

Welcome to the Opioid Settlement Technical Assistance Learning Series

Technical Assistance Collaborative Overview

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Welcome & Introduction of Presenters

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HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS

- This Zoom event will be recorded
- Participants will be on mute when presenters are speaking
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- Following this event, please complete the brief survey, a link and QR code will be provided at the end



Presenters

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Overview & Background of TAC

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*How to Engage Communities in Assessing
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Snapshot of Allowable Opioid Settlement Uses

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Establishing Metrics & Methods for Evaluations

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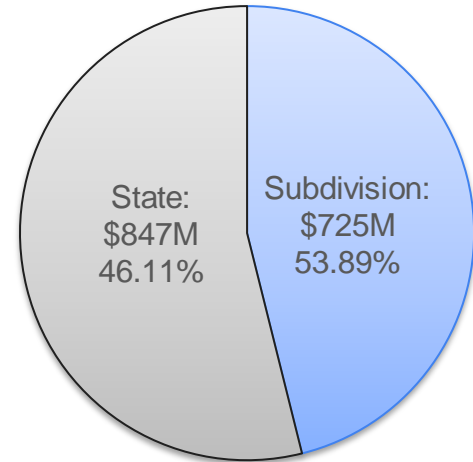
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Overview and Background of the Technical Assistance Collaborative (TAC)



Settlement Overview

- Total estimated funds coming to Michigan - \$1,572,482,366
- Total estimated state share - \$847,440,366
- Total estimated subdivision share - \$725,042,000
- Estimated totals from settlements with:
 - Distributors (McKesson, Cardinal Health, and AmerisourceBergen)
 - J&J
 - Walgreens
 - Walmart
 - CVS
 - Teva
 - Allergan
 - McKinsey & Co.
 - Mallinckrodt (bankruptcy)
 - Meijer



Investing the Opioid Settlement Funds

Principles for the Use of Funds From the Opioid Litigation – Johns Hopkins University

Developed by a coalition of organizations across the spectrum of the substance use field including physicians, addiction medicine specialists, recovery, treatment, and harm reduction. The Principles for the Use of Funds From the Opioid Litigation provide planning and process level guidance for state and local policymakers on how to effectively spend money from the opioid settlements.

- **Principle 1:** Spend money to save lives
- **Principle 2:** Use evidence to guide spending
- **Principle 3:** Invest in youth prevention
- **Principle 4:** Focus on racial equity
- **Principle 5:** Develop a fair and transparent process for deciding where to spend the funding

[Principles \(Johns Hopkins\)](#)



Opioid Remediation Definition

Care, treatment, and other programs and expenditures (including reimbursement for past such programs or expenditures except where this Agreement restricts the use of funds solely to future Opioid Remediation) designed to:

1. Address the misuse and abuse of opioid products,
2. Treat or mitigate opioid use or related disorders, or
3. Mitigate other alleged effects of the opioid abuse crisis, including on those injured as a result of the opioid abuse crisis. Exhibit E provides a non-exhaustive list of expenditures that qualify as being paid for Opioid Remediation. Qualifying expenditures may include reasonable related administrative expenses.



ABOUT THE TAC

- Technical Assistance Collaborative (TAC) established in April 2023
- Comprised of MSU, U-M, and WSU
- Partnership with MDHHS
- Provides technical assistance and expertise to communities at the county, municipal, and township levels receiving opioid settlement funds
- Focus on evidence-based, best practices, promising programs and strategies to remediate opioid overdose deaths
- Learning Series is an opportunity for government officials, communities, and the public to hear from our TAC experts on a monthly basis



Background of the TAC

Spring/Summer2022

Discussions with the Universities to provide technical assistance to counties

Fall 2022

Universities collectively submitted a proposal to establish the TAC with MDHHS

April 2023

TAC officially launched with support from MDHHS

Ongoing

MDHHS coordinates with the TAC and MAC to provide individualized TA and avoid duplicity



Connecting with Technical Assistance

County Government Requests

The Michigan Association of Counties: <https://micounties.org/opioid-settlement-resource-center/>

Email: dolinky@micounties.org

Phone: (847) 309-4340

City and Township Government Requests

MDHHS Settlement Website: www.Michigan.gov/Opioids/OpioidSettlements

Email: MDHHS-OpioidSettlementHelp@michigan.gov

Phone: (517) 420-4978



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Snapshot of Allowable Opioid Settlement Uses



Opioid Settlement in Michigan

- Settlement funds will be received over the next 18 years, beginning January 2023.
- Fifty percent (50%) of the settlement amount will be paid directly to county and local governments.
- Settlement payments must be used for opioid remediation.
- Seventy percent (70%) of the funds must be used for future opioid remediation.



