



Opioid Steering Committee is hosting: Community Learning Session

Governor Tim Walz signed a bill that directs how the state will spend the opioid lawsuit settlement dollars. Beltrami County Public Health, as the Chief Strategists, are committed to preventing and reducing the negative impacts associated with opioid misuse, opioid use disorder, and overdose deaths.

To determine how to prioritize use of these funds, the Opioid Steering Committee is requesting your presence at one of the following Community Learning Sessions:

Save the date:

Tuesday, October 24, 2023 – Beltrami Electric Community Room 4111
Technology Dr NW, Bemidji. Time: 5:30-7:00pm

or

Monday, October 30, 2023 – Blackduck Golf Course Club House 20857
Blackduck Lake Rd NE, Blackduck. Time: 5:30-7:00pm

This committee serves to prioritize use of settlement funds and the purpose is to advise/ offer guidance on directing settlement funds across broad categories including prevention, criminal justice, treatment, recovery, and harm reduction. The steering committee will be providing the community with an update on current funds and how the funding is allowed to be spent.

If you have a vested interest in joining this solution-based group, we would like to invite you to attend this learning session as an opportunity to let you voice be heard.

There are three goals for these events: provide opportunities for as many citizens to attend by hosting two sessions, provide the community with education related to the settlement and Beltrami data related to the opioid crisis, and most importantly gather input from the community of Beltrami County to learn where our greatest needs are.

Should you have any questions please contact:

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NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT

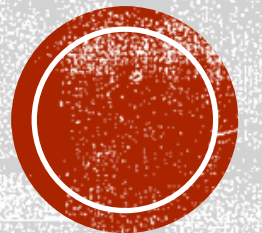
Community Presentation, 2023

Amy Bowles, RN BSN MSN PHN

PH Director & CHB Administrator, Chief Strategist

Monica Thul

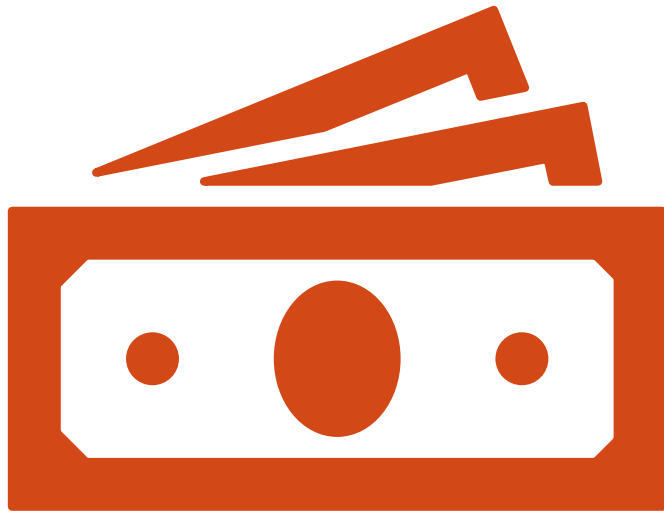
Family Health Clinic Manager, Chief Strategist



BACKGROUND

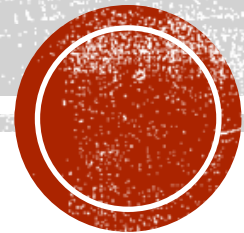
- In August 2021, the Office of the Minnesota Attorney General joined a \$26 billion multistate settlement agreement
- This settlement is an 18-year payout





