

# Thurston County Opioid Response Task Force

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OCTOBER 2022

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Present to the newly expanded Board of Health (BOH)

- Progress update
- Highlight individuals & agencies receiving recognition by the Task Force
- Ask to adopt a continuation of the current Response Plan

Update SMART Objectives and work on strategies which come out of upcoming ad-hoc discussion sessions

# State Opioid Settlement Process

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# Settlement 101

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State & local jurisdictions filed a lawsuit against opioid distributors

Washington was awarded \$518 million after winning trial in May 2022

- Approximately half will be spent at the State level
- Remaining funding is distributed to participating local jurisdictions using the pre-determined allocation formula used in the National Settlement Agreements
  - Thurston County, Olympia, Lacey, & Tumwater

Settlement funds will be distributed over 18 years

# State Settlement Spending

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Work Groups submitted their top 3 spending priorities in September

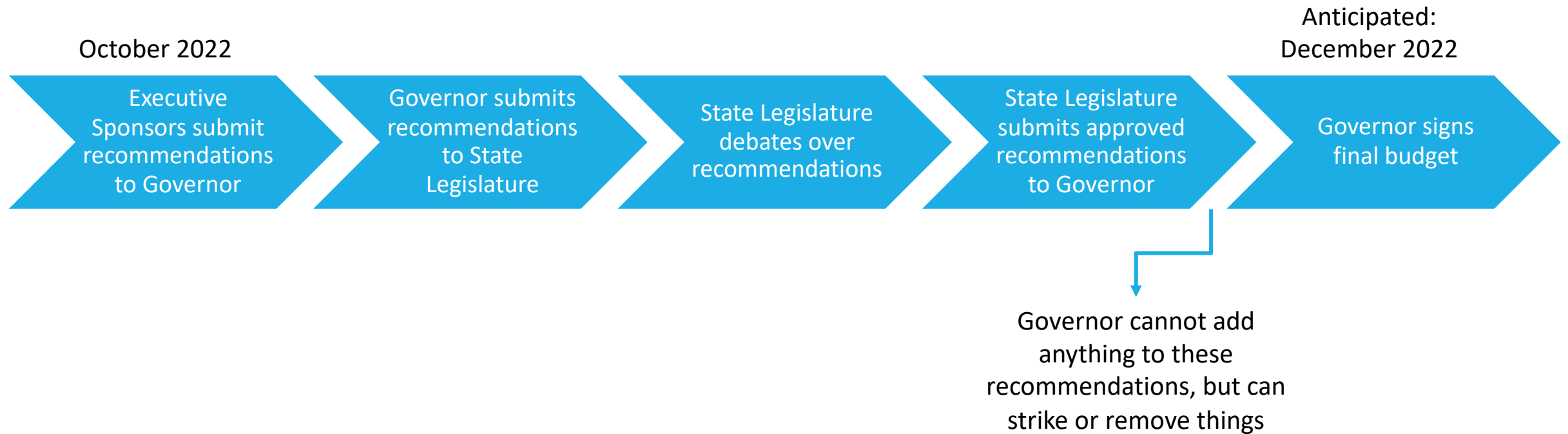
- These Work Groups align with action areas of the State Opioid and Overdose Response Plan (SOORP)
- Priorities are broad spending ideas, not commitments to specific programs or agencies who will carry out the proposed work

Executive Sponsors review & tribal roundtable is held (October 4 & 5)

- Questions / comments / feedback is returned to Work Groups

# State Settlement Spending – Approval Process

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# Local Opioid Settlement Process

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# Local Settlement Spending

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Local jurisdictions have not received any settlement funding yet

- No current anticipated or expected date to receive funding

Exact dollar amounts being allocated have not been released, only percentage of settlement funding per jurisdiction

- Thurston County – 2.325%
- Olympia – 0.604%
- Lacey – 0.235%
- Tumwater – 0.207%

Allocation and spending details are in the One Washington Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), signed by participating jurisdictions

Jurisdictions must participate in an Opioid Abatement Council (OAC)

# Opioid Abatement Council (OAC)

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Regional group with mandatory participation from each jurisdiction receiving settlement funding

- Thurston, Lewis, Mason, Cowlitz, Greys Harbor, Pacific, Wahkiakum

All persons who serve on the OAC must have work or educational experience pertaining to one or more approved uses of spending

Local governments retain full discretion over use of their settlement funding is spend, within approved purposes

# Role of the Opioid Abatement Council (OAC)

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Oversee distribution of settlement from local jurisdictions to programs and services for approved purposes

Review expenditure reports on an annual basis

Approve spending proposals for any settlement funds which have been voluntarily forwent by a jurisdiction

Develop and maintain a centralized public dashboard or other repository for the publication of expenditure data on an annual basis

Hear complaints by local jurisdictions within the region regarding alleged failure to use settlement funds for approved purposes or comply with reporting requirements

# Allowable Expenditures - Treatment

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Treat Opioid Use Disorder (OUD)

Support people in treatment & recovery

Connect people who need help to the help they need (Connections to care)

Address the needs of criminal-justice involved persons

Address the needs of pregnant or parenting women & their families, including babies with neonatal abstinence syndrome

# Allowable Expenditures - Prevention

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Prevent over-prescribing and ensure appropriate prescribing and dispensing of opioids

Prevent misuse of opioids

Prevent overdose deaths and other harms

# Allowable Expenditures – Other Strategies

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First responders

Leadership, planning, and coordination

Training

Research

# OpioidSettlementTracker.com

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Will opioid settlements be spent in ways that bolster the public health response to drug addiction?

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## HOW SHOULD OPIOID SETTLEMENTS BE SPENT?

*"In advance of the money, more than 40 states have passed laws or formed frameworks governing how the money is distributed and used, while several have bills in progress, said attorney Christine Minhee, the founder of a watchdog website, Opioid Settlement Tracker."*

— "Major Drug Distributors and J&J Finalize Opioid Settlement" (*The Washington Post*)

For a birds-eye view of the major opioid settlements reached thus far:

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# Overdose Awareness Day Recap

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# Can You See Me Now Banners

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# Set-up & Crafting Table

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# Naloxone Training

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# Agency Resource Tables

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# Celebration & Recognition

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Work Groups were tasked with selecting an individual and/or an organization to recognize for work within their action area

List of individuals and organizations being recognized will be presented to the Board of Health

In-person celebration to come – details TBD

# Proposed Recognitions

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## **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 & Naimet Gilal (Syringe Services Program)

Thurston County Juvenile Detention

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