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Foster County Public Health

Opioid Response Background, Foster County Opioid Settlement Funds Plan & Future Strategies Proposal

October 2024

Background:

Foster County Public Health (FCPH) has received opioid response funding since 2019. These funds have been associated with North Dakota's State Opioid Response (SOR), administered by the North Dakota Department of Human Services, Behavioral Health Division (BHD), and funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

Since 2019, opioid response efforts have included information dissemination to work towards reducing the stigma surrounding opioid (mis)use disorder (OUD), medications for opioid (mis)use disorder (MOUD), harm reduction strategies, and recovery services. A local medication-assisted treatment (MAT) clinic was established and continues to be a well utilized service in the county. Community education started initially and has continued in the areas of safe use of medication, medication take back efforts and locations, availability of naloxone, and general information about mental health, substance use disorder treatment, and recovery support services. Local partnerships with law enforcement agencies, healthcare providers, the local healthy community coalition, and other community organizations have been integral to the success of these opioid response efforts.

Current SOR efforts for FCPH include these overall strategies of increasing access to naloxone, reducing harm related to opioids, increasing access to recovery support services, and preventing opioid (mis)use. Some of the specific activities within these strategies include providing naloxone education and distribution to community members and businesses, sharing comprehensive messaging (mainly through newspaper and social

media), promoting medication safety with Take Back events and locations, distributing medication disposal products, providing education on medication safety, overdose, stigma reduction, and increasing availability of peer support services locally.

Opioid Settlement Funds Plan:

Foster County Public Health proposes Opioid Settlement Funds be used for the following allocation plan:

- 1.) Enhance/Establish Peer Support Services locally.
 - a. Provide funding for launch of peer support specialist locally to sustain services for those with OUD, and any co-occurring substance (mis)use disorder (SUD) and/or mental health conditions.
 - b. Bring together potential partners to develop a plan for implementation, including the local Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) clinic and/or other local providers.
 - c. Develop a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with peer support specialist (PSS), which will include next steps, timelines, and responsible parties.
 - d. Review local and state data, disseminate information to appropriate partners.
 - e. Develop educational and promotional materials to disseminate.
 - f. Regularly scheduled review with community partners.
- 2.) Youth Education Prevention Program research, development, and implementation.

Efforts that fall within this area may include enhancement of current substance use prevention programs or implementation of additional evidence-based programs to include opioid and all substance use/misuse.
- 3.) Explore naloxone integration through additional avenues, such as local emergency services.

Dependent on availability of additional funding in the future, FCPH will regularly review plans, data, and local partnerships and adjust allocation plans as needed. FCPH will continue to research and implement new and promising practices for harm reduction programming as funding allows.

2025 Annual Opioid Settlement Funds Report

Political Subdivision: Foster County Public Health (FCPH)

Reporting Period: 2024-2025

Date of Submission: 2/12/2026

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Funds Overview and Summary

Allocations

FCPH received \$0 allocations in 2022-2023. In 2024, FCPH received \$8170.28 in allocations. In 2025, FCPH received an additional \$2533.11 for a total of \$10,703.39.

See graphs on page 4 for yearly totals.

Expenses

FCPH spent \$0 in 2022-2023 from the opioid settlement fund. In 2024, FCPH spent \$226.85 on staff wages and benefits for the creation of the allocation plan and establishing procedures for allocations received and related expenses. In 2025, FCPH spent \$336.24 on staff wages and benefits in the same areas as listed in 2024. The total expenses through 2025 are \$563.09.

Total available through 2025 (Allocations – Expenses) = \$10,140.30

See graphs on page 4 for yearly totals.

Funded Programs & Activities

As noted in the above section, activities in 2024 and 2025 were limited to the creation of the allocation plan and establishing a procedure to track and record checks received/allocations and expenses related to the funds. These expenses involved 5 hours of FCPH staff time in 2024 and 8.25 hours of FCPH staff time in 2025. No additional programs or activities utilized funding from the opioid settlement funds that FCPH received in 2024 – 2025.

Foster County PH Settlement Funds - Opioids			
Funds Available - Expenses vs Allocations			
Foster County may have received Allocations, which were NOT given to FCPH for expending	2022		
	Calendar YR	2022	
FCPH did NOT receive and Allocations/Revenue in 2022	\$0.00	To-Date Available to Spend	
Dollars Spent to date	\$0.00		
Dollars Available to Spend	\$0.00		\$0.00

	2023		
	Calendar YR	2022-2023	
FCPH did NOT receive and Allocations/Revenue in 2023	\$0.00	To-Date Available to Spend	
Dollars Spent to date	\$0.00		
Dollars Available to Spend	\$0.00		\$0.00

	2024		
	Calendar YR	2022-2024	
Opioid Funds Received thru 12/31/2024	\$8,170.28	To-Date Available to Spend	
Dollars Spent to date	\$226.85		
Dollars Available to Spend	\$7,943.43		\$7,943.43
		2022-2024	
TOTAL AVAILABLE TO SPEND TO DATE			\$7,943.43

	2025		
	Calendar YR	2022-2025	
Opioid Funds Received thru 12/31/2025	\$2,533.11	To-Date Available to Spend	
Dollars Spent to date	\$336.24		
Dollars Available to Spend	\$2,196.87		\$10,140.30