



Oakland County Opioid Settlement Steering Committee

Meeting #4 | September 17, 2024

Meeting Summary

Asset mapping wrap-up

The steering committee continued discussion from the previous meeting pertaining to gaps and needs as guided by asset maps. This discussion was focused on an additional map that was shared with the group detailing all assets across the county as they best align with core strategies outlined in opioid settlement Exhibit E.

Discussion was tailored to three specific areas of needs/gaps:

- Areas where resources are lacking
- Areas where coverage from existing resources is sufficient
- Areas where existing resources can be expanded upon to better meet needs

Key highlights from the group discussion include:

- Naloxone access and recovery services are somewhat limited in the northwest region of the county
 - However, Naloxone access seems to be relatively sufficient in most other areas and Pontiac has good coverage of recovery services
- Treatment resources that provide MOUD (medication for opioid use disorder) are lacking in many regions of the county, especially the north and southwest regions in particular
- Gaps exist for prevention programs in the northeast region and southwest regions
 - Prevention programs are sufficiently available in the southeast region
- Oakland County only has one SSP (due to barriers imposed by policy)
- Opportunities exist to expand on type of treatment provided at existing treatment resources throughout the county
- Limited resources available within rural areas and there is a need for more mobile recovery services and transportation services
- Additionally, challenges with navigation of the mental health and recovery systems create limitations for accessing existing services

Strategy prioritization activity

The committee engaged in an exercise to guide discussion of strategy prioritization based upon data and information provided at the past several meetings (i.e. community-level data, listening session results, and asset maps). Committee members divided into groups and were provided with a set budget to allocate into “buckets” that aligned with the 10 core strategies for settlement spending. Following the activity, a discussion ensued regarding approaches to the prioritization exercise (i.e. criteria and considerations that informed funding allocation).

Roadmap and next steps

The committee circled back to the roadmap of key milestones. It was shared with the group that after wrapping up the identification of priority needs, the next step will be to move toward selection of strategies and activities to emphasize during spend plan development.

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 15th 3:30-5 pm