





Opioid Settlement Funding

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Background

NDCC 50-36-03 – Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee

- The committee is composed of:
 - One member of the North Dakota association of counties appointed by the chairman of the legislative management, who shall serve a term of two years.
 - One member of the North Dakota league of cities appointed by the chairman of the legislative management, who shall serve a term of two years.
 - One member of the North Dakota state association of city and county health officials appointed by the chairman of the legislative management, who shall serve a term of two years.
 - One member who represents the highway patrol appointed by the highway patrol superintendent, who shall serve a term of two years.
 - The executive director of the department's division of behavioral health.
 - The managing director of the office of recovery reinvented.
 - One member appointed by the governor who shall serve as a nonvoting member and as the presiding officer of the committee, who shall serve a term of two years

Background

NDCC 50-36-03 – Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee

- The committee shall forward recommendations to the department on spending decisions of the legislatively appropriated funds for remediation or abatement of the opioid crisis in this state.
 - The committee shall develop a process for receiving spending recommendation input from political subdivisions and the public.
 - The committee shall develop a process for making recommendations to the department under this subsection.
 - The committee shall consider cultural practices and alternative best practice treatment methods when considering and making recommendations to the department under this subsection.

Background

50-36-04. Department of health and human services - Report to budget section.

- The department shall develop a process for receiving and evaluating spending recommendations of the committee.

50-36-05. Opioid remediation and abatement spending decisions - Implementation.

- The department shall implement or assist with the implementation of spending decisions made under this chapter

Use of funds - NDCC

50-36-05. Opioid remediation and abatement spending decisions - Implementation.

- The department's spending decisions of the legislatively appropriated funds from the fund for remediating and abating the opioid crisis must include at least twenty percent for opioid use prevention and overdose prevention, including best practices relating to fentanyl drug overdose, and approved use for workforce development.

Use of funds - Exhibit E

Allowable opioid abatement and remediation strategies categorized by the following:

1. Core strategies

- Examples:
 - Purchase, training, and distribution of naloxone or other FDA-approved drug to reverse opioid overdoses
 - Treatment for incarcerated populations with opioid use disorder

2. Treatment

- Examples:
 - Support treatment for opioid use disorder
 - Support workforce development for addiction professionals who work with persons with opioid use disorder
 - Support individuals in recovery from opioid use disorder

3. Prevention

- Examples:
 - Prevent overprescribing, misuse of opioids, and opioid overdose deaths

4. Other

- Examples:
 - Provide education and training to abate the opioid epidemic

Listening Sessions and Priorities

Fargo

June 29, 2023

- Themes of input included:
 - Prevention
 - Syringe Service Programs
 - Access to treatment

Bismarck

August 21, 2023

- Themes of input included:
 - Access to treatment and recovery services including for those in the criminal justice system
 - Enhance behavioral health workforce

Dickinson

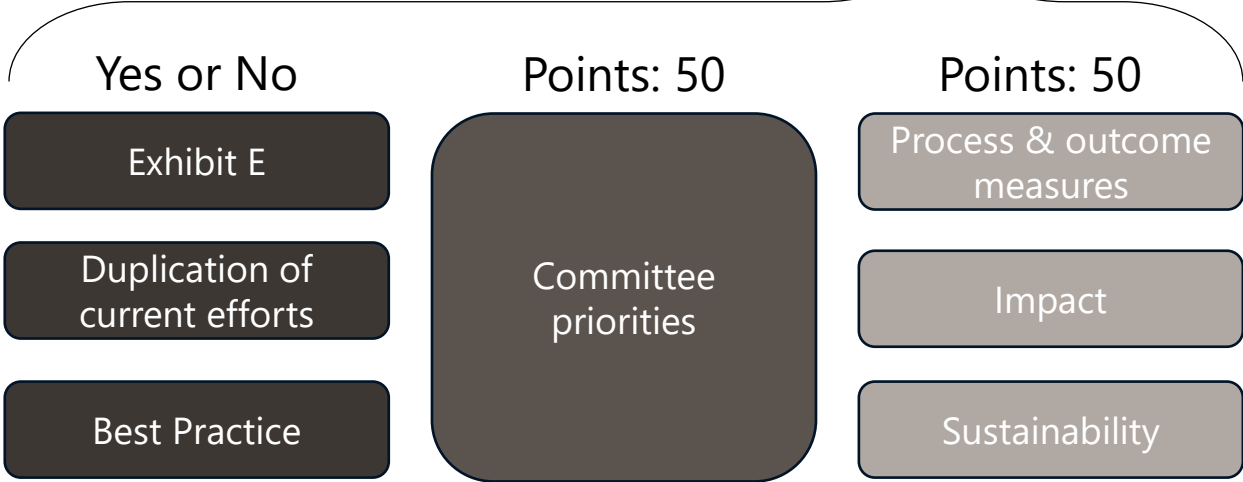
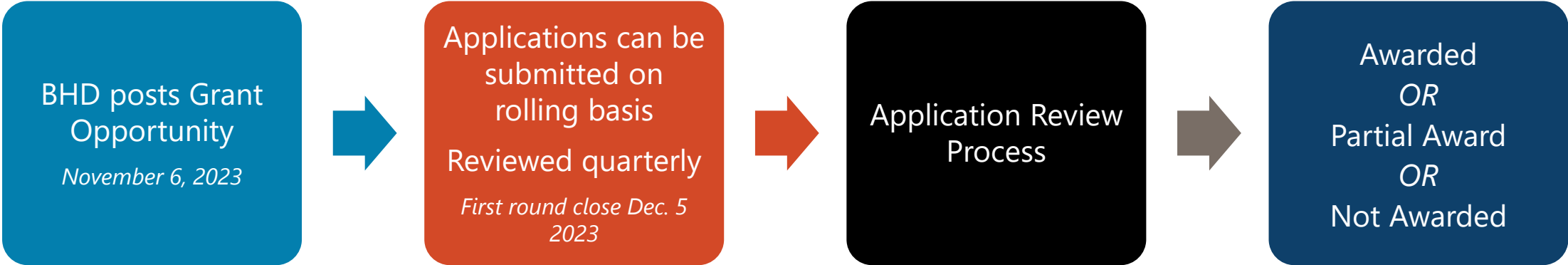
September 26, 2023

