

RESOLUTION 2024-14

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

WHEREAS Catawba County has joined national settlement agreements with companies engaged in the manufacturing, distribution, and dispensing of opioids, including settlements with drug distributors Cardinal, McKesson, and AmerisourceBergen, and the drug maker Johnson & Johnson and its subsidiary Janssen Pharmaceuticals; and

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 Memoranda of Agreement Between the State of North Carolina and Local Governments on Proceeds Relating to the Settlement of Opioid Litigation ("MOA"); and

WHEREAS Catawba 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; and

WHEREAS section E.6 of the MOA states:

E.6. Process for drawing from special revenue funds.

- a. Budget item or resolution required. Opioid Settlement Funds can be used for a purpose when the Governing Body includes in its budget or passes a separate resolution authorizing the expenditure of a stated amount of Opioid Settlement Funds for that purpose or those purposes during a specified period of time.
- b. Budget item or resolution details. The budget or resolution should (i) indicate that it is an authorization for expenditure of opioid settlement funds; (ii) state 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) state the amount dedicated to each strategy for a stated period of time.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in alignment with the NC MOA, the Catawba County Board of County Commissioners authorizes the expenditure of opioid settlement funds as follows:

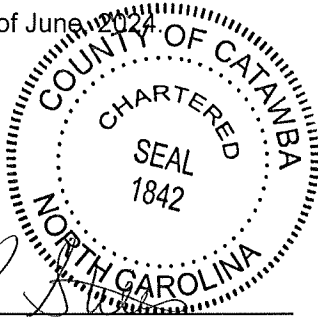
1. First strategy authorized:
 - a. Name of strategy: Opioid / Substance Use Disorder Program Coordinator
 - b. Strategy is included in: Exhibit A
 - c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: Exhibit A Item 1
 - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$251,753
 - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
 - f. Start date 8/7/2023 through End date 6/30/2025
 - g. Description of the program, project, or activity: Provides funding to employ an Opioid / Substance Use Disorder Program Coordinator Position and provide related operating expenses to explore /oversee / implement the County's collaborative strategic planning efforts related to Opioid / Substance Use Disorder, and criminal justice diversion programs (part of duties will be to work with Drug Court and Veterans Court).
 - h. Provider: Catawba County
2. Second strategy authorized:
 - a. Name of strategy: Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) in Detention Centers
 - b. Strategy is included in: Exhibit A
 - c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: Exhibit A, Item 11
 - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$180,000
 - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date 7/1/2024 through End date 6/30/2025

- f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Provides medically assisted treatment for this purpose and associated therapy for inmates in the Catawba County Detention Center.
- g. Provider: Catawba County Sheriff's Office and its contracted medical provider/s.

The total dollar amount of Opioid Settlement Funds appropriated across the above named and authorized strategies is \$431,753.

This the 3rd day of June, 2024.

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Attest:

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Dale R. Stiles, Clerk
Catawba County Board of Commissioners

A large, stylized handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'C. Randall Isenhower', written over a horizontal line.

C. Randall Isenhower, Chairman
Catawba County Board of Commissioners