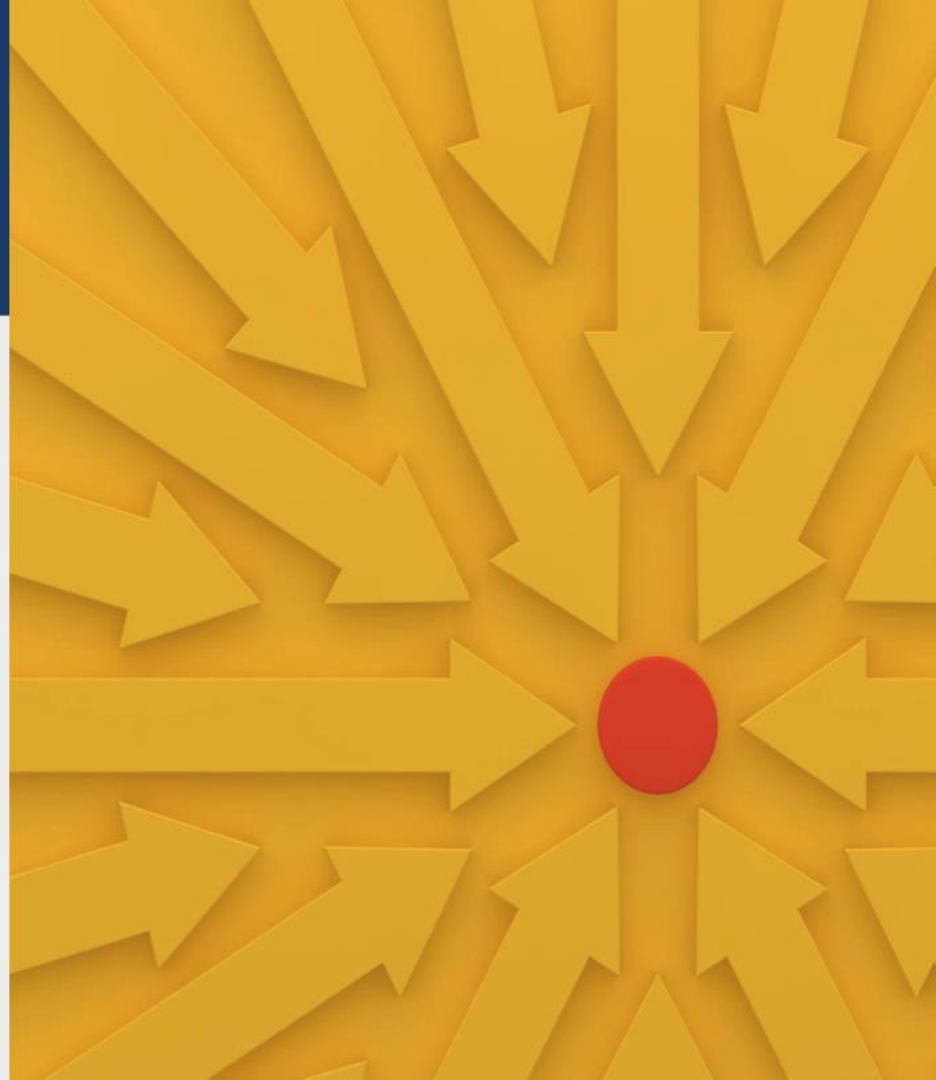
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Schedule A

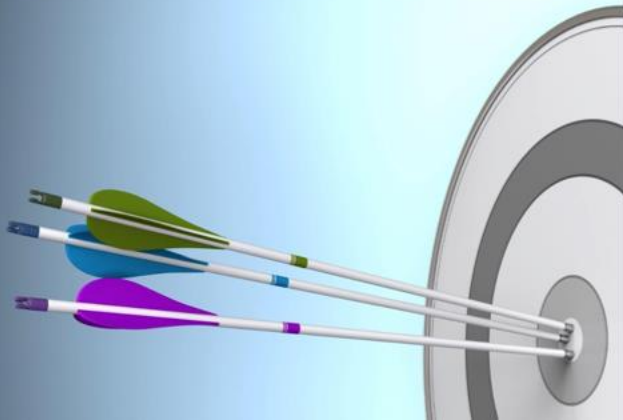
Core Strategies

Priority shall be given to the nine core strategies listed in **Schedule A**

- Outlines the priority areas to deploy specific strategies with the goal of remediating opioid use disorder in communities