- Themes of input included:
 - Syringe Service Programs
 - Access to treatment
 - Set aside for tribes

Committee priorities:

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2. Utilize opioid settlement funds to increase access to treatment and recovery services in jails.
3. Utilize opioid settlement funds for prevention activities, including coalitions, community work, and prevention activities for youth.
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5. Utilize opioid settlement funds to support Syringe Service Programs.
6. Utilize opioid settlement funds to increase access to community-based treatment and recovery services in non-rural areas.

Opioid Settlement Grant Process



- Behavioral Health Division Review Team:
- Licensed Addiction Counselor
 - Registered Nurse
 - Prevention Specialist

Opioid Settlement Fund (OSF) Grant Summary

| App Score Range (0-100) | Number of Apps | Percent of all Apps |
|-------------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| 83-49 | 15 | 23% |
| 48-30 | 15 | 23% |
| Under 30 | 34 | 53% |
| Total Apps | 64 | |

| Score Range | |
|--------------|------------------------|
| 83-49 | \$10,904,033.92 |
| 48 – 30 | \$17,887,296.26 |
| Under 30 | \$27,550,130.00 |
| Withdrawn | \$3,215,200.00 |
| Total | \$59,556,660.18 |

BHD awarded 14 applicants

2023-2025 OSF Grantees

| Entity | Awarded Funding | Reimbursement through January 2025 | Percent of award utilized |
|--|--------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Valley City Public School | \$160,000.00 | \$107,373.34 | 67% |
| Heartview/TAAP – Statewide | \$613,002.00 | \$471,125.00 | 77% |
| Sanford - Fargo Medical Center | \$397,430.00 | \$153,784.99 | 39% |
| Nelson-Griggs Public Health | \$21,600.00 | \$1,044.83 | 5% |
| ONE Program - Tribes | \$82,537.00 | \$34,915.83 | 42% |
| Heartview Dickinson | \$426,527.00 | \$393,669.50 | 92% |
| Central Valley Public Health - Jamestown | \$37,409.00 | \$5,113.28 | 14% |
| Uspire - Statewide | \$130,075.00 | \$74,744.83 | 57% |
| Community Medical Services (CMS) – Grand Forks | \$452,389.04 | \$315,727.23 | 70% |
| Richland County Treatment Court | \$134,000.00 | \$7,267.78 | 5% |
| DOCR Treatment Court – Grand Forks | \$51,000.00 | \$27,000 | 53% |
| Endeavor Sober Living – Minot | \$535,000.00 | \$396,676.50 | 74% |
| First District Health Unit – Minot | \$66,681.00 | \$24,701.63 | 37% |
| Community Connect Providers - Statewide | \$3,946,136.96 | \$2,792,512.00 | 71% |
| Total | \$7,053,787 | \$4,805,656.74 | 68% |

OSF Grant Outcomes *as of 1/31/2025

Endeavour Sober Living – Minot

- 21 women served
- 10 women reunified with their children
- 21 saw improvement in employment status
- Looking at a second location

Heartview Training Academy of Addiction Professionals (TAAP)

- 8 new LAC training sites
- 15 new LAC clinical supervisors
- 8 new LAC graduates
- 15 scholarships
- 26 individual stipends

