



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD (BHAB) ACTION ITEM AUGUST 3, 2023

RECEIVE UPDATE ON OPIOID SETTLEMENT FRAMEWORK AND AUTHORIZE ANNUAL UPDATES ON THE OPIOID SETTLEMENT FRAMEWORK BUDGET PLAN

In response to the regional overdose crisis, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) has approved the following actions including, but not limited to:

- Adoption of the County's Comprehensive Harm Reduction Strategy (June 8, 2021 (4));
- Approval of a media campaign to prevent fentanyl overdoses in youth (October 19, 2021 (2));
- Declaring Illicit Fentanyl a Public Health Crisis (June 28, 2022 (22));
- Enhancing Fentanyl Education and Strengthening Harm Reduction Efforts for Young People (October 11, 2022 (11));
- Adoption of the San Diego County Opioid Settlement Framework (October 25, 2022 (20)); and
- Update on Opioid Settlement Framework Implementation and Harm Reduction Media Campaigns (May 23, 2023 (26)).

These actions provide an update on Opioid Settlement Framework priorities that are in alignment with allowable spending uses defined in the Opioid Settlement Agreements guidelines set forth by the California Department of Health Care Services pursuant to Board direction on May 23, 2023 (26), and authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to report back to the Board annually on updates to the Opioid Settlement Framework budget plan in alignment with any new State guidelines.

This item supports the County's vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically left behind, as well as the ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. This will be accomplished by investing in access for care, support, outreach, and education for those impacted by the opioid crisis.

It is, THEREFORE, staff's recommendation that BHAB supports the approvals and authorizations needed to implement the above recommendation.