

**STATE OF MARYLAND
Local Abatement Plan**

Per the State Subdivision Agreement, the Local Abatement Plan is required to be filed out by participating subdivisions at least every 5 years in order to receive Targeted Abatement Grant Funds. These funds account for 45% of the total funding received through Maryland settlements, whereas local direct accounts for 25%. Qualifying charter counties (Baltimore City and Anne Arundel), Baltimore, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery, and Prince George) are not required to complete this, but are strongly encouraged to for public transparency purposes.

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Plan Summary

The plan summary must provide a clear summary of the projects to be funded and the activities that will be conducted in service of the Local Abatement Plan. We will expand these cells for presentation purposes if needed, please fill out regardless if it all fits.

This Washington County Abatement Plan is the first one submitted on our county's behalf. As of FY25, none of the funds had yet been expended. This is the first plan submitted, and it includes twelve programs/initiatives that the county plans to focus on over the next five years. It is anticipated that there may be changing priorities and adjustments made to each of these and that each of them may become more narrow and more defined over time. Planned expenses were submitted as percentages with the understanding that these as well may need to be adjusted as progress is made or the landscape changes over the life of this Abatement Plan. The first priority for the county is to hire an Opioid Restitution Fund Manager who will oversee the plan and ensure that funds are spent in coordination with the submitted abatement plan as well as keep track of fund expenditures. For the School Based Prevention Program, the county will be working with and through the WCPS local school health council in delivery of programming. This leadership team is comprised of top professionals in all fields pertaining to social, emotional, physical and mental health of all WCPS students and have demonstrated avenues for delivery of prevention programming. Education and Training for First Responders will be a collaborative effort with County Health Department and Meritus Health.

Goals and Performance Measures

Please fill the chart out below. We encourage multiple measures for each project, please feel free to add rows as needed. This format is very similar to the annual report, just without numerical targets. We encourage you to develop those targets proactively as you will have to report on them, but given this template is for 5 years we are not asking for it here.

References:

[Exhibit E](#)

[OSPRI Indicators](#)