Sanford Medical Center - Fargo

- 76 individuals connected with treatment through Emergency Department and Ambulatory Care
- 46 individuals served through the outpatient SUD program
- Now an SUD Voucher provider
- Increased Peer Support Services in the hospital

Heartview Dickinson

- Outpatient SUD treatment program opened in January
- SUD Voucher provider

First District Health Unit – Syringe Service Program

- 34 additional individuals served due to OSF funding
- 22 individuals saw improvement in housing
- 19 referrals to SUD treatment
- 1,245 fentanyl test strips and 1,230 xylazine test strips distributed
- 439 naloxone kits distributed
- Operating a mobile unit

Opioid Settlement Funds – Spend to Date

| OSF Funds appropriated to DHHS for 23-25 Biennium = \$8,000,000 | | |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Item | Allocation | Total Expended as of 2/28/2025 |
| Enhance tribal implementation of SOR funded efforts | \$310,833.00 | \$252,708.28 |
| Narcan purchasing | \$634,834.00 | \$634,834.00 |
| Opioid Settlement Fund (OSF) Grant | \$7,053,787.00 | \$4,805,656.74 |
| Administration | - | \$1,193.97 |
| Total | \$7,999,454.00 | 5,694,392.99 |

2023-2025 OSF 20% set-aside

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| Other | Funding | |
| Enhance tribal implementation of SOR funded efforts | \$310,833.00 | \$252,708.28 |
| Narcan (naloxone) | \$634,834.00 | \$634,834.00 |
| Total | \$2,220,236 | \$1,184,661.27 |

Narcan (naloxone)

Access

- Local Public Health Units
- NDSU ONE Program
- BHD Website
- Over-the-counter

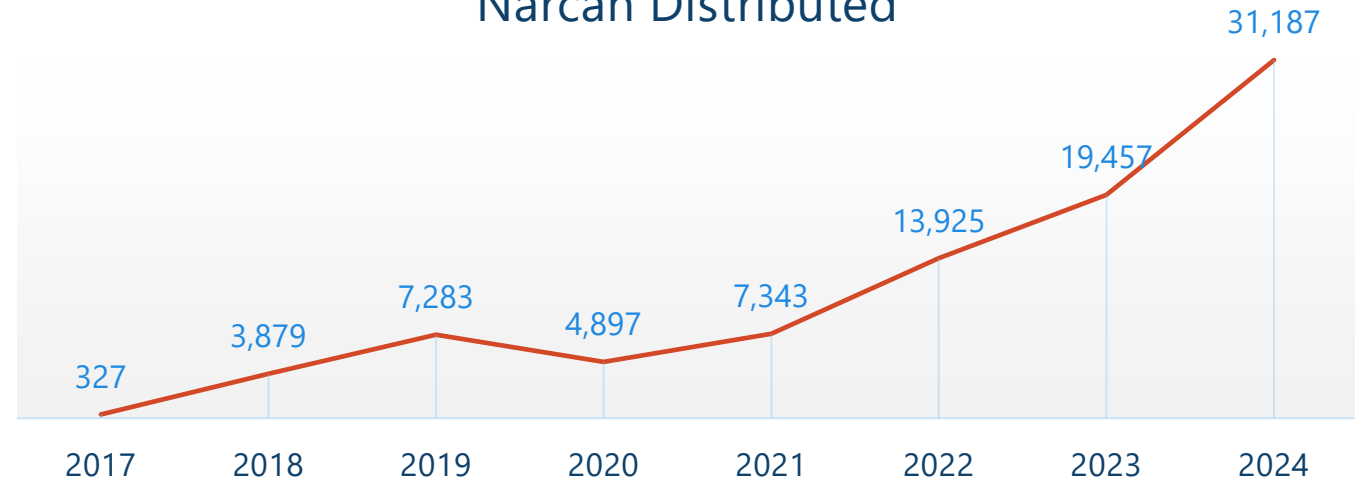
Funding

- State Opioid Response (SOR) Grant
- COVID supplement funding (ends 9/2025)
- Opioid Settlement Funds

Need for 25-27 Biennium

- Around 20,000 kits/year
- ~ \$1.25M (\$600,000 SOR funding available)

Narcan Distributed



2,525 reported opioid overdose reversals with Narcan since 2022



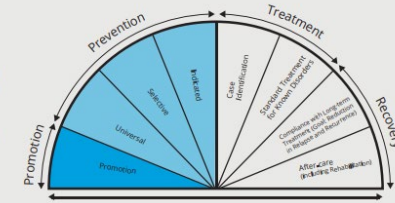
Looking Ahead 2025-2027 Biennium

Behavioral Health is Health



Our Approach

Services provided by the division are grounded in the Institute of Medicine's Continuum of Care model. The model recognizes the need for a full range of high-quality services including promotion, prevention, treatment, and recovery [SAMHSA].



