



# Pinellas County

## Staff Report

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### **Subject:**

City/County Opioid Abatement Funding Priority List for submission to the Florida Department of Children and Families.

### **Recommended Action:**

Approval of the Priority List for the City/County Opioid Abatement Fund for submission to the Florida Department of Children and Families. The Priority List was drafted in compliance with the Florida Opioid Allocation and Statewide Response Agreement with the Florida Attorney General, commonly referred to as the "Florida Plan."

- Establishing a Priority List is a requirement of the Florida Plan to receive City/County opioid abatement funding.
- The County has identified the following Priority List:
  - 1.) Expansion of warm hand-off programs and recovery services.
    - a.) Expand services such as peer navigators and on-call teams to begin Medication assisted treatment (MAT) in hospital emergency departments.
    - b.) Expand warm hand-off services to transition to recovery services
  - 2.) MAT distribution and other opioid related treatment.
    - a.) Increase distribution of MAT to non-Medicaid eligible or uninsured individuals.
    - b.) Provide MAT education and awareness training to healthcare providers, EMTs, law enforcement, and other first responders
- There is no fiscal impact as a result of this item.
- The Board previously made decisions regarding City/County opioid abatement funding in the following items 21-1230A - Resolution to negotiate Florida Plan, 22-1202D - Safety Harbor Assignment; 22-0178D - Oldsmar Assignment; 22-1334D - Tarpon Springs Assignment.

### **Strategic Plan:**

Ensure Public Health, Safety, and Welfare

2.1 Provide planning, coordination, prevention, and protective services to ensure a safe and secure community

2.2 Be a facilitator, convener, and purchaser of services for those in need

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers

5.2 Be responsible stewards of the public's resources

5.3 Ensure effective and efficient delivery of county services and support

### **Summary:**

Establishing a Priority List is a requirement of the Florida Plan to receive City/County opioid abatement funding. The County has identified the following Priority List:

1. Expansion of warm hand-off programs and recovery services
  - a. Expand services such as peer navigators and on-call teams to begin MAT in hospital emergency

departments

b. Expand warm hand-off services to transition to recovery services

2. Medication assisted treatment “MAT” distribution and other opioid related treatment

a. Increase distribution of MAT to non-Medicaid eligible or uninsured individuals

b. Provide MAT education and awareness training to healthcare providers, EMTs, law enforcement, and other first responders.

**Background Information:**

The State of Florida (State) entered into the negotiated opioid litigation settlement agreements. Pinellas County, along with other Florida cities and counties, entered an agreement with the State (the “Florida Plan”) allowing the state to negotiate on the County’s behalf and governs the allocation and use of opioid litigation settlement proceeds.

Pursuant to the Florida Plan, the state has established the City/County Fund to distribute funding directly to municipalities and counties. Three (3) municipalities within Pinellas County: Oldsmar, Safety Harbor, and Tarpon Springs have assigned their City/County Fund distributions to Pinellas County. The assignment of the city funding to Pinellas County reduces duplication of services, reporting, and administration.

Under the Florida Plan the County is eligible for both County and Regional opioid settlement dollars. Regional settlement dollars will be distributed through competitive solicitation conducted by Pinellas County Human Services with recommendations made by Opioid Abatement Funding Advisory Board.

**Fiscal Impact:**

There is no fiscal impact as a result of this item.

**Staff Member Responsible:**

Karen Yatchum, Director, Human Services

**Partners:**

Florida Department of Children and Families

Oldsmar

Safety Harbor

Tarpon Springs

**Attachments:**

City/County Priority List