

**Meeting Minutes  
May 16, 2023**

**MINUTES OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

The Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, met in Informal Session in the Meeting Chamber Conference Room CH-14 of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center located at 600 East Fourth Street, Charlotte, North Carolina at 5:00 p.m. and in Formal Session in the Meeting Chamber of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16, 2023.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Chair George Dunlap and Commissioners  
Leigh Altman, Patricia "Pat" Cotham, Arthur Griffin,  
Mark Jerrell, Vilma D. Leake, Laura J Meier, Elaine Powell,  
and Susan Rodriguez- McDowell  
County Manager Dena R. Diorio  
County Attorney Tyrone C. Wade  
Deputy Clerk to the Board Arlissa Eason

**Absent:** Clerk to the Board Kristine M. Smith

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**-INFORMAL SESSION-**

**CALL TO ORDER**

*The meeting was called to order by Chair Dunlap, after which the matters below were addressed.*

**REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM CONSENT**

The Board identified item(s) to be removed from Consent and voted upon separately. The items identified were Items:

**23-0276** Commissioner Leake

**23-0278** Commissioner Leake

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**23-0282** Commissioner Leake

**23-0285** Commissioner Leake

**23-0288** Commissioner Leake

**23-0290** Commissioner Leake

**23-0301** Commissioner Leake

### **STAFF BRIEFINGS – None**

#### **23-0264      CLOSED SESSION**

Motion was made by Commissioner Altman, seconded by Commissioner Meier, and unanimously carried (9-0) voting yes, to go into Closed Session for the following purpose(s): Land Acquisition, Consult with Attorney, and to Discuss Business Location and Expansion.

***The Board went into Closed Session at 5:16 p.m. and came back into Open Session at 6:00 p.m.***

***The Board then proceeded to the Meeting Chamber for the remainder of the meeting.***

### **-FORMAL SESSION-**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

*Chair Dunlap called this portion of the meeting to order, followed by introductions, invocation by Commissioner Jerrell, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag; after which, the matters below were addressed.*

Motion was made by Commissioner Jerrell, seconded by Vice Chair Powell, and unanimously carried, to move the Building Safety Month proclamation to Awards/Recognition.

#### **23-0264      CLOSED SESSION**

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell, and unanimously carried to authorize the County Manager to negotiate and execute all the documents necessary for the acquisition of tax parcel 105-161-20 (+/- 7.83 Acres) for a

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purchase price of \$1 million for Parks and Recreation purposes.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Griffin, and unanimously carried to authorize the County Manager to negotiate and execute all the documents necessary for the acquisition of tax parcel 227-371-84 (+/- 2.43 acres) from Matthew's Beltway LLC for the purchase price of \$620,000 for Parks and Recreation purposes.

## **AWARDS/RECOGNITION**

### **23-0276 BUILDING SAFETY MONTH**

*Background: The growth and safety of Mecklenburg County rely on the safe construction of buildings and safeguards. Each week of the month, it is asked to acknowledge the services provided to everyone to keep the buildings safe. Mecklenburg County residents are asked to thank all industries and individuals involved. May 2023 was promoted as Building Safety Month.*

Commissioner Griffin read the proclamation.

Motion was made by Commissioner Griffin, seconded by Commissioner Meier, and unanimously carried to proclaim May 2023 as Building Safety Month.

# Mecklenburg County

## North Carolina

### Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Mecklenburg County is committed to recognizing that our growth and strength depends on the safety and essential role our homes, buildings and infrastructure play, both in everyday life and when disasters strike, and;

**WHEREAS**, our confidence in the resilience of these buildings that make up our community is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians — building safety and fire prevention officials working in partnership with architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, laborers, plumbers and others in the construction industry — who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings, and;

**WHEREAS**, modern building codes include safeguards to protect the public from hazards such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods and earthquakes, and;

**WHEREAS**, Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council to remind the public about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown protectors of public safety — our local code officials — who assure us of safe, sustainable and affordable buildings that are essential to our prosperity, and;

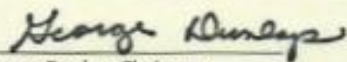
**WHEREAS**, each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, people all over the world are asked to consider the commitment to improve building safety, resilience and economic investment at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local and state building departments, fire prevention bureaus and federal agencies in protecting lives and property;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners does hereby proclaim May 2023 as

#### BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

Accordingly, Mecklenburg County citizens are encouraged to thank all the individuals and industries involved, including the code officials and construction industry members who make our community safe and vibrant.

This, the 16th day of May, 2023



George Dunlap, Chairman  
Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners

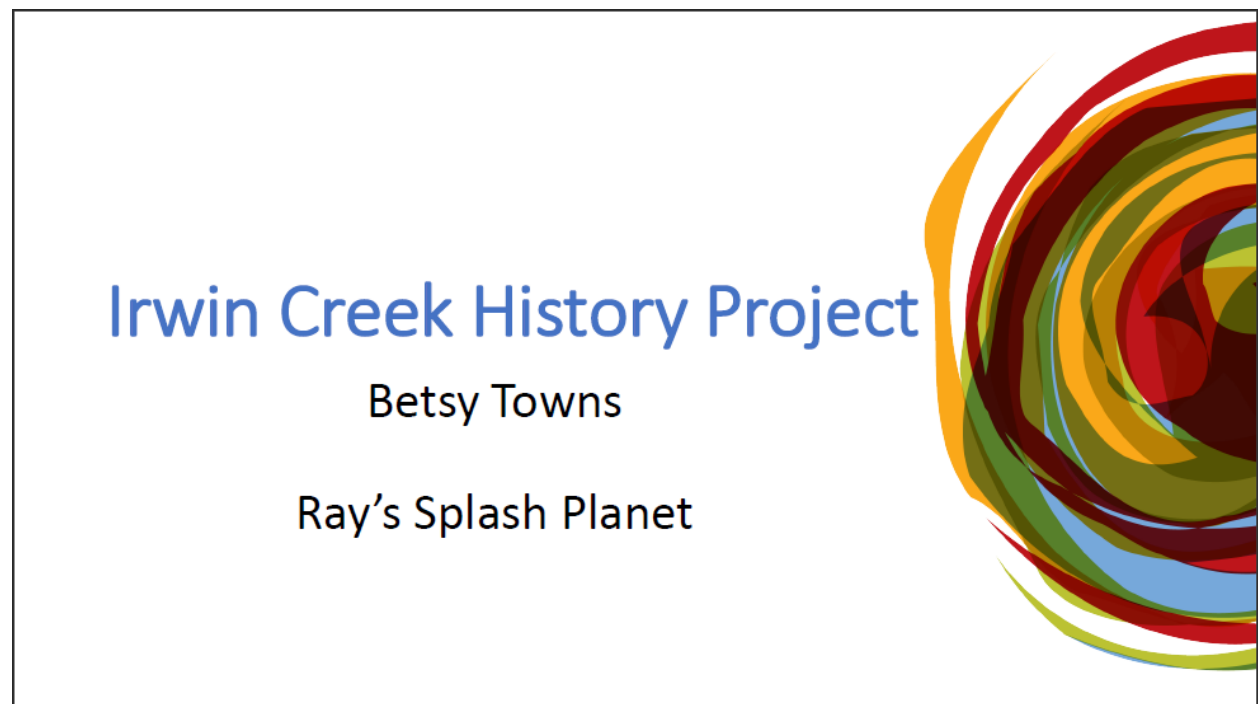


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**PUBLIC ART MOMENT**

The Board received a presentation on the Public Art piece “Irwin Creek History Project” by North Carolina artist Betsy Towns, located at Ray’s Splash Planet in District 4.

Commissioner Jerrell gave the presentation.

*Background: On January 5, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners approved the addition of an agenda topic to the second Regular meeting of the month entitled Public Art Moment. The item, with the help of the Arts & Science Council, will highlight a piece of public art - a different one each month. The purpose of this item is to raise public awareness and appreciation for the tax dollars that are spent on public art each year. This month's featured art piece called the “Irwin Creek History Project” created by North Carolina artist Betsy Towns. This project is located at Ray's Splash Planet in District 4.*





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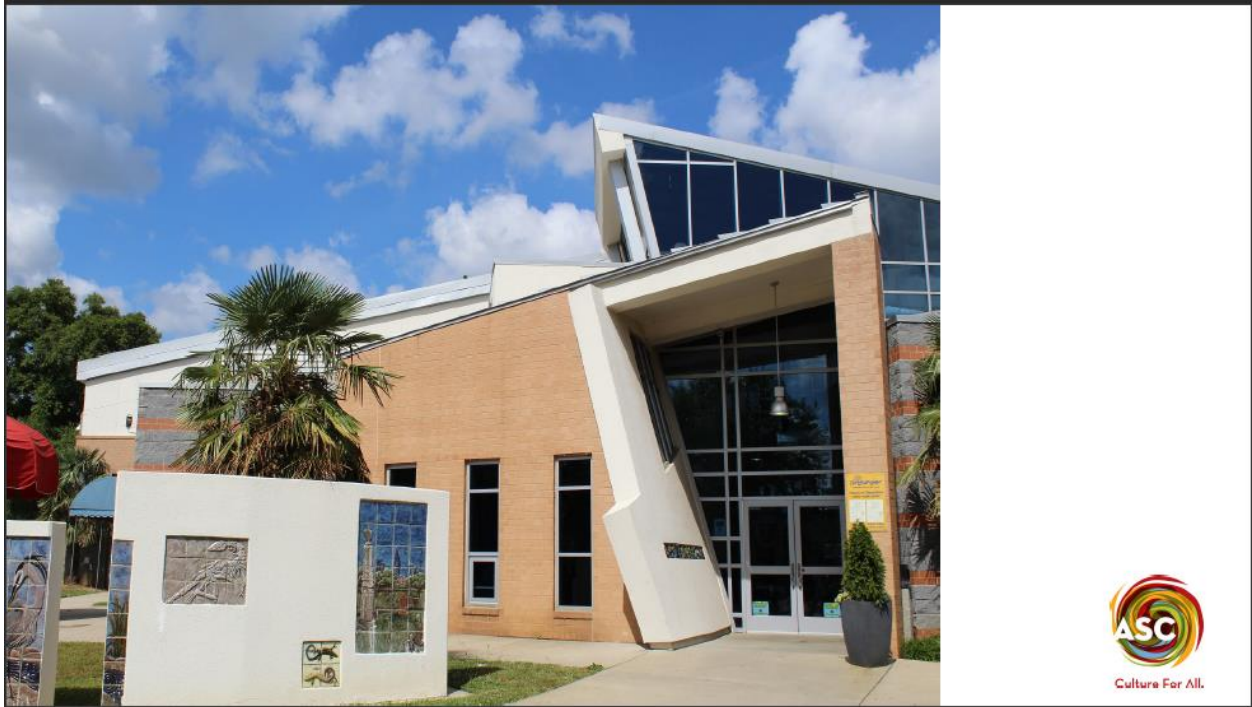