Promotion & Prevention

Strategies create an environment that promotes the health and well-being of individuals and communities, which prevents problems before they occur.



Early Intervention

These strategies identify those individuals at risk for or showing the early signs of a disorder with the goals of intervening to prevent progression.



Treatment

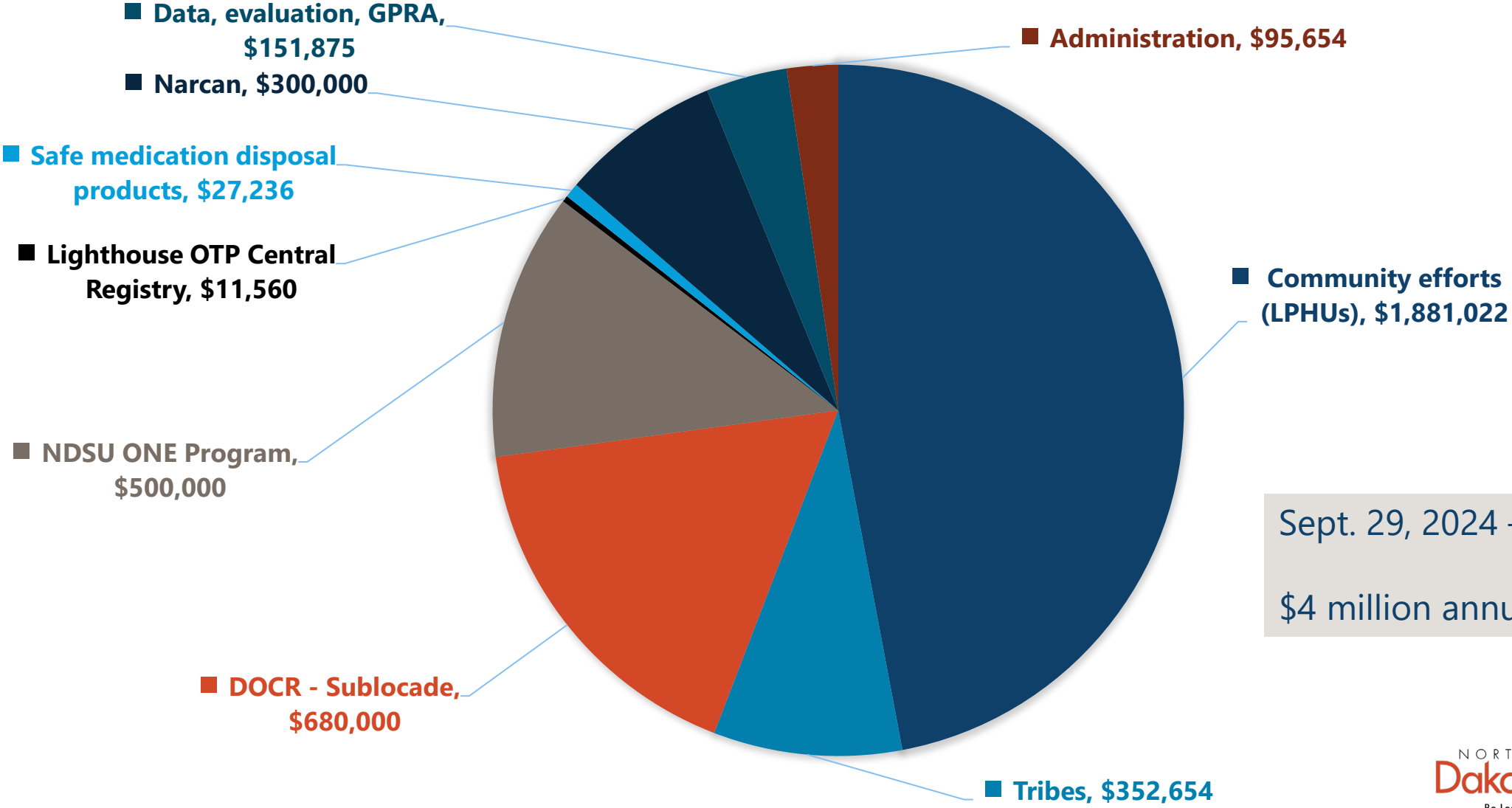
Services are clinical interventions designed to address the needs of an individual with a behavioral health diagnosis.



Recovery

Services support the individuals' ability to live a meaningful, productive life in the community.

State Opioid Response (SOR) Grant



Sept. 29, 2024 – Sept. 30, 2027
\$4 million annually

2025-2027 funding allocation

HB 1012 proposes an allocation of \$8,000,000 of opioid settlement funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for the 2025-2027 biennium

OSF 2025-2027 Grant



Discussion points

- Review existing priorities
- Additional consideration
 - Sustaining previously funded initiatives that have shown outcomes
 - Narcan

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