Core Strategies



1. Naloxone for overdose reversal
2. Medication-assisted treatment (MAT) and other opioid-related treatment
3. Pregnant & postpartum women
4. Expanding treatment for neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS)
5. Expansion of “warm hand-off” programs and recovery services
6. Incarcerated population
7. Prevention programs
8. Syringe service programs
9. Evaluation of programs

Schedule B Approved Uses

Grantees shall choose from the abatement strategies or allowable uses listed in Schedule B

- List of allowable uses of the opioid settlement funding
- Focuses on **evidence-based or evidence-informed** programs or strategies
- Three sections: **Treatment, Prevention and Other**



Treatment (5 Categories)



- Treat Opioid Use Disorder (OUD)
- Support People in Treatment and Recovery
- Connections to Care
- Criminal Justice-Involved Persons
- Pregnant or Parenting Women and Their Families, Including Babies with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS)

Prevention (3 Categories)

- Appropriate Prescribing and Dispensing of Opioids
- Prevent Misuse of Opioids
- Prevent Overdose Deaths and Other Harms (Harm Reduction)



Other Strategies (4 Categories)



First
Responders



Leadership,
Planning and
Coordination



Training



Research

Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT)

MAT

- Increase distribution of MAT to uninsured and whose insurance does not cover
- Support forms of MAT as approved by FDA

Other opioid-related treatment

- Prevention and education
- Training and awareness
- Treatment and recovery



Summary

- Avoid a potential challenge of how funding was spent
- Stick with evidence-based or evidence-promising programs and strategies that have a connection in helping individuals with an OUD or co-occurring SUD/MH conditions and those at risk of these conditions
- In general, training to improve services or reduce stigma cuts across all domains
- Reach out to the TAC and MDHHS along with your county, municipal and township statewide organizations as resources and for expertise

TAC Learning Series

The TAC has hosted the following learning series webinars:

- May - *MSU Experts, Determining Local Needs and Assets through Engaged Community*
- June - *AAG & U-M Experts, Overview of the Opioid Settlements & Ensuring Compliance with the Opioid Settlement Agreements (Exhibit E)*
- July - *WSU Experts, Treating Opioid Use Disorder in Jails*



University of Michigan Resources

U-M is focused on taking Action to Save Lives by addressing the opioid epidemic in Michigan and across the U.S. through collaboration with communities and policymakers, and using Evidence-based Strategies.

Examples of U-M resources available to counties, municipalities and townships on the allowable uses and strategies:

- Telehealth services for treating OUD/SUD
- Best practice guidance for how to help children dealing with the loss of a caregiver to overdose
- Naloxone training and education
- Organization and implementation of community drug take back days
- Many other areas and topics



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*How to Engage Communities in Assessing
Needs & Priorities*



COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT PURPOSE

Identify community strengths and needs

Encourage community participation

Involve those who are affected

Inform long-term planning for sustainable and comprehensive services

COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT PROCESS



INTRODUCTORY
MEETING



PLANNING &
LOGISTICS



SURVEYS, FOCUS
GROUPS, AND
INTERVIEWS



ANALYSIS & REPORT
WRITING



Introductory Meeting

- Identify community partners and stakeholders within the county
- Develop guiding questions to steer the community assessment
- Determine any specific focuses of the assessment



Planning & Logistics

- Create focus group and survey questions
- Schedule focus groups and organize facilitators



Surveys, Focus Groups, and Interviews

- Conduct focus groups across the community
- Survey community members and organizations
- Interview community partners



Analysis & Report Writing

- Compile survey data
- Code focus group and interview data
- Analyze collected data
- Create a final report and any additional material (i.e.; presentation, RFP)



Identify major assets
and needs within the
community to inform
county
administration



Encourage
partnerships within
the community to
last beyond the
assessment process

COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT OUTCOMES

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Evaluation Technical Assistance



Opioid Settlement Evaluation Technical Assistance

The diagram consists of three identical, horizontally aligned boxes. Each box is composed of a dark green rounded rectangle in the background and a light gray rounded rectangle in the foreground. The light gray rectangles are slightly offset to the right and bottom relative to the dark green ones, creating a layered effect. Each light gray rectangle contains one of the three text items.