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**23-0294      ORDER OF THE HORNET - HARVEY BOYD**

*Background: The Order of the Hornet was established in 1972. It is bestowed by the Board of County Commissioners on persons who have displayed valor or high order of service uniquely and specifically to the residents of Mecklenburg County. This is the highest honor bestowed by the Board. The Order of the Hornet was founded in the spirit of the early Mecklenburg patriots who signed the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence on May 20, 1775, and proclaimed the County's freedom from Britain more than a year before the U.S. Declaration of Independence was signed. Those early patriots valiantly fought for their independence during the Revolution and gave Lord Cornwallis such difficulties during his occupation of Charlotte that he termed the town a "hornet's nest" of rebellion. Because Harvey Boyd reflects the honor, strength, and fierce American patriotism that so stung Lord Cornwallis, he is being recommended for membership in the Order of the Hornet.*

Chair Dunlap read the proclamation.

Motion was made by Commissioner Griffin, seconded by Commissioner Meier, and unanimously carried to induct Harvey Boyd into the Mecklenburg County Order of the Hornet; the highest honor bestowed by the Board.



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**23-0297      PUBLIC APPEARANCE**

The following persons appeared to speak during the Public Appearance portion of the agenda:

Megan Dunn      Topic – Maternal mortality, mental health, Medicare for All

Calvin McKenzie      Topic – Youth and Family Services policies and Safe Families Act of 1997

Leigh-Ariel Staten      Topic – Teen Mental Health

**APPOINTMENTS**

**23-0319      APPOINTMENTS- CITIZENS CAPITAL BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Appointment was needed for the Citizens Capital Budget Advisory Committee to fill one (1) unexpired term expiring July 31, 2023.

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Altman and unanimously carried to appoint Lester Oliva to the Citizens Capital Budget Advisory Committee, to fill one (1) unexpired term expiring July 31, 2023.

**23-0314      APPOINTMENTS- REGION F AGING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Nomination/Appointment was needed for the Region F Aging Advisory Committee to fill one (1) one-year term expiring June 30, 2024, Alternate slot.

Motion was made by Commissioner Altman, seconded by Vice Chair Powell, and carried (7-2) with Commissioners Altman, Dunlap, Griffin, Jerrell, Meier, Powell, and Rodriguez-McDowell, voting yes, and Commissioners Cotham and Leake voting no, to nominate and appoint Hope McKinney.

**23-0305      APPOINTMENTS- CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Griffin, seconded by Vice Chair Powell, and unanimously carried to delay for a period of 60 days and to allow the County Manager to review appointments

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and to look into the workings of the committee.

### **23-0306          APPOINTMENTS- CENTRAL PIEDMONT COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Nominations were needed for the Central Piedmont Community College Board of Trustees for one (1) unexpired term expiring June 30, 2026.

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell, and unanimously carried to nominate Alysia Osborne and Alison Summerville, to the Central Piedmont Community College Board of Trustees for one (1) unexpired term expiring June 30, 2026.

NOTE: Interviews are required for appointments to this board.

### **23-0312          APPOINTMENTS- PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

Nomination/Appointment needed for the Park and Recreation Commission for one (1) North Region 2, unexpired term expiring June 30, 2024.

Motion was made by Commissioner Griffin, seconded by Vice Chair Powell and unanimously carried to delay for a period of 60 days and to allow the County Manager to review appointments and to look into the workings of the committee.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE**

### **ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS - NONE**

### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

### **23-0308          OPIOID SETTLEMENT SPENDING PLAN – WAVE 1**

Robert Nesbit, HHS Sr. Program Manager gave the presentation.

*Background: Mecklenburg County, along with other counties and municipalities, joined in the national settlement agreements with defendant companies engaged in the manufacturing, distribution, and dispensing of opioids, including settlements with drug distributors Cardinal,*

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*McKesson, and AmerisourceBergen, and the drug maker Johnson & Johnson and its subsidiary Janssen Pharmaceuticals, referred to as Wave 1 of the Opioid Settlement.*

*While the City of Charlotte did not join the lawsuit, they nonetheless are eligible to receive benefits through the State's Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). The County and the City wish to enter into an Interlocal Agreement whereby the City directs or redirects current and future City Settlement Proceeds from the National Opioid Settlement Funds, and other related funds, to the County.*

*As part of Wave 1 of the Opioid Settlement, Mecklenburg County will receive \$32,452,983 and the City of Charlotte will receive \$8,035,361, to be distributed over a sixteen-year period from 2022 and 2038.*

*Pursuant to the MOA, the County developed an Opioid Settlement Spending Plan with strategy recommendations based on community survey results, insights from an Opioid Summit community meeting in October 2022, a public hearing with the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners in November 2022, and input from the Substance Use Disorder Task Force and other stakeholders.*

*\$10,915,000 from Wave 1 of the Opioid Settlement funds will be used to implement strategies from the following spending plan, including:*

- *Collaborative Strategic Planning*
- *Evidence-Based Addiction Treatment*
- *Recovery Support Services*
- *Recovery Housing Support*
- *Employment-Related Services*
- *Early Intervention*
- *Naloxone Distribution*
- *Syringe Services Program*

*A summary overview of the strategies will be provided with recommendations for the initial implementation, and how community partners may apply to receive funding to expand or establish opioid treatment services in Mecklenburg County related to the spending plan strategies.*

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell and unanimously carried to recognize, receive and appropriate \$9,865,000 in Opioid Settlement Funds to the Opioid Settlement Special Revenue Fund, recognize, receive and appropriate \$1,050,000 in Opioid Settlement Funds from the City of Charlotte to the Opioid Settlement Special Revenue Fund, adopt the Resolution entitled Resolution of the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners Directing the Initial Expenditures of the Wave 1 County Allocation and

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City Redirected Opioid Settlement Funds and approve the Spending Plan for up to \$10,915,000, authorize the County Manager to execute an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Charlotte and County relative to the Opioid Spending Plan, and approve the creation of one full time position to support the administration of the Opioid Settlement Spending Plan.



# Opioid Settlement Funding Update

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Robert Nesbit  
Chief of Staff  
Consolidated Human Services Agency



## What Are Opioids?

### Includes:


- Prescription pain relievers  
(e.g., OxyContin, Vicodin, Morphine)
- Heroin
- Fentanyl

The majority of overdose deaths  
now involve illicit opioids



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## How Do Opioids Affect the Brain?

- Activate opioid receptors on nerve cells in the brain and body
- Opioid pain relievers can be effective, but regular use can lead to dependence
- Misuse can lead to addiction, overdose and death

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## Understanding Addiction

- Addiction (substance use disorder): chronic, relapsing condition
- Affects a person's brain and behavior
- Characterized by compulsive drug-seeking and use despite harmful consequences
- Opioid use disorder: addiction specific to opioids
- Recovery can be supported and enhanced with treatment

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## Harm Reduction Principles

- Practical strategies and interventions to reduce negative consequences associated with drug use or other high-risk behaviors
- Understands drug use as a complex phenomenon that encompasses a continuum of behaviors
- Recognizes the realities of poverty, class, racism and other social inequalities
- Individual and community well-being are key criteria for success



## Key Data Points

### North Carolina

#### 2021:

- **4,041** people died from a drug overdose (~ 11 people each day)

#### 2001 to 2021:

- More than **31,500** people died from a drug overdose

### Mecklenburg County

#### 2021:

- **237** died of a drug overdose
- **189** overdosed on illicit drugs
- **118,291** residents were prescribed and dispensed an opioid prescription

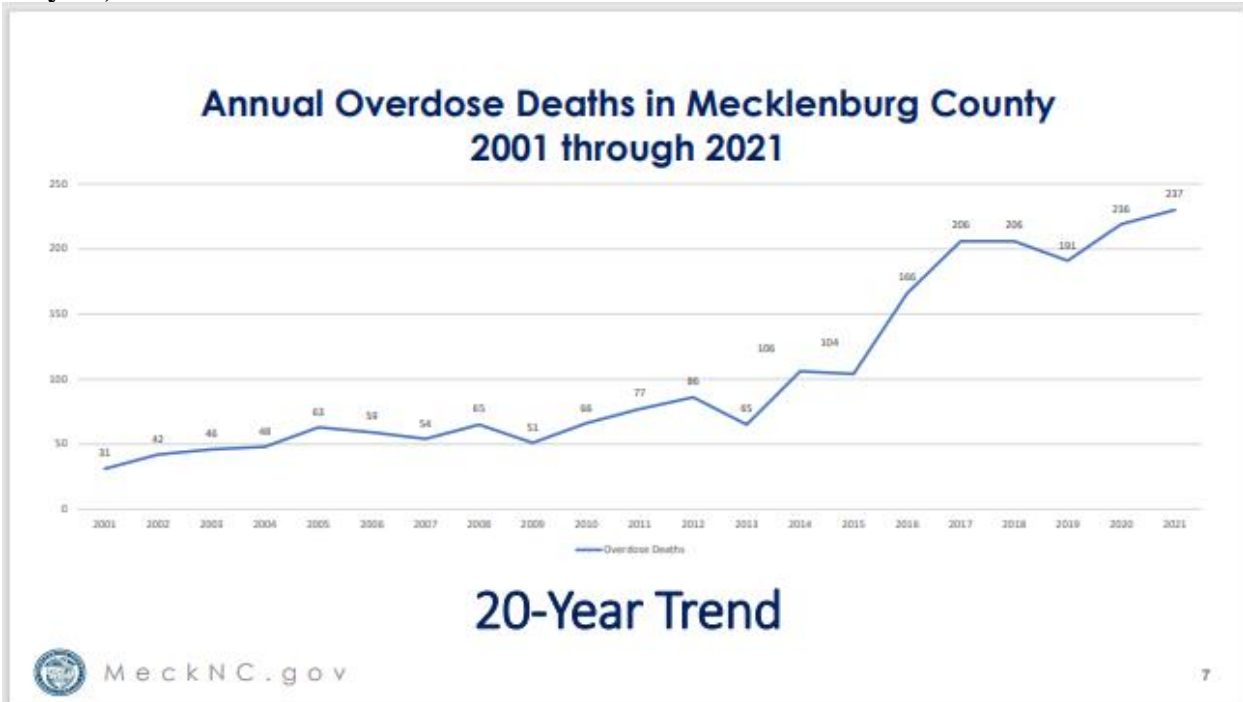
#### 2022:

- **1,441** emergency department visits for overdose



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### National Opioid Settlements

- Historic **\$50+ billion** in agreements
- Designed to help communities harmed by the opioid overdose epidemic
- State of North Carolina, all 100 counties, and 17 municipalities with populations over 30,000 joined the agreements
- **85%** of settlement funds will go directly to local governments



## Opioid Settlement Mecklenburg County

- **~\$72.7 million** over 18 years (2022 to 2038):
  - \$32.4 million in Wave 1
  - \$25.9 million in Wave 2
  - \$14.4 million from the City of Charlotte's allocation
- **~\$4 million annual average**
  - Front-loaded funding, exact amounts vary by year



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## Opioid Settlement Spending Plan

### Input from various stakeholders:

- Substance Use Disorder Task Force
- Opioid Summit Community Meeting (October 2022)
- Board of County Commissioners Public Hearing (November 2022)

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## Funding Categories

- Collaborative Strategic Planning
- Early Intervention
- Evidence-Based Addiction Treatment
- Syringe Services Programs
- Naloxone Distribution
- Recovery Support Services
- Recovery Housing Support
- Employment-Related Services



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## Collaborative Strategic Planning

**\$350,000**

- Hire new staff member in County Manager's Office to support implementation of Opioid Settlement Funding
- Bring in additional support as needed to assist with implementation, consultation or facilitation of settlement-related activities



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## Early Intervention

**\$2.25 million**

- Programs, service or training that encourage early identification and intervention
- Youth Mental Health First Aid, peer-based, similar approaches
- Training programs for those in contact with children or adolescents



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## Evidence-Based Addiction Treatment

**\$2.25 million**

- Opioid Treatment Programs, Office-Based Opioid Treatment, Federally Qualified Health Centers, other community-based programs
- Includes funding for Medically Assisted Treatment (MAT) programs with specific emphasis on the uninsured and underinsured



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## Syringe Services Programs

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**\$210,000**

- Support programs that distribute syringes and other harm reduction supplies
- Connect clients to prevention, treatment, recovery support, behavioral healthcare, primary healthcare or other services and supports
- Vital Strategies has provided a matching grant to support this strategy



## Naloxone Distribution

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**\$330,000**

- Support programs or organizations that distribute naloxone
- Includes programs that serve people being released from jail or prison, emergency medical service providers, hospital emergency departments and community based organizations





## Recovery Support Services

**\$2 million**

- Case-management & navigation services
- Connect people and families to addiction treatment, recovery support, and harm reduction services
- Wrap-around supports for people dealing with addiction

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## Recovery Housing Support

**\$3 million**

- Supports recovery housing programs for individuals engaged in substance use, treatment or recovery
- Funds can also assist with rent, move-in deposits or utilities

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## Employment-Related Services

**\$525,000**

- Job training, job skills, job placement, interview coaching, professional attire and relevant training
- Funds may support transportation or similar services/supports



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Funding Category	Total Amount
Syringe Services Programs	\$210,000
Naloxone Distribution	\$330,000
Collaborative Strategic Planning	\$350,000
Employment-Related Services	\$525,000
Recovery Support Services	\$2,000,000
Early Intervention	\$2,250,000
Evidence-Based Addiction Treatment	\$2,250,000
Recovery Housing Support	\$3,000,000



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## Funding Overview

**\$10.915 M to  
be utilized  
through  
June 30, 2025**

## Next Steps

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### Increase Local Harm Reduction Efforts

**\$540,000**

- Expand the County's partnership with Queen City Harm Reduction to increase harm reduction supplies and connect clients to prevention, treatment and recovery support (\$210,000)
- Ensure County programs, Law Enforcement, Medic, the Towns and community partners have access to an adequate supply of naloxone (\$330,000)





## Expand Services for the Uninsured and Underinsured

### Partner with Alliance Health

- Recovery Support Services - **\$1M**
- Early Intervention - **\$1.5M**
- Evidence-Based Addiction Treatment - **\$1.5M**



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## Community Application Process

Application period opens on July 15, 2023  
and closes on August 15, 2023

- Employment-Related Services: **\$525K**
- Early Intervention: **\$750K**
- Evidence-Based Addiction Treatment: **\$750K**
- Recovery Support Services: **\$1M**
- Recovery Housing Support: **\$3M**

Public information sessions will be  
announced soon



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# Q&A



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## **Opioid Settlement – Wave One**

### 2023-2025 Spending Plan



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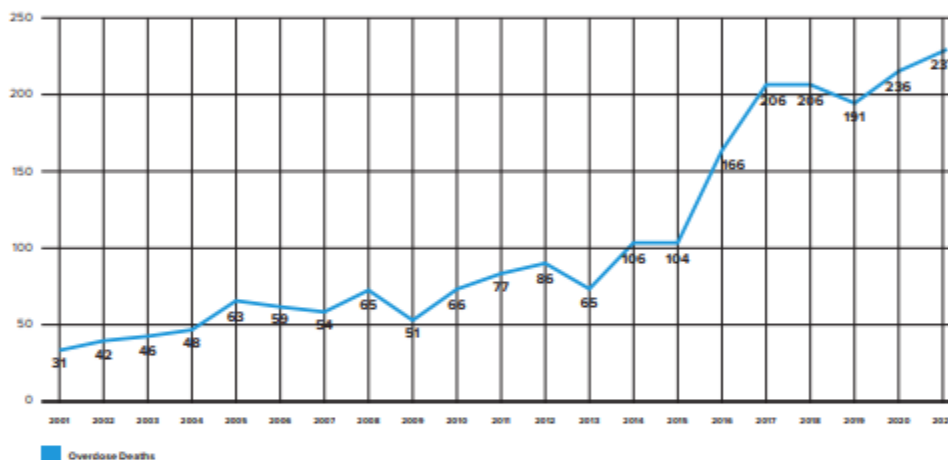
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#### Background

The opioid crisis is a public health and economic crisis that has eroded the quality of life for many in the United States. People are dying and families are being devastated. It impacts every sector of our economy, including healthcare, education, business, and local governments. The opioid crisis recognizes no neighborhood, no race, and no class. It is neither limited to backstreets in urban settings nor isolated in rural communities.

In 2021, more than 11 North Carolinians died from a drug overdose each day. From 2001 to 2021 over 31,500 people in North Carolina died from a drug overdose. The overdose rate in Mecklenburg in 2021 was 21 out of 100,000 people for a total of 237. Also in 2021, overdose emergency department visits totaled 1,441. That same year, 189 people overdosed on illicit drugs and 118,291 residents were prescribed and dispensed an opioid prescription. From 2001 to 2021, 2,205 people lost their lives to a drug overdose in Mecklenburg County.

Annual Overdose Deaths in Mecklenburg County between 2001 and 2021



In July 2021, a bipartisan coalition of state attorneys general announced the National Opioid Settlement – a historic \$26 billion agreement against the three largest drug distributors, McKesson, Cardinal Health and AmerisourceBergen and one manufacturer, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and its parent company Johnson & Johnson, referred to as Wave One of the Opioid Settlements - that will help bring desperately needed help to communities harmed by the opioid epidemic.<sup>1</sup>

The state of North Carolina, all 100 counties, and thirteen municipalities with populations over 30,000 joined the agreement. Mecklenburg County will receive \$32.5 million over the next 18-years and the City of Charlotte will receive approximately \$8 million over that same period.

<sup>1</sup>An additional \$21 billion agreement in national settlements were achieved in November and December 2022 with CVS, Walgreens, Walmart, Allergan, and Teva, referred to as Wave Two Settlements. The final Wave Two Settlement amounts for NC local governments will be finalized in 2023. This report will be updated with that information once the funding amounts are finalized.

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The allocation methodology of the settlement funds in North Carolina is the most favorable in the country. Eighty-five percent of the settlement funds will go directly to local governments allowing for targeting strategies to combat the opioid epidemic.

