



## **Oakland County Opioid Settlement Steering Committee**

Meeting #7 | January 21, 2024

Meeting Summary

### **MDHHS Opioid Settlement Updates**

Staff updated the steering committee with information from MDHHS regarding their opioid settlement efforts and priorities. MDHHS is focused on strategic initiatives within 4 key pillars of harm reduction, treatment, recovery, and prevention. The group discussed opportunities for collaboration and alignment with Oakland County and state initiatives.

### **Spend Plan Update**

The steering committee reviewed an updated spend plan framework, including 3 key strategy areas and activities within each strategy area. The 3 strategy areas are staffing and infrastructure, expansion of harm reduction, and expansion of warm hand-off and recovery services. The committee also reviewed funding allotments for the three strategy areas that based upon prior steering committee input. The group approved the identified strategies and spend plan to move forward and be shared with the Board of Commissioners.

### **Proposed Items for Funding**

The steering committee revisited the previously proposed resource directory project and had previous questions about the project answered. The project proposal for phase 1 from CJI (Crime and Justice Institute) was available for review. This project would assist with developing a comprehensive understanding of resource availability in the community and facilitating enhanced accessibility and navigation of SUD-related resources for community members.

The group also reviewed additional information regarding support to establish a Nurse Practitioner position at the Oakland County Harm Reduction Clinic. A Nurse Practitioner position would enhance the scope of services and treatments that can be provided at the clinic, reduce emergency room visits, and bridge existing gaps in continuity of care.

Lastly, the committee discussed additional information regarding the purchase of an FTIR machine to establish a drug checking program in Oakland County. This would allow for enhanced understanding of what substances are present in the local drug supply and facilitate as more upstream approach than relying on post-mortem toxicology results. The steering committee discussed each item and approved the recommendation to move forward with all three items, which will now move to the Board of Commissioners.

### **Roadmap and Next Steps**

The committee returned to the process roadmap of key milestones. It was shared with the group that the next step will be to begin discussing RFP development, starting with the identification of critical components to include in the RFPs.

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> 3:30-5 pm