enforcement agencies, under a competitive grant program, for the following purposes: (a) medication-assisted treatment education and awareness training; (b) community drug disposal programs; (c) treatment of jail inmates with opioid use disorder (OUD); (d) supporting pre-arrest or pre-arraignment diversion and deflection strategies for persons with OUD and any co-occurring substance use disorder or mental health conditions; and (e) any other permissible uses under the settlement agreements. Specify that at least \$1,000,000 of this amount would be reserved for agencies in counties or municipalities with 70,000 or fewer residents.

10. *Substance Use Disorder Treatment Platform.* Allocate \$1,200,000 for DHS to provide \$300,000 per year for four years, to pay a vendor for collecting and maintaining information regarding substance use disorder treatment providers for the state's substance use disorder treatment platform.

11. *Data Collection and Surveillance System Enhancement.* Allocate \$1,500,000 to fund substance use data collection, monitoring, and reporting activities needed for the Department of Administration to implement the provisions of 2021 Act 181.

12. *Public Awareness and Prevention Campaign.* Allocate \$750,000 for DHS to educate the public about opioid use disorder, responsible prescription opioid use, signs of opioid use in others, and proper opioid disposal.

13. *Medical College of Wisconsin -- Periscope Project.* Allocate \$600,000 to support the Medical College of Wisconsin's Periscope Project.

Note:

The following table compares each component of the allocation plan under this motion with the Department's proposal.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Motion</u>	<u>DHS Plan</u>	<u>Change to DHS</u>
1 Tribal Allocations	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$0
2 Harm Reduction Initiatives, Existing*	\$5,000,000	\$7,000,000	-\$2,000,000
Harm Reduction, New Initiatives			
Disposal Kit Dispensing Allocation	500,000	0	500,000
Electronic Narcotic Management Allocation	500,000	0	500,000
New Initiatives Subtotal	\$1,000,000	0	\$1,000,000
Harm Reduction Strategies -- Total	\$6,000,000	\$7,000,000	-\$1,000,000
3 Capital Projects	\$7,700,000	\$3,000,000	\$4,700,000
4 K-12 Prevention Program	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000	-\$1,000,000
5 Grant to A Statewide Community-Based Org.**	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$0
6 Community-Based Prevention			
Competitive Grant Program	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$1,000,000
Allocation to Alliance for Wisconsin Youth	500,000	500,000	0
Subtotal	\$1,500,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000
7 Medication Assisted Treatment	\$3,000,000	\$0	\$3,000,000
8 Residential Treatment Room and Board Grants	\$2,750,000	\$2,500,000	\$250,000
9 Law Enforcement Grants	\$3,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000
10 Substance Use Disorder Treatment Platform	\$1,200,000	\$0	\$1,200,000
11 Data Collection and Surveillance System	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$0
12 Public Awareness and Prevention Campaign	\$750,000	\$0	\$750,000
13 Medical College of Wisconsin -- Periscope Project	\$600,000	\$0	\$600,000
14 Family Resource Centers	\$0	\$5,000,000	-\$5,000,000
15 Peer Support in Opioid Training Programs	\$0	\$5,000,000	-\$5,000,000
16 Post-Secondary and Higher Education Grants	\$0	\$1,500,000	-\$1,500,000
Total	\$36,000,000	\$36,000,000	\$0

* The Department's proposal includes specific allocations for Narcan Direct program (\$3,500,000), fentanyl test strips distribution (\$1,000,000), public health vending machines (\$1,000,000), and the EMS Leave Behind Program (\$1,500,000). The total of these harm reduction initiatives would be \$7,000,000. The motion would allocate a total of \$5,000,000 for current harm reduction initiatives, but would allow the Department to determine how this amount is to be suballocated.

** While the Department's proposal specifies that the \$1,000,000 grant for youth prevention programs would be made to the Boys and Girls Club organization, the motion would not specify a specific organization to receive the grant.