A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the state attorney general and local governments direct how opioid settlement funds must be spent after the funding plan is approved by the Board of County Commissioners. These funds can only be used to address the opioid epidemic. The MOA also identifies the high impact strategies that can be considered for settlement funds. The strategies fall into three broad categories:

### 1.

#### Prevention

- Early Intervention
- Syringe Service Program
- Naloxone Distribution

### 2.

#### Treatment

- Evidence-Based Addiction Treatment
- Addiction Treatment for Incarcerated Persons

### 3.

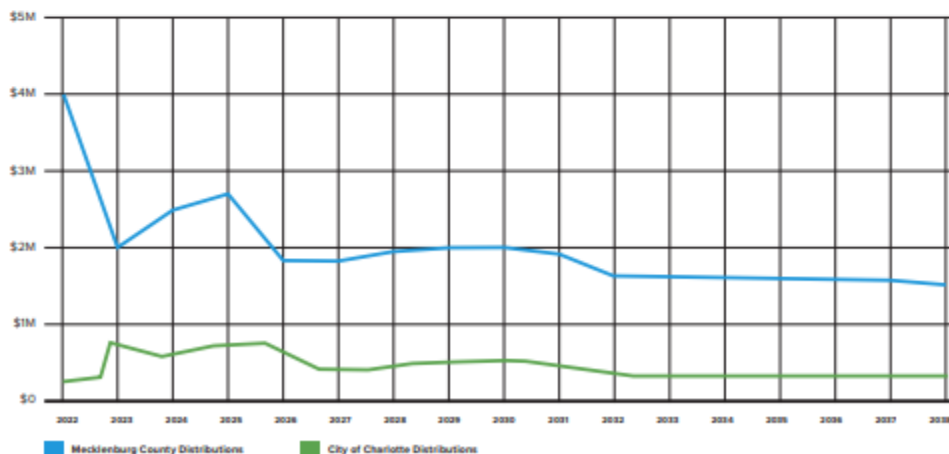
#### Recovery

- Post Overdose Response Teams
- Criminal Justice Diversion
- Reentry Programs
- Recovery Support Services
- Recovery Housing Support
- Employment-Related Services

## Funding

The MOA allows municipalities receiving funds to elect to have its share of distributions directed to the counties in which it is located. The City of Charlotte has chosen to direct its share of Opioid Settlement Funding to the County, specifically to support housing and employment-related services. The combined Wave One total of County and City funds is \$40.5 million between 2022 and 2038. The consolidation of these funds will ensure a collective impact approach countywide.

Combined Wave One Distributions for Mecklenburg County and City of Charlotte (\$40.5 Million)



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## Plan Development

There were several processes used to develop this funding plan.

### 1.

#### Substance Use Disorder Task Force

Mecklenburg County has been the convener of the Substance Use Disorder Task Force since its inception. The Task Force has over 150 members who share a common interest of opioid and substance use prevention in Mecklenburg County. In 2018, the County received a technical assistance grant from the UNC School of Government and Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina to develop an opioid action plan.

Focus Area	Goal
Community Education and Awareness	Our community's residents will understand addiction and opioids, as well as prevention and treatment options
Transitional Care and Access to Services	Those experiencing opioid dependence crises will have access to a continuum of treatment and support resources
Harm Reduction	Harm Reduction tools will be available for those in need
Data	Provide statistical support to workgroups and data platform for dissemination of information

The plan was designed to align with the North Carolina Opioid and Substance Use Action Plan 3.0 which was released in May 2021. The graphic below depicts strategies reflected in the State plan. The Substance Use Disorder Task Force Action Plan is attached as Appendix 1.



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## 2.

### Community Meeting

Public participation was a significant contributor in developing this plan. The County held a community meeting on October 27, 2022. The marketing plan was multifaceted to ensure broad participation. The plan included a dedicated webpage on MeckNC.gov, targeted emails to elected officials, educators, healthcare partners, first responders, criminal justice agencies and stakeholders, and those with lived experiences, social media posts, and a news release to all local media.

Eighty-seven people participated. The agenda included the following presentations:

- I. Context around Opioid Epidemic - Dr. Travis Hales, Assistant Professor at the University of Charlotte School of Social Work
- II. Overview of Mecklenburg County's Situation - Lauren Kestner, Associate Director of Harm Reduction at Center for Prevention Services (CPS)
- III. Opioid Settlement and Opportunities - Dena Diorio, County Manager
- IV. A Perspective of Lived Experience - Abby Schuette, a local attorney

Two breakout sessions were conducted to discuss each of the strategies the settlement addresses. The first breakout session covered Prevention and Treatment strategies and the second, Recovery strategies.

### Break-Out Session Summary

#### Prevention and Treatment

##### Early Intervention

Effective intervention strategies around education and awareness that involves families, schools and colleges, jails, churches would mitigate opioid misuse/abuse.

##### Syringe Service Program

Syringe services programs protect the public by facilitating the safe disposal of used syringes/needles and often connect individuals to additional resources, but more communitywide education and awareness is needed with this strategy.

##### Naloxone Distribution

The immediate availability of naloxone is critical in preventing drug overdoses.

##### Evidence-Based Addiction Treatment

A holistic approach should include in-patient and out-patient treatment, medication, counseling, peer support and education.

##### Addiction Treatment for Incarcerated Persons

Some assert that there are sufficient resources for this population while others support additional resources that focus on a holistic approach that includes family intervention and education.

##### Post Overdose Response Team

First responders including emergency medical technicians and police should provide immediate Naloxone treatment and refer individuals and families to treatment and education programs.

##### Criminal Justice Diversion Programs

This strategy should target at-risk individuals.



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#### Recovery

##### Reentry Programs

Should include a holistic approach for wrap-around services comprising housing, employment, and peer and social supports for persons returning from incarceration.

##### Recovery Support Services

Social connections and peer support along with financial accessibility and insurance, including Medicaid, will reduce barriers to recovery and prevent relapses.

##### Recovery Housing Support

Unless basic needs like housing are met there is a greater risk of relapse. There was also discussion about hotels as recovery housing and the use of syringe distribution.

##### Employment-Related Services

Barriers to employment impact the ability to provide for the basic needs of individuals and families. Services that assist with employment should include childcare, employee assistance programs (EAP) and education.

### 3.

#### **Survey**

At the conclusion of the community meeting, a post event survey was sent to the participants to capture their individual priorities.

Each respondent was asked to identify their top five strategies in priority order. The results represent the number of respondents that ranked each strategy the highest. The results of the survey are below:



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#### 4.

##### **Board of County Commission Public Hearing**

The Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners held a Public Hearing on November 15, 2022, to invite the public to provide comment on the strategies. Ten speakers presented their interest, concerns, and some solutions to the opioid crisis.

Several recommendations were presented including expanding Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT), deploying a mobile unit with a paramedic, social worker, and peer counselor to reduce barriers to treatment, expanding treatment options to office-based practitioners, and provide subsidies to the underinsured to access treatment.

The Board also heard from several speakers representing the Emerald School of Excellence, the first Recovery High School in North Carolina. The Emerald School of Excellence is a private school whose mission is to provide quality, individualized instruction, and recovery support to adolescents in recovery for substance use and co-occurring disorders. The school opened in 2019 and since inception has assisted 59 families, over 90% of students graduate, and many attend college.

## Spending Plan

Based on the survey results, insights from the community meeting and public hearing, the Substance Use Disorder Task Force Action Plan and additional dialogue with County partners and staff, the following strategies have been selected for funding in this initial plan.

#### 1.

##### **Early Intervention**

Fund programs, services, or training to encourage early identification and intervention for children or adolescents who may be struggling with problematic use of drugs or mental health conditions, including Youth Mental Health First Aid, peer-based programs, or similar approaches. Training programs may target parents, family members, caregivers, teachers, school staff, peers, neighbors, health or human services professionals or others in contact with children or adolescents.

#### 2.

##### **Evidence-Based Addiction Treatment**

Support evidence-based addiction treatment for opioid use disorder including MAT. Services may be provided through opioid treatment programs, office-based opioid treatment, Federally Qualified Health Centers, treatment offered in conjunction with justice system programs, or other community-based programs offering evidence-based addiction treatment.

#### 3.

##### **Recovery Housing Support**

Fund programs offering recovery housing support to people in treatment or recovery, or people who use drugs, such as assistance with rent, move in deposits, or utilities; or fund recovery housing programs that provide housing to individuals receiving MAT for opioid use disorders

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#### 4.

##### **Recovery Support Services**

Fund evidence-based recovery support services including peer support specialists or care navigators based in local health departments, human service offices, detention facilities, community-based organizations to support people who use drugs in accessing addiction treatment, recovery support, harm reduction services, or primary healthcare.

#### 5.

##### **Naloxone Distribution**

The plan recommends funding naloxone distribution through community organizations and first responders at MEDIC, and the Towns of Davidson, Cornelius, Huntersville, Matthews, Mint Hill, and Pineville.

#### 6.

##### **Syringe Service Program**

The County plans to leverage grant funding from Vital Strategies to increase its community impact. Vital Strategies helps governments strengthen their public health systems to contend with the most important and difficult health challenges. To incentivize investment in evidence-based and life-saving interventions such as syringe service programs and naloxone distribution, Vital Strategies is offering to match local opioid settlement dollars. Mecklenburg County has been awarded \$70,000 a year in matching funds for three years for these interventions.

#### 7.

##### **Employment-Related Services**

Fund programs offering an array of employment support services, job training and skill development for people engaged in substance use or at various stages of treatment and recovery.

To support these top strategies, the funding plan recommends funding the following:

##### Collaborative Strategic Planning (May 2023 through June 2025 = \$350,000)

Support collaborative strategic planning to address opioid misuse, addiction, overdose, or related issues, including staff support, facilitation services, or any combination of activities that increase strategic use of the Opioid Settlement Funds.

##### Employment-Related Services (May 2023 through June 2025 = \$525,000)

Fund job training, job skills, job placement, interview coaching, resume review, professional attire, relevant courses at community colleges or vocational schools, transportation services or transportation vouchers to facilitate any of these activities, or similar services or supports.

##### Harm Reduction Services (May 2023 through June 2025 = \$540,000)

Fund syringe service programs and programs that distribute naloxone.

##### Recovery Support Services (May 2023 through June 2025 = \$2 million)

Provide case-management, navigation services and peer support through existing channels and organizations that can connect people and families to addiction treatment, recovery support and harm reduction services. This includes embedding navigators in emergency departments to coordinate access to services after an overdose.

##### Early Intervention (May 2023 through June 2025 = \$2.25 million)

Expand education training programs for entities that encounter young people. Training would include Youth Mental Health First Aid, Adverse Childhood Experiences and other programs designed to identify problematic use of drugs or other mental health conditions.

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#### Evidence-Based Addiction Treatment (May 2023 through June 2025 = \$2.25 million)

Fund MAT programs, Opioid Treatment programs and Office-Based Opioid Treatment with specific emphasis on the uninsured and underinsured populations.

#### Recovery Housing Support (May 2023 through June 2025 = \$3 million)

Provide access to housing for people with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) to include recovery housing, and supportive housing. This includes training providers of recovery housing services to integrate MAT and other support services.

## Distribution of Funds

The County will work with Alliance Health to expand access to services already provided including access to services for the uninsured/underinsured populations. Services not currently provided or able to be provided by Alliance Health will be allocated through a competitive proposal process.