Project Title	Select the relevant Exhibit E Heading from the Drop-down list provided, either Schedule A Core Strategies, or Schedule B Approved Uses	Specific activity under Exhibit E Heading	Goal- what is the overall goal of this program?	Process measure- measures specific aspects of program activities or steps in processes that lead to an outcome. Consider: "What are we doing and how well are we doing it?". Often are count actions or verify a step has occurred.	Output Measure - demonstrates the immediate results of program delivery such as the amount of services delivered, the reach of services, or how much was accomplished. They answer the questions, "What did we deliver?" or "How many people did we reach?". Often are numbers of services, materials or participants reached.	KPI - Quantitative measures of specific results that address impact or changes achieved by the project. These commonly relate to quality, health outcomes, changes in behavior. Should be tied to your goal. Think of questions like "What difference did we make?" or "Are we achieving our goals?". Recommended using OSPRI if a Schedule A core strategy. 1 per project required.	Data source - where will you collect the data to track your KPI?
EXAMPLE: Naloxone access training for the community	SchA_A_NALOXONE_OR_OTHER_FDA_APPROVED_DRUG_TO_REVERSE_OPIOID_OVERDOSE	1 Expand training for first responders, schools, community support groups and families and	Increase the ability of community members to intervene in an opioid overdose emergency	Number of naloxone training events held	Number of community members trained in naloxone	Number and percentage of attendees who self report confidence in ability to intervene in overdose situation	Post training survey
School Based Prevention Programs in partnership with WCPS	SchA_G_PREVENTION_PROGRAMS	2 Funding for evidence-based prevention programs in schools;	Expand prevention services and education within the public school system	Number of WCPS sites offering evidence based curriculum and early intervention programming	Percentage of WCPS students being exposed annually to early intervention and prevention programming	Number of students who report increased understanding of OUD prevention strategies	Student/Parent Surveys
Community Wide Media Campaign	SchB_G_PREVENT_MISUSE_OF_OPIOIDS	1 Funding media campaigns to prevent opioid misuse.	Increase awareness of the harmful effects of opioid misuse	Development of a comprehensive overdose and prevention communication campaign	Number of people engaging through likes, clicks, shares, comments etc	Increase engagement and awareness of OUD in our community	Website and social media metrics
Support for community evidence based treatment and recovery programs	SchB_B_SUPPORT_PEOPLE_IN_TREATMENT_AND_RECOVERY	9 Identify successful recovery programs such as physician, pilot, and college recovery programs, and provide support and technical assistance to increase the number and capacity of high-quality programs to help those in recovery.	Increase success of treatment and recovery programs	Number of unique programs for individuals with OUD being served by community based treatment and recovery programs	Total number of individuals served	Number of individuals who report satisfaction with programming and services	Surveys of both individuals and program providers
Facilitation of Awareness Events and Town Halls	SchB_G_PREVENT_MISUSE_OF_OPIOIDS	7 Engaging non-profits and faith-based communities as systems to support prevention.	Expand countywide awareness of opioid misuse through engagement with local municipalities and community organizations.	Number of events facilitated to raise awareness of OUD in the community, provide training, and increase understanding of naloxone administration and Good Samaritan Laws.	Increase in community understanding of OUD and knowledge about with OUD	Number of individual attending town halls and awareness events	Tracking attendance data and doing post event follow ups with participants
Expanded Naloxone Education and Distribution through EMS	SchB_H_PREVENT_OVERDOSE_DEATHS_AND_OTHER_HARMIS_HARM_REDUCTION	1 Increased availability and distribution of naloxone and other drugs that treat overdoses for first responders, overdose patients, individuals with OUD and their friends and family members, schools, community navigators and outreach workers, persons being released from jail or prison, or other members of the general public.	Increased access to overdose prevention supplies and education by strategic distribution through county EMS department.	Number of naloxone kits distributed through EMS prevention and training events	Number of distributed kits that were used in overdose incidents	Number of overdose prevented	Dashboard for reporting by individuals trained at the EMS events
Targeted Treatment for Incarcerated Population	SchA_F_TREATMENT_FOR_INCARCERATED_POPULATION	2 Increase funding for jails to provide treatment to inmates with OUD.	Expand access of evidence-based treatment programming to incarcerated population	Establishment of evidence based screening procedures for identification of OUD upon the booking or entry process	Number of individuals identified as having OUD during entry into incarceration	Number of individuals receiving treatment during incarceration	Data collected from law enforcement
Education and Training for First Responders	SchB_I_FIRST_RESPONDERS	1 Education of law enforcement or other first responders regarding appropriate practices and precautions when dealing with fentanyl or other drugs	Increase knowledge of first responders to include best-practices for overdose response.	Number of trainings end educational workshops on OUD for first responders	Number of first responders receiving training in OUD	Increased use of best practices when responding overdose call	Survey of first responders
Hiring of an Opioid Restitution Fund Manager	SchB_J_LEADERSHIP_PLANNING_AND_COORDINATION	4 Provide resources to staff government oversight and management of opioid abatement program	Provide oversight of fund allocation and ensure appropriate use of settlement funds.	Staff hired to manage and provide oversight of the opioid abatement fund	Number of projects and programs implemented on a yearly basis	Numbers and percentage attendance and engagement with programs and initiatives	Monitoring and subsequent reporting
Support for community organization prevention programs aimed at children and families	SchB_G_PREVENT_MISUSE_OF_OPIOIDS	9 School-based or youth-focused programs or strategies that have demonstrated effectiveness in preventing drug misuse and seem likely to be effective in preventing the uptake and use of opioids.	Increase capacity of youth and family serving organizations to deliver on programs and services designed to prevent the use of opioids.	Number of community based organizations and programs targeted for family members, care givers, teachers, neighbors, and health care professionals to increase awareness of OUD and provide support for children and families	Percentage of community members who access programming designed to support children and families struggling with effects of OUD	Increased knowledge of community members in identifying signs of OUD in children and families	Survey data collected from participating community organizations
Dashboard for tracking and reporting use of funds	SchB_J_LEADERSHIP_PLANNING_AND_COORDINATION	2 A dashboard to (a) share reports, recommendations, or plans to spend opioid settlement funds; (b) to show how opioid settlement funds have been spent; (c) to report program or strategy outcomes; or (d) to track, share or visualize key opioid- or health-related indicators and supports as identified through collaborative statewide, regional, local or community processes.	Increase community awareness on the use of opioid settlement funds through a shared reporting process.	Development of a reliable and valid participant/organization reporting instrument	Number of community participants/partners providing up-to-date metrics and data for capture on tracking and reporting tool	Increased in more up-to-date and reliable measurements for tracking progress on OUD prevention strategies	Dashboard Reporting Tool
Coordination of county wide organizations and agencies to prevent duplication of services	SchB_K_TRAINING	2 Support infrastructure and staffing for collaborative cross-system coordination to prevent opioid misuse, prevent overdoses, and treat those with OUD and any cooccurring SUD/NM conditions, or implement other strategies to abate the opioid epidemic described in this opioid abatement strategy list (e.g., health care, primary care, pharmacies, PDMPs, etc.)	Increase collaboration of community institutions and organizations to avoid overlap and duplication of services.	Number of diverse stakeholders engaged in collaborative effort to address OUD	Number of stakeholders who are actively involved in planning and implementation of strategies to reduce OUD	Increase in the number of community stakeholders working together in a collaborative effort to reduce OUD	Surveys of both individuals and community organizations
Monitoring and reporting on programs and initiatives funded through the abatement plan	SchB_L_RESEARCH	1 Monitoring, surveillance, data collection and evaluation of programs and strategies described in this opioid abatement strategy list	Maintain up to date monitoring and reporting on strategies being funded through the ORF.	Development of annual needs assessment based on collected data	Timely and accurate countywide data and statistics being funded through the ORF.	Increase in accurate and timely OUD data to help in determine effectiveness of program and strategies implemented	Dashboard Reporting Tool

Spend Plan

Detailed explanation of planned expense. Please provide an estimated % of funds (or dollar amount if you wish) allocated each project, if salaries are included please indicate FTEs per position.

1. School-based prevention programs with WCPS 10% 2. Community wide media campaign 5% 3. Support for community evidence-based treatment and recovery programs 10% 4. Facilitation of Awareness

events and town halls 5% 5. Expand naloxone education and distribution through EMS 10% 6. Targeted treatment for incarcerated population 15% 7. Education and training for first responders 5% 8. Hiring of an opioid restitution fund manager (1 Full-Time Staff Person) 15% 9. Support for community organization prevention programs aimed at children and families 10% 10. Development of dashboard for tracking and reporting use of funds 5% 11. Coordination of countywide organizations and agencies to prevent duplication of services 5% 12. Monitoring and reporting on programs and initiatives funded through the abatement plan 5%

[By signing below, you agree to spend the opioid settlement funds received through the Targeted Abatement Fund in accordance with the plan established above and the allowable uses under State Finance and Procurement Article 7334 and Exhibit F of the national settlements](#)

Additionally, your signature below certifies that your county/municipality has established a Local Abatement Fund, as required by the State Subdivision Agreement, and that all opioid settlement funds will be held in this fund.

VII. AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL SIGNATURE:	
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