**Group
training**

**One-on-one
consultations**

**Shared
resources**

Evaluation Technical Assistance

Evaluation
Needs

Gathering
Information

Developing a
plan

Implementation

Reporting

Helping Communities Develop Evaluation Plans



ROADMAP FOR YOUR
EVALUATION



CLARIFIES YOUR GOALS
AND WHY YOU ARE
CONDUCTING AN
EVALUATION



HELPS SET EVALUATION
PRIORITIES BASED ON
YOUR GOALS



IDENTIFIES INDICATORS
AND METHODS FOR
DATA COLLECTION AND
ANALYSES



PROVIDES
INFORMATION FOR
FUNDERS AND
COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Preliminary Questions

- How much time and money do we have to invest?
- What other resources are available?
- Who do we want input from? Who are we leaving out?
- What do we want to learn?
- What are we focusing on? Process, outcomes, economics, or other things?
- How will we use the results?

Identifying Key Evaluation Questions

- Planning and Implementation
- Objectives and Outcomes
- Impact
- Appropriateness
- Effectiveness
- Efficiency



Questions identifying the extent to which project activities and/or outcomes were achieved.



Questions that capture relevant and useful information covering the range of issues that the evaluation wants to address.

Examples of Evaluation Questions



PROCESS: HOW IS THE PROGRAM BEING IMPLEMENTED? WHAT ARE THE BARRIERS AND FACILITATORS TO IMPLEMENTATION? ARE PARTICIPANTS BEING REACHED AS INTENDED?



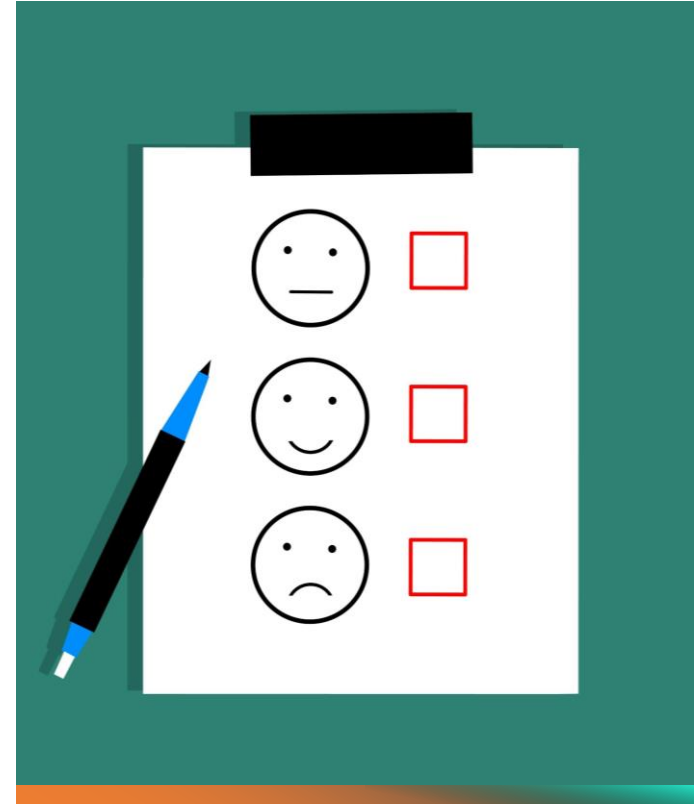
OUTCOME: HOW WELL DID THE PROGRAM WORK? HOW MANY CLIENTS WERE SERVED? HOW MUCH DID THEY BENEFIT?



ECONOMIC: WAS THE PROGRAM COST-EFFECTIVE? HOW CAN THE COST-BENEFIT BE ENHANCED?

Evaluation Plan Decisions

- **Deciding what to measure:** Identify Indicators, Process or Outcomes
- **Deciding how to measure:** Qualitative or Quantitative data, primary data collection, administrative data
- **Deciding on Data Collection:**
 - When to collect data?
 - What resources can we use to collect the data?
 - What methods to collect data (e.g. administrative records, key informant interviews)
 - Who will collect the data? Is it an Impartial person?



Help us help you!

Please type in the chat any specific areas you want us to cover related to Opioid Settlement evaluation or any ideas for future webinars.

Connect with us for consultations through the Opioid Settlement TA collaborative.



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Thank You!

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