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**MECKLENBURG COUNTY**  
**OPIOID & SUBSTANCE USE TASK FORCE ACTION PLAN**  
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### VISION STATEMENT:

*Mecklenburg County is a healthy, recovery-supportive community, whose residents achieve their full potential.*

### About the Task Force

In the fall of 2015, Mecklenburg County's Community Health Assessment identified substance use disorders as the 5th highest problem in our County. As a result, the Mecklenburg County Substance Use Disorder Task Force (MCSUDTF) was initiated. In 2016, with the opioid crisis escalating, the Task Force elected to center its efforts on the epidemic, until significant outcomes were achieved.

The Task Force is a community-based initiative that enjoys active representation from parents, prevention, treatment, criminal justice, schools, faith institutions, healthcare, higher education, pharmacy, geriatrics, social services, public health, law enforcement, homeless services, and the recovery community.

Each of the members of the Task Force are volunteers who have generously dedicated their time to the goal of opioid and substance use prevention in Mecklenburg County. We share a common agenda, shared measurement, mutually reinforcing activities, and continuous communication toward the development of community efforts to raise awareness to Mecklenburg County residents regarding the resources available to prevent and combat the disease of addiction.

The task force currently has over 150 community members. Its membership is comprised of a leadership team, workgroups, and general members. It has established workgroups to focus on key areas of need as determined by its membership. There are currently four workgroups: (1) Community Education & Awareness; (2) Transitional Care & Access to Services; (3) Harm Reduction; and (4) Data.

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Since its inception, the Mecklenburg County Substance Use Disorders Task Force has:

- Hosted three summits that provided education and strategic planning for a combined total of over 1,000 community members and professionals
- Supported the passage of the STOP Act (Strengthening Opioid Misuse Prevention)
- Implemented a Lock Your Meds® campaign through local media outlets
- Conducted prevention education with youth and parents through public and private schools
- Developed training curricula and provided training to professionals predominantly in government and the fields of prevention, treatment, healthcare, and law enforcement.

### Strategic Planning Process

- In February and March 2016, the Task Force partnered with local law enforcement and community organizations to host two Opioid Summits providing training and a strategic planning session that elicited opioid-related assets, needs, and priorities for our community from a diverse group of over 400 total attendees.
- Mecklenburg County experienced a 45% increase in opioid overdose deaths between 2017 and 2018. To assist in raising awareness, Mecklenburg County Leadership and the Substance Use Disorder Task Force partnered with Cardinal Innovations Healthcare and the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation to host the 2018 Mecklenburg County Opioid Summit in March 2018. Over 600 individuals attended the event.
- In April 2018, Mecklenburg County Criminal Justice Services was awarded a technical assistance grant from the UNC- School of Government – BCBS on behalf of the Task Force. The Task Force spent two years employing the collective impact model to revise and update its structure, vision, goals and outcome measures. The power of this approach lies in multiple organizations working through a common lens, the use of continuous feedback loops to facilitate rapid learning, and the immediacy of action stemming from all participants responding simultaneously in a unified way. These efforts resulted in the Task Force's development of the Mecklenburg County Opioid Response Plan 2019-2020.



## Mecklenburg County Goals

The Mecklenburg County Opioid and Substance Use Task Force has developed local goals which address identified gaps within our community. The Task Force has ensured that its local goals clearly align with the North Carolina action plan. Detailed descriptions for each goal and the action steps to be completed can be found in the appendix to this document.

### Prevent

- Reduce the supply of excessive medications by increasing knowledge and practices of safe storage and disposal of unused medications.
- Increase the number of events to support community efforts to raise education and awareness around: Drug Take-Back and Drug Disposal events, Lock Your Meds campaigns, and training events, including organizing a community-wide Opioid Summit for 2024
- Increase education and awareness through expansion of trauma-informed training and practices to healthcare providers, social service providers, court systems, school systems, and community-based organizations.
- Prevent youth misuse by addressing the upstream causes of substance use disorders, include trauma and adverse childhood experiences (ACEs).
- Establish an Opioid Fatality Review Team

### Reduce Harm

- Expand access to evidence-based syringe services programs (SSPs).
- Expand access to tools to check the drug supply such as fentanyl test strips; and increase dissemination of the results of checked drugs to promote overdose prevention and harm reduction practices.

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- Increase the number of naloxone kits distributed to people who have been recently released from carceral settings to people who use drugs and their friends and family, well as community-based organizations, emergency departments, and treatment providers throughout the community.
- Run a stigma reduction campaign on substance use disorders and people who use drugs that include significant input and guidance from people with lived experience and community partners.

### Connect to Care

- Develop a post-overdose response team to link overdose survivors to naloxone, harm reduction, treatment, and a wide range of social support options; ensure teams include staff from historically marginalized populations (HMPs) that align with our community needs.
- Provide naloxone, overdose prevention education, and medication-assisted treatment (MAT) during incarceration, upon release and with reentry into the community.
- Expand dedicated support, recovery options, and warm hand-offs for people after release (e.g., jail, emergency departments, detox, treatment).

### Track and Measure

- Expand local data collection beyond that which is currently reported by Medic to incorporate real time data from jail, service providers, all emergency departments, police departments, and community members. Track naloxone reversals by SSPs, law enforcement, EMS, and community members.
- Track key metrics and expand to include other substances and demographic information including race/ethnicity, gender, age, and additional information to highlight disparities for focused program development with HMPs.
- Inform the Task Force of emerging trends and measure impact of Task Force workgroups.

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#### Task Force Leadership Team

- Janeanne Gonzales, Mecklenburg County Criminal Justice Services
- Angela Allen, Center for Prevention Services
- Dr. Travis Hales, UNCC School of Social Work
- Abby Schuette, Attorney-at-Law
- Dr. Stephen Strzelecki, Mecklenburg County Criminal Justice Services

#### Task Force Workgroups

The Task Force has organized four, established workgroups to address the strategies identified in the Action Plan that intersect with their area of focus. Additional workgroups are formed as needed to address special events that occur throughout the year, as well as to support other community events.

- Harm Reduction – Angela Allen, Chair
- Transitional Care & Access to Services – Dr. Stephen Strzelecki, Chair
- Community Education & Awareness – Abby Schuette, Chair
- Data – Dr. Travis Hales, Chair

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Task Force members meet monthly as part of a workgroup or at the general membership meetings.

**Task Force General Membership**

Affiliated Sante Group	Mecklenburg County Medic
Alliance Health	Michael's Voice
Amara Wellness, Inc.	Midwood Addiction Treatment Center
Anuvia Prevention & Recovery Center	
Atrium Health	National Association of Manufacturers
Carolinas Care Partnership	Novant Health
Carolinas Center for Injury Prevention	Novant Health – Matthews
Carolinas Poison Center	Old Vineyard Behavioral Health
Charlotte Area Health Education Center	Oxeon Ventures
Charlotte Mecklenburg Drug Free Coalition	Parents of Child in Recovery
Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department	Persons with Lived Experience
Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools	Pfeiffer University-Charlotte
Charlotte Rescue Mission	R E Martin and Associates
Community Alternatives	Red Oak Recovery
Community Care Partners of Greater Mecklenburg	Renaissance West Community Initiative
Community Choices	S&H Youth and Adult Services, Inc.
Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Office	Smart Start of Mecklenburg County
Dilworth Center	Start Bupe
Emerald School of Excellence – Recovery High School	Teen Health Connection
First Baptist Church-West	The Blanchard Institute
Freedom Detox in Gastonia	The Sparc Network
Giant Genie Pharmacy	Therapeutic Alternatives, Inc.
HandCraft Linen Services	UNCC, School of Social Work
HD Life Foundation	Urban Ministries Center
Hope Haven, Inc.	US Department of Justice
Inner Vision NC	US Attorney's Office, Human Trafficking Task Force
Keystone Substance Abuse Services	Wellpath
Lake Norman Counselors	Williams Mullen (Indivior)
Lyn Legere Consulting	Zenith Hope Center
Matthews Police Department	Families Impacted by Drug Use & Overdose
McLeod Addictive Disease Center	
Mecklenburg County Community Support Services	
Mecklenburg County Criminal Justice Services	
Mecklenburg County DSS	
Mecklenburg County Health Department	
Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office	
Mecklenburg County, Legislative Affairs	



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The graphic below represents the North Carolina Opioid and Substance Use Action Plan 3.0 released in May 2021. You can see how the Mecklenburg County Plan aligns with the state plan by following the key priorities of Prevent, Reduce Harm, and Connect to Care.



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### **RESOLUTION OF THE MECKLENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DIRECTING THE INITIAL EXPENDITURES OF THE WAVE 1 COUNTY ALLOCATION AND CITY REDIRECTED OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS**

**WHEREAS**, Mecklenburg County has joined national settlement agreements with companies engaged in the manufacturing, distribution, and dispensing of opioids, including settlements with drug distributors Cardinal, McKesson, and AmerisourceBergen, and the drug maker Johnson & Johnson and its subsidiary Janssen Pharmaceuticals, referred to as Wave 1 of the Opioid Settlement; and

**WHEREAS**, the allocation, use, and reporting of funds stemming from these national settlement agreements and certain bankruptcy resolutions ("Opioid Settlement Funds") are governed by the Memorandum of Agreement Between the State of North Carolina and Local Governments on Proceeds Relating to the Settlement of Opioid Litigation ("MOA"); and

**WHEREAS**, Mecklenburg County has received Opioid Settlement Funds pursuant to these national settlement agreements and deposited the Opioid Settlement Funds in a separate special revenue fund as required by section D of the MOA; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to section B.4.b. of the MOA, a City may direct opioid settlement proceeds governed by the MOA and allocated to the City for remediation ("City Settlement Proceeds") to a County along with all rights and responsibilities concerning these proceeds; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Charlotte, has authorized the transfer of their first allocation of funds in the amount of \$1,050,000 to the County for Opioid remediation purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the terms of the settlement, regardless of allocation, requires the funds be utilized only for opioid remediation activities which the County will fund pursuant to Option A of the MOA; and

**WHEREAS**, the County and the City of Charlotte wish to enter into an Interlocal Agreement whereby the City directs or redirects current and future City Settlement Proceeds from the National Opioid Settlement Funds and other related funds to the County, and in return the County agrees to use any opioid settlement proceeds transferred or re-directed from the City to the County for specific strategies as directed by the City in conformity with the MOA; and

**WHEREAS**, Mecklenburg County will receive \$32,452,983 from Wave 1 of the Opioid Settlement and the City will receive \$8,035,361 from Wave 1 of the Opioid Settlement, to be distributed between 2022 and 2038; and

**WHEREAS**, section E.6 of the MOA states:

#### E.6. Process for drawing from special revenue funds.

- a. Budget item or resolution required. Opioid Settlement Funds can be used for a purpose when the Governing Body includes in its budget or passes a separate resolution authorizing the expenditure of a stated amount of Opioid Settlement Funds for that purpose or those purposes during a specified period of time.

