

# OPIOID SETTLEMENT OVERVIEW & Thurston County Opioid Response Plan Presentation

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Thurston County Board of Health

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# Opioid Settlement

## Thurston County

- Keller Rohrback
- Involves
  - Manufacturers
  - Distributors

## State and Municipalities

- Distributors
- 2022 resolution \$476 million opioid epidemic
  - Local and state split
  - Allocated over 18 years
  - Percentage to Thurston County
  - MOU with approved uses

# 2023 State Distributors

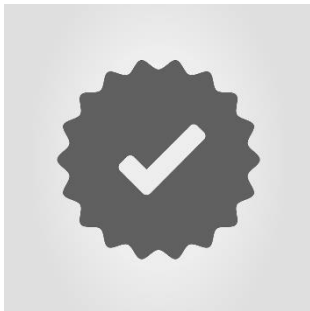
	Thurston County	State
Method	Direct (2.325%)	RFP/RFA
Starts	2023	2023
Multiyear	18 years of payments	Specified by Funder
Coordination	Required*	No
Funding	Direct to Local	Specified by Funder
Approved Uses	Connects to MOU**	Connects to state Plan

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\* 7 County Opioid Abatement Council  
Ensures public access to information on spending

\*\* Signed by Thurston County  
Includes list of use options primarily in prevention and treatment

## Local Settlement Preparation



- Signed MOU
- Active Task Force and work groups
- Gaps and strategies identified
- NEED local opioid response plan in place

## Thurston County Opioid Response Task Force and Plan



- Crisis Resolution H-1-2018, June 2018
- Task Force Convened, July 2018
- Response Plan adopted, July 2019
- Response Plan revised, August 2021

# Action Areas and Strategies: 2021/22

## Action Areas

- 6 areas of focus
  - Prevention
  - Treatment
  - Overdose
  - Pregnant & Parenting
  - Legal System
  - Equity

## Strategies

- 26 total strategies
- Aims
  - Reducing stigma
  - Eliminating barriers
  - Creating opportunities
  - Advancing equity

# Task Force Progress



Community and workplace interest in overdose education and naloxone

- Overdose Awareness Day
- School districts, food establishments, law enforcement, government entities



Prevention campaigns on safe storage and medication disposal

- English and Spanish radio PSAs



Community education panels

- Criminal-legal system diversion
- Utilization of peers



Regional and state partnerships

- Fentanyl fact-based education
- State opioid settlement priorities

## 2022 Task Force Recognition



- Wanted to recognize those who played vital roles in moving the Response Plan forward
- Work Groups were tasked with choosing an individual and/or an organization within their action area
- Leads for each Work Group also recognized



# 2022 Recognition

## **Treatment**

- Garrett Leonard (Capital Recovery Center)
- Capital Recovery Center

## **Prevention**

- Leatta Dahlhoff
- Family Education & Support Services

## **Pregnant & Parenting**

- Linda Sisson (Family Support Center)

## **Overdose**

- Monica Miley & Naimat Gilal (Syringe Services Program)
- Thurston County Juvenile Detention (Reggie Gaither and all Facility Staff)

## **Work Group Leads**

- Jason Bean-Mortinson
- Katie Strozyk
- Kateri Wimsett
- Stacy Everett
- Marianne Clear
- Mark Freedman

## Plan Extension



- Requesting current plan be extended through calendar year 2023:
  - Addresses needs of rural residents, who lack access to treatment, naloxone and outreach services
  - Provides fact-based drug education to youth and young adults
  - Incorporates fentanyl, and other substances to allow response to changes in drug supply
  - Keeps partners current and supports collaboration
- Ensures, Thurston County is better prepared for opioid settlement funding opportunities

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## OPIOID RESPONSE PROGRAM

- [OpioidSettlementTracker.com](http://OpioidSettlementTracker.com)
- Task Force Webpage:  
[www.thurstoncountywa.gov/phss/Pages/opioid-response.aspx](http://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/phss/Pages/opioid-response.aspx)