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- b. Budget item or resolution details. The budget or resolution should (i) indicate that it is an authorization for expenditure of opioid settlement funds; (ii) state the specific strategy or strategies the county or municipality intends to fund pursuant to Option A or Option B, using the item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to identify each funded strategy, and (iii) state the amount dedicated to each strategy for a stated period of time.

**WHEREAS**, Mecklenburg County developed an Opioid Settlement Spending Plan with funding recommendations based on community survey results, insights from an Opioid Summit community meeting in October 2022, a public hearing with the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners in November 2022, input from the Substance Use Disorder Task Force and other stakeholders.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, in alignment with Option A of the NC MOA, Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners authorizes the expenditure of opioid settlement funds as follows:

1. First strategy authorized
  - a. Name of strategy: Collaborative Strategic Planning
  - b. Strategies included in [Exhibit A](#)
  - c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A to the MOA: Item 1
  - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$350,000
  - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:  
Start date of May 17, 2023 through end date of June 30, 2025
  - f. Description of the program, project, or activity:
    - Utilize funding to support collaborative strategic planning to address opioid misuse, addiction, overdose, or related issues by hiring additional staff and/or contractors for implementation, consultation, or facilitation services.
    - The funding will be utilized to hire at least one additional staff member. Job duties may include coordinating efforts across projects, overseeing implementation strategies, managing and completing all required reporting, facilitating the application or proposal process for the funding, and/or monitoring contracts and performance.
2. Second strategy authorized
  - a. Name of strategy: Evidence-Based Addiction Treatment
  - b. Strategy is included in [Exhibit A](#)
  - c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A to the MOA: Item 2
  - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$2.25 million
  - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:  
Start date of May 17, 2023 through end date of June 30, 2025
  - f. Description of the program, project, or activity:
    - Support evidence-based addiction treatment consistent with the American Society of Addiction Medicine's national practice guidelines or the treatment of opioid use disorder including Medically Assisted Treatment (MAT). Services may be provided through Opioid Treatment Programs, Office-Based Opioid Treatment, Federally Qualified Health Centers, treatment offered in conjunction with justice system programs, or other community-based programs offering evidence-based addiction treatment. This includes funding for MAT programs with specific emphasis on the uninsured and underinsured populations with medication approved by the FDA for this purpose.

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3. Third strategy authorized
  - a. Name of strategy: Recovery Support Services
  - b. Strategy is included in [Exhibit A](#)
  - c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A to the MOA: Item 3
  - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$2 million
  - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:  
Start date of May 17, 2023 through end date of June 30, 2025
  - f. Description of the program, project, or activity:
    - Provide case-management, navigation services and peer support through programs that can connect people and families to addiction treatment, recovery support and harm reduction services.
4. Fourth strategy authorized
  - a. Name of strategy: Recovery Housing Support
  - b. Strategy is included in [Exhibit A](#)
  - c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A to the MOA: Item 4
  - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$3 million
  - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:  
Start date of May 17, 2023 through end date of June 30, 2025
  - f. Description of the program, project, or activity:
    - Fund programs offering recovery housing access and support to people in treatment or recovery, or people who use drugs, such as assistance with rent, move-in deposits, or utilities; or fund recovery housing programs that provide housing to individuals receiving Medication-Assisted Treatment for opioid use disorder.
    - The City of Charlotte has directed up to \$525,000, but not less than \$500,000 of the City's initial settlement proceeds from the National Opioid Settlement Funds for programs that offer recovery housing support.
5. Fifth strategy authorized
  - a. Name of strategy: Employment-Related Services
  - b. Strategy is included in [Exhibit A](#)
  - c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A to the MOA: Item 5
  - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$525,000
  - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:  
Start date of May 17, 2023 through end date of June 30, 2025
  - f. Description of the program, project, or activity:
    - Fund programs offering employment support services for people engaged in substance use or at various stages of treatment or recovery, including job training, job skills, job placement, interview coaching, resume review, professional attire, relevant courses at community colleges or vocational schools, transportation services or transportation vouchers to facilitate any of these activities, or similar services or supports.
    - The City of Charlotte has directed up to \$525,000, but not less than \$500,000 of the City's initial settlement proceeds from the National Opioid Settlement Funds for programs supporting employment-related services.



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6. Sixth strategy authorized
  - a. Name of strategy: Early Intervention
  - b. Strategies included in [Exhibit A](#)
  - c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A to the MOA: Item 6
  - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$2.25 million
  - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:  
Start date of May 17, 2023 through end date of June 30, 2025
  - f. Description of the program, project, or activity:
    - Fund programs, services, or training to encourage early identification and intervention for children or adolescents who may be struggling with problematic use of drugs or mental health conditions, including Youth Mental Health First aid, peer-based, or similar approaches.
    - Training programs to target parents, family members, caregivers, teachers, school staff, peers, neighbors, health or human services professionals or others in contact with children or adolescents.
7. Seventh strategy authorized
  - a. Name of strategy: Naloxone Distribution
  - b. Strategy is included in [Exhibit A](#)
  - c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A to the MOA: Item 7
  - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$330,000
  - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:  
Start date of May 17, 2023 through end date of June 30, 2025
  - f. Description of the program, project, or activity:
    - Support programs or organizations that distribute naloxone to persons at risk of overdose or their social networks.
    - This includes programs that provide naloxone to persons upon release from jail or prison, emergency medical service providers or hospital emergency departments that provide naloxone to persons at risk of overdose, or community-based organizations that provide services to people who use drugs. Programs or organizations involved in community distribution of naloxone may, in addition, provide naloxone to first responders.
    - Fund naloxone distribution throughout Mecklenburg County including, but not limited to, community organizations, first responders at MEDIC, and the Towns of Davidson, Cornelius, Huntersville, Matthews, Mint Hill, and Pineville.
8. Eighth strategy authorized
  - a. Name of strategy: Syringe Service Program
  - b. Strategy is included in [Exhibit A](#)
  - c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A to the MOA: Item 9
  - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$210,000
  - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:  
Start date of May 17, 2023 through end date of June 30, 2025
  - f. Description of the program, project, or activity:
    - Support Syringe Service Programs operated by any governmental or nongovernmental organization authorized by section 90-113.27 of the North Carolina General Statutes that provide syringes, naloxone, or other harm reduction supplies; that dispose of used

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syringes; that connect clients to prevention, treatment, recovery support, behavioral healthcare, primary healthcare, or other services or supports they need; or that provide any of these services or supports.

- The County has been awarded grant funding of \$70,000 a year for three years from Vital Strategies to increase community impact. During this authorization period, Mecklenburg County will match the Vital Strategies grant for a total of \$210,000 from County settlement dollars.

The total dollar amount of Wave 1 Opioid Settlement Funds appropriated across the above named and authorized strategies is \$10,915,000.

Adopted this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20XX.

\_\_\_\_\_  
[ \_\_\_\_\_ ], Chair

[ \_\_\_\_\_ ] County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
[ \_\_\_\_\_ ] Clerk to the Board

***Resolution recorded in full in Ordinance Book\_\_\_\_, Document#\_\_\_\_.***

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### Comments

Commissioner Jerrell thanked him for the presentation. He asked in reference to slide 19 and slide 6 if the scope was so broad with the number of people impacted, and \$525,000 seemed as if it wasn't enough. He asked for clarification.

Mr. Nesbitt said there was a gap in the community around employment-specific services for people in active substance abuse. He said this was a starting point for a more abstinence-based approach.

County Manager Diorio said when they did the community session in October, this strategy didn't rank high. She said the City of Charlotte's City Council wanted their money to go towards this strategy.

Commissioner Jerrell asked in reference to additional staff if the \$350,000 would be going to a contractor that was specific to this.

Mr. Nesbit said it would allow him to bring someone into the Manager's Office to support the implementation associated with these funds. He said the remaining amount of funding that would be available could be used to bring in consultants or contractors for things related to this project.

Vice Chair Powell thanked him and asked about Naloxone Distribution – she wanted to ensure it reached MEDIC in Northern and Southern towns. She asked if it also went to any of the firefighters. *Mr. Nesbit said yes and that it could go to any frontline service provider or anyone needing the resource. He said for context, the \$330,000 would purchase approximately 1,000 Naloxone or Narcan kits, and they would work with various partners.*

Vice Chair Powell asked who would be managing the \$3 million that was going to recovery housing. *Mr. Nesbit said it would be available through the community application process. He said they had heard from some community partners and colleagues that there was a real need for it in the community. He said that's why they wanted to have that available for community organizations to apply for and submit their creative ideas for recovery housing, low barrier housing for people experiencing substance use or addiction.*

Vice Chair Powell said some neighborhoods have frustrations with that, and hoped they would involve community input.

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Commissioner Leake thanked Mr. Nesbit for the information. She asked how the information would be generated to go into communities that were hit the hardest. *Mr. Nesbit said that he would like to see a map of where the impact was the greatest to understand the question.*

Commissioner Leake expressed her hope for a program that would reduce drug use in schools and asked to be kept informed.

Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell thanked Mr. Nesbit for his presentation. She asked about the capacity of service providers to do the work. *Mr. Nesbit reported that there were a decent number of service providers. He stated that there were opportunities to expand the treatment. He reported that there was a challenge regarding the number of people, and one of the priorities was workforce development.* Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell commended the County Manager and staff.

Commissioner Cotham thanked Mr. Nesbit for his presentation. She stated she hoped LGBTQ was involved and that they could work on education so families didn't have to suffer further from this tragedy.

Commissioner Altman asked if a lead physician looked at the funding allocations and the plan. *Mr. Nesbit said that there was not.* Commissioner Altman asked about funding for fentanyl test strips. *Mr. Nesbit reported that there would be funding for that item.* Commissioner Altman asked what the allocations meant for services. *Mr. Nesbit reported that those providers would be providing the services and would be able to expand their existing contracts. He said it would be done for their provider network.* Commissioner Altman asked about those covered by Medicare. *Mr. Nesbit stated that it focused on individuals who were not Medicaid-covered.*

Commissioner Meier thanked Mr. Nesbit for his presentation. She asked if any agency could apply. *Mr. Nesbit reported that any agency could apply but those criteria and guidelines needed to be met. He clarified that it was for addiction in general.* Commissioner Meier asked if Alliance would pay for underinsured individuals. *Mr. Nesbit reported that Alliance had state contracts and Medicaid contracts, and Alliance would pay for underinsured or uninsured individuals through two separate streams of funding.*

Chair Dunlap thanked the County Manager, the Attorney, and the City of Charlotte. He reminded everyone that plenty of services within Mecklenburg County could do this work.



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**23-0325      NEW ITEM: Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Capital Improvement Fund Request**

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Vice Chair Powell and unanimously carried to authorize the Mecklenburg County Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board to establish a capital improvement fund for FY23.

*Background: NC GS 18B-805(d) allows for ABC Boards to set aside a portion of gross receipts as a fund for specific capital improvements. To do so, requires approval from the Board of County Commissioners as the appointing authority. The attached letter serves as a request from the ABC Board to the Board of County Commissioners to authorize the ABC Board to create a capital improvement fund for the following projects:*

- *Set aside working capital, from profits, \$2.5 million per year, beginning with FY23 and over the next 4 years to fully fund the expansion and capital improvement project of the Meck ABC headquarters, located at*

**DEPARTMENTAL DIRECTORS' MONTHLY REPORTS**

**23-0298      DEPARTMENT MANAGEMENT MONTHLY REPORTS**

The Board received as information the department directors' monthly management reports. The monthly management reports can be accessed online via public dashboards at:

<https://meck.co/DataDashboard>

*Background: The County Manager has requested department directors develop department management monthly reports highlighting key activities and initiatives within the departments and that reports show relevant performance indicators of departmental activity.*

**STAFF REPORTS & REQUESTS - NONE**

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### **COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORTS & REQUESTS**

#### **23-0313          SELECTION OF NACO VOTING DELEGATE**

The Board received information to appoint the County's voting delegate and one member to serve as its alternate for the 2023 National Association of Counties (NACo) Annual Conference to be held July 21 - 24 in Travis County, Texas.

*Background: To participate in policy adoption decisions, the Board must officially select someone to serve as the County's voting delegate. If for some reason the Board's representative is unable to attend or do not pick up the County's ballot, it is permissible for a county to allow officials from its state association to serve as the voting delegate. Voting delegates and proxies decide all business, motions and the election of officers during the annual business meeting.*

*The 2023 National Association of Counties (NACo) Annual Conference will be held July 21 - 24 in Travis County, Texas in-person at the Austin Convention Center.*

*NACo members are encouraged to authorize only one voting delegate per county.*

Motion was made and unanimously carried (9-0) voting yes, to appoint Commissioner Meier, as the County's voting delegate and Commissioner Altman, as one member to serve as its alternate for the 2023 National Association of Counties (NACo) Annual Conference to be held July 21 - 24 in Travis County, Texas.

#### **CONSENT ITEMS**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Cotham, and unanimously carried (9-0) voting yes, to approve the following item(s):**

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**23-0279      EXTERNAL AUDIT CONTRACT EXTENSION**

Approve a one-year extension of the external audit contract with Cherry Bekaert, LLC.

*Background: The County entered into an agreement for audit services with Cherry Bekaert, LLC in April 2019. The agreement is for three years plus an option to renew for two additional years. The Board approved the first one-year extension for the June 30, 2022 audit with RFBA 22-7506 on April 5, 2022 and is asked to approve the second one-year extension for audit services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.*

**23-0280      TAX REFUNDS**

Approve refunds in the amount of \$517.88 as statutorily required to be paid as requested by the County Assessor.

*Background: This Board action is necessary to approve tax refunds resulting from clerical errors, audits, and other amendments, including revaluation appeals. There is accrued interest of \$9.94 in the refund amount of \$517.88. Refunds total \$517.88.*

**23-0287:      REMOVED: CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT - BRIAR/LITTLE HOPE CREEK GREENWAY**

**23-0289      INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR STREAM ENHANCEMENT PROJECT WITH THE TOWN OF CORNELIUS**

Adopt a Resolution Authorizing Execution of the Interlocal Agreement for Funding of the Dana Branch and McDowell Creek Stream Enhancement Project.

*Background: This interlocal agreement is between the Town of Cornelius and Mecklenburg County to fund the design of a joint storm water, water quality project along Dane Creek and McDowell Creek in Cornelius. The County will fund the design of approximately 9,000 feet of improvements to mainstem McDowell Creek upstream of Westmoreland Road to Sam Furr Road in Cornelius. The County project is broken into two (2) phases due to easement acquisitions. The first phase of design will be 2,500 feet of stream improvements along the Town of Cornelius property, and the second phase would be below the Town's property to Sam Furr Road. The Town will fund the design of approximately 5,300 feet of improvements to several tributaries to McDowell Creek*

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*above Westmoreland Road. The Town will administer the contract with the Wildlands Engineering, Inc. the engineering firm selected to design the project.*

*The interlocal agreement includes compensation to the Town for the County's portion of design of the project. Additionally, the Town will be invoiced for County staff hours for technical services related to the Town's portion of the project. The County's portion of the project design is expected to be up to \$520,109.20 and is being funded by Mecklenburg County Storm Water capital improvement funds. The completion of this project supports the goals of the Environmental Leadership Action Plan and LUESA's Strategic Business Plan. The total design project budget is estimated to be \$1,136,155, which includes both the Town and County portions of the project. Construction phasing, administration and funding will be determined after construction estimates are complete. The interlocal agreement will then be amended to include the construction costs of the project.*

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE  
INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR FUNDING OF THE DANA BRANCH AND MCDOWELL  
CREEK STREAM ENHANCEMENT PROJECT BETWEEN MECKLENBURG COUNTY AND THE  
TOWN OF CORNELIUS

WHEREAS, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 160A-461, "Interlocal Cooperation Authorized," authorizes units of local governments to enter into agreement with each other in order to execute an undertaking such as the construction of storm water projects by one unit of local government on behalf of another unit of local government; and

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg County and the Town of Cornelius (the "Town") have negotiated the Interlocal Agreement for Funding of the Dana Branch and McDowell Creek Stream Enhancement Project; and

WHEREAS, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 160A-461 requires that such agreement "...shall be ratified by resolution of the governing board of each unit spread upon its minutes"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County that the County Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Interlocal Agreement for Funding of the Dana Branch and McDowell Creek Stream Enhancement Project between Mecklenburg County and the Town in substantially the form attached to this resolution and that this resolution shall be spread upon the minutes.

Approved as to form:

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County Attorney

CERTIFICATION

I, Kristine M. Smith, Clerk of the Board of Commissioner of Mecklenburg County, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners, in regular session convened on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of May, 2023.

WITNESS my hand and the common seal of the County of Mecklenburg, North Carolina, this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of May, 2023.

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Kristine M. Smith, Clerk to the Board

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### **23-0291 JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL (JCPC) UPDATE TO PROPOSED FY23 FUNDING ALLOCATION- CJS**

Approve revised FY23 funding allocation plan as recommended by the Mecklenburg County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC).

*Background: The Mecklenburg County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) received \$2,051,713 in FY23 funding from the North Carolina Department of Public Safety. Board approved item #22 7577 on May 3rd, 2022, to recognize, receive, and appropriate the funds for Mecklenburg County Criminal Justices Services. This funding plan update is due to one of the programs, CMPD Youthful Diversion Program, changing part of its local funding from In-Kind to cash match.*

### **23-0310 MINUTES**

Approve the following Meeting Minutes:

April 26, 2022 Budget/Public Policy Workshop  
October 25, 2022 Budget/Public Policy Workshop

## **THIS CONCLUDED ITEMS APPROVED BY CONSENT**

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### **23-0299 PULLED CONSENT ITEMS**

Commissioners may remove agenda items from the Consent Agenda for a separate vote, to bring public awareness or to make comments. The following items were pulled and voted upon separately:

### **23-0278 AFFIRM AWARD - BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD FOUNDATION**

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Altman, and unanimously carried (9-0) voting yes, to affirm the submitted application for funding in the amount of \$65,000 from Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) Foundation for the School-Based Oral Health Initiative. The grant period is March 1, 2023 - August 31, 2023; recognize, receive and appropriate funds for the

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affirmed amount awarded of \$65,000 to the General Grants fund (G001); and adopt the grant ordinance for applicable grant in the General Grant fund (G001).

*Background: the School-Based Oral Health Initiative will provide more comprehensive care to school-aged children across all 178 schools in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMS) through utilizing a mobile dental clinic van. These comprehensive dental services will be available and more accessible to the 142,536 students in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools and additional charter school students. Funds from BCBS will be used upfit the dental van.*

*The mobile dental van will ensure that Mecklenburg County students have access to a broader range of dental services and more in-depth dental education on-site at school following their oral health screenings. This mobile dental clinic van is a sustainable means of reaching school-aged children year-after-year by bringing services to children rather than assuming children will be brought to receive dental services.*

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**GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE**

**WHEREAS,** Mecklenburg County is applying and/or has been awarded a grant from the Blue Cross Blue Shield. The grant has been made available to Mecklenburg County under the School-Based Oral Health Initiative up to the amount of \$65,000; and

**WHEREAS,** the grant funds must be used to this proposed project to expand School-Based Oral Health Initiatives by upfitting a mobile dental clinic van to provide more comprehensive care to school-aged children across all 178 schools in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMS); and

**WHEREAS,** the Mecklenburg County Board of County Commissioners deems this activity to be a worthy and desirable undertaking;

**NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. 159-13.2, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MECKLENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS that:**

- Section 1. The project described in the Blue Cross Blue Shield grant application is hereby authorized to be undertaken for the duration of the grant.
- Section 2. The County Manager is authorized to execute the grant agreement and other documents that are required or appropriate for the County to receive the School-Based Oral Health Initiative and to undertake the project. The County Manager is directed to take steps necessary to ensure compliance with all spending and reporting requirements Blue Cross Blue Shield.
- Section 3. The following revenues are anticipated for Mecklenburg County in the General Grant Fund (G001) to complete this project:

<u>School-Based Oral Health Initiative</u>	<u>\$65,000</u>
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- Section 4. The following expenses are appropriated for Mecklenburg County in the (G001) to complete this project:

<u>School-Based Oral Health Initiative</u>	<u>\$65,000</u>
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Adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

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Clerk to the Board

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**23-0282 CONSERVATION DECLARATIONS ON COUNTY PROPERTY**

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell, and unanimously carried (9-0) voting yes, to authorize the County Manager to execute conservation declarations on twelve (12) County properties (totaling 38.9 acres) located along the Long Creek at Treyburn Drive Stream Restoration Project.

Parcel numbers are shown below:

025-162-99	033-273-34
025-334-60	033-271-09
025-241-99	025-161-08
025-141-23	025-161-06
033-182-99	025-193-99
033-174-99	025-332-83

*Background: Mecklenburg County Storm Water Services is currently constructing the Long Creek Stream Restoration project from Treyburn Drive to Interstate 485 (Phase 2 of 3) as part of implementing the County's Environmental Leadership Action Plan and meeting LUESA's Strategic Business Plan goals. This project will restore approximately 9,800 feet of Long Creek in Charlotte, NC. The project will revegetate the stream bank with native plant species, improve aquatic habitat, and reduce in-stream erosion. Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation partnered with Storm Water to jointly design and construct the greenway within the project area.*

*The Board of County Commissioners approved the North Carolina Land & Water Fund (NCLWF) grant on February 19, 2019. The Grant amount is \$500,000, which requires a local match of \$1,600,000 for a contract total amount of \$2,100,000. With the execution of these conservation declarations, the project fulfills the conservation requirements set forth in the NCLWF grant. The 38.9 acres being conserved are located in the floodplain adjacent to the stream restoration project. Documents are available upon request.*

**23-0285 BUDGET AMENDMENT - COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES - REVENUE INCREASE (CSS)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Altman and unanimously carried (9-0) voting yes, to approve submission of grant application to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Continuum of Care up to \$85,000 for Coordinated Entry; if awarded, recognize, receive and appropriate the grant funds to the General Grants Funds

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(G001); and if awarded, authorize an additional position in the Community Support Services Department, Housing Innovation & Stabilization Services Division: 1 Social Worker II to provide support services for survivors of domestic violence (annual market rate is \$61,408).

*Background: There has been a 22% increase in people experiencing homelessness in Charlotte-Mecklenburg since June 2022. Coordinated Entry has experienced an even greater increase with an average of 200 calls per day being received from households seeking homeless resources. Additionally, the National Domestic Violence Hotline (NDVH) reported a 9% increase in contacts during the first two weeks of the COVID-19 pandemic. Around the same time locally, the domestic violence-related calls to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department and the Greater Charlotte Hope Line increased by about 5%.*

*There are currently five (5) Social Workers managing the Coordinated Entry hotline and receiving households at emergency shelter locations with 5 additional American Rescue Plan Act funded positions coming online soon. This position will focus specifically on callers who report experiencing homelessness due to fleeing domestic violence.*

*The position's salary & fringe will be funded through a grant from HUD's Continuum of Care program and will be eligible for renewal each year. HUD has announced the award but has not yet processed grant agreements. Currently, grant dates and timeline for position recruitment is unknown.*

### **23-0288      BUDGET AMENDMENT- COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES (REVENUE INCREASE)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell and unanimously carried (9-0) voting yes, to approve user fees to be charged for participation in the Homeless Management information System (HMIS); and recognize, receive and appropriate \$77,500 for user fees in the General Grants Fund (G001) within Community Support Services Department that will be used in conjunction with HUD (Housing and Urban Development) funding for the administration of the Homeless Management System.

*Background: The user fees are costs to homeless/housing service agencies for Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) licenses. Each agency is billed an annual per license fee.*

*The user fees in the amount of \$77,500 (\$250 per user license) will be collected from partner agencies to fund the administration of the HMIS system. User fees will be budgeted in the multi-year grant unit with HUD funds. This revised fee structure was driven by agencies' need to have set fees and was approved by the Data Advisory Committee within the Continuum of Care.*



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**23-0290      LEASE AGREEMENT FOR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FACILITY**

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell, and unanimously carried (9-0) voting yes, to authorize the County Manager to negotiate the terms and conditions and execute a lease and operation agreement with Roof Above for the Mecklenburg County owned property at 7805 Forest Point Blvd.

*Background: The County purchased an existing hotel at 7805 Forest Point Blvd (near I-77 and Arrowood Road) in December of 2022 for the purpose of converting the facility to permanent supportive housing for older adults experiencing homelessness. The Community Support Services Department and Procurement Division of County Finance solicited proposals for operation of the program, and Roof Above was selected as the best provider. The County must execute a lease agreement with Roof Above to operate the facility. The County will provide funding for operations to Roof Above with ARPA funding for the first year (during FY24 ) and will consider appropriation of County operational funding thereafter as part of the FY25 budget process. In the event County funding is not approved for operations for FY25, the lease and operation agreement will terminate.*

*The County Manager will negotiate a lease agreement consistent with the following business terms:*

<i>Location:</i>	<i>7805 Forest Point Blvd., Charlotte, NC</i>
<i>Property Details:</i>	<i>Approximately 2.854 acres with two buildings of approximately 96 total residential units</i>
<i>Lease Term:</i>	<i>Approximately Three (3) years. Lease shall begin on the effective date and expire on June 30, 2026 unless sooner terminated.</i>
<i>Base Lease Rate:</i>	<i>\$1 per year</i>
<i>Facility Maintenance:</i>	<i>Roof Above shall be responsible for all necessary routine/preventative facility and grounds maintenance.</i>
<i>Repairs/Replacements</i>	<i>Roof Above shall be responsible for all repairs/replacements when the cost of each event/item is \$5,000 or less. Mecklenburg County shall be responsible for all major repairs/replacements when the cost of each event/item exceeds \$5,000.</i>

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**23-0301      AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) POLICIES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell, and unanimously carried (9-0) voting yes, to adopt a Resolution approving five recommended ARPA policies.

*Background: The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) was signed into law in March 2021. ARPA established the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CSLFRF), which is a program that provides funding to all states, counties, and municipalities across the country. The County has begun receiving its allocation of ARPA funding. The U.S. Department of Treasury Final Rule (Uniform Guidance) governs the eligible uses of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and includes several required compliance policies (see attached). The BOCC adoption of these policies is in compliance with the ARPA requirements and recommended by the County Manager. The policies are based on templates created and made available from the School of Government which incorporates feedback from County Attorneys across the state. The policies are required by the federal government as part of the ARPA Uniform Guidance regulations.*

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### **MECKLENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RESOLUTION ADOPTING FIVE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) POLICIES IN COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL UNIFORM GUIDANCE REGULATIONS.**

**WHEREAS**, the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds of H.R. 1319 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA/CSLFRF) was signed into law on March 11, 2021. ("ARPA"); and

**WHEREAS**, Mecklenburg County has received \$215,673,932 in allocation of funds pursuant to the ACT; and

**WHEREAS**, the funds may only be used for projects within the approved categories as authorized by the Federal Uniform Guidance ("UG") Regulations, and to the extent authorized by state law, which includes:

1. Support COVID-19 public health expenditures by funding COVID-19 mitigation and prevention efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff;
2. Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency, including economic harms to households, small businesses, non-profits, impacted industries, and the public sector;
3. Replace lost public sector revenue, using this funding to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic;
4. Provide premium pay for essential workers, offering additional support to those who have borne and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors;
5. Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand access to broadband internet; and

**WHEREAS**, the ARPA/CSLFRF funds are subject to the provisions of the federal Uniform Grant Guidance, 2 CFR, Part 200, commonly known as Uniform Guidance ("UG"), specifically including, without limitation, the provisions of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations; as provided in the Assistance Listing; and

**WHEREAS**, The Final Rule for the American Rescue Plan was issued on January 6, 2022. That final rule contains a number of regulations that local governments must follow when expending Federal Funds, including a variety of policies and procedures which must be implemented; and

**WHEREAS**, the Uniform Guidance dictates allowable costs and cost principles for expenditure of ARP/CSLFRF funds; and

**WHEREAS**, Mecklenburg County intends to fully implement all compliance requirements to ensure its proper expenditure of ARP/CSLFRF funds; and

**WHEREAS**, Mecklenburg County has drafted policies consistent with the Uniform Guidance to ensure compliance with the Award Terms and Conditions.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following five policies, attached hereto and referenced herein, are adopted by the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners:

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1. Allowable Costs and Costs Principles Policy
2. Conflict of Interest Policy
3. Eligibility Determination Policy
4. Nondiscrimination Policy and
5. Record Retention Policy

This the 16th of May, 2023

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George Dunlap, Chair  
Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners

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Kristine M. Smith, Clerk to the Board

Approved as to Form

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Tyrone C. Wade, County Attorney

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**23-0300      COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Commissioners shared information of their choosing within the guidelines as established by the Board, which included, but not limited to, past and/or upcoming events.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Altman, and unanimously carried (9-0) with Commissioners Altman, Cotham, Dunlap, Griffin, Jerrell, Leake, Meier, Powell, and Rodriguez-McDowell, voting yes, that there being no further business to come before the Board that the meeting be adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

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Arlissa Eason, Deputy Clerk to the Board

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George Dunlap, Chair