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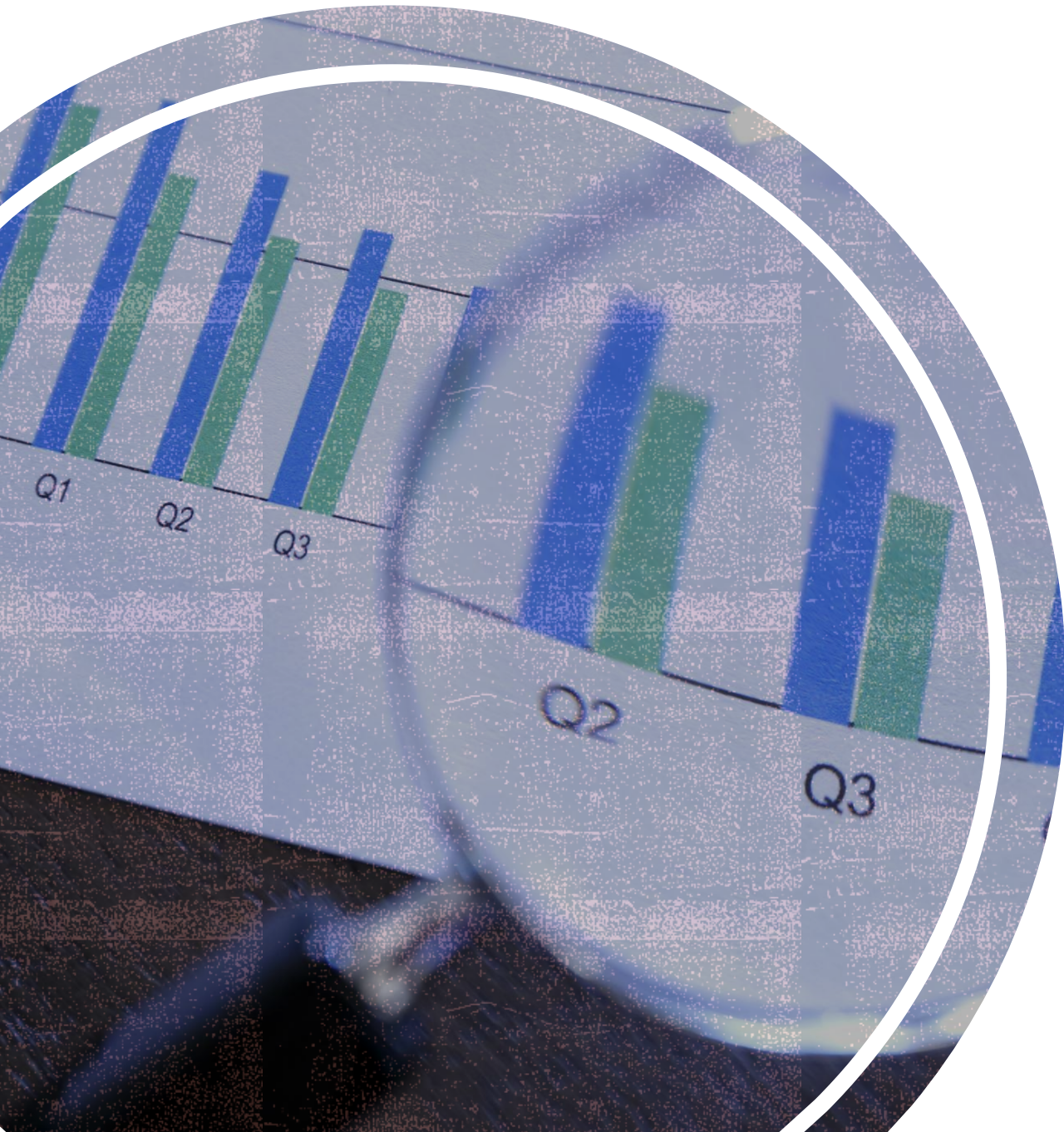
- \$ Anticipated, from 2022 through 2038:
\$2,826,466**
- \$ To date, October 2023, received
\$389,363.86**





**MINNESOTA MOA:
GENERAL**

- **Public Health – Chief Strategist**
- **Annual Meeting – Annual Updates**
- **Opioid Remediation Uses**
- **Local Abatement Funds Allocation**



MINNESOTA MOA: EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICE

- **Counties will have to make difficult decisions to determine where the funding will have the largest impact**
- **Examples of Evidence Based Models:**
 - ***Johns Hopkins Principles of Spending***
 - ***Colorado Blueprint***



**Steering
Committee**

Up to 17
Members

**Beltrami
County Board**

County
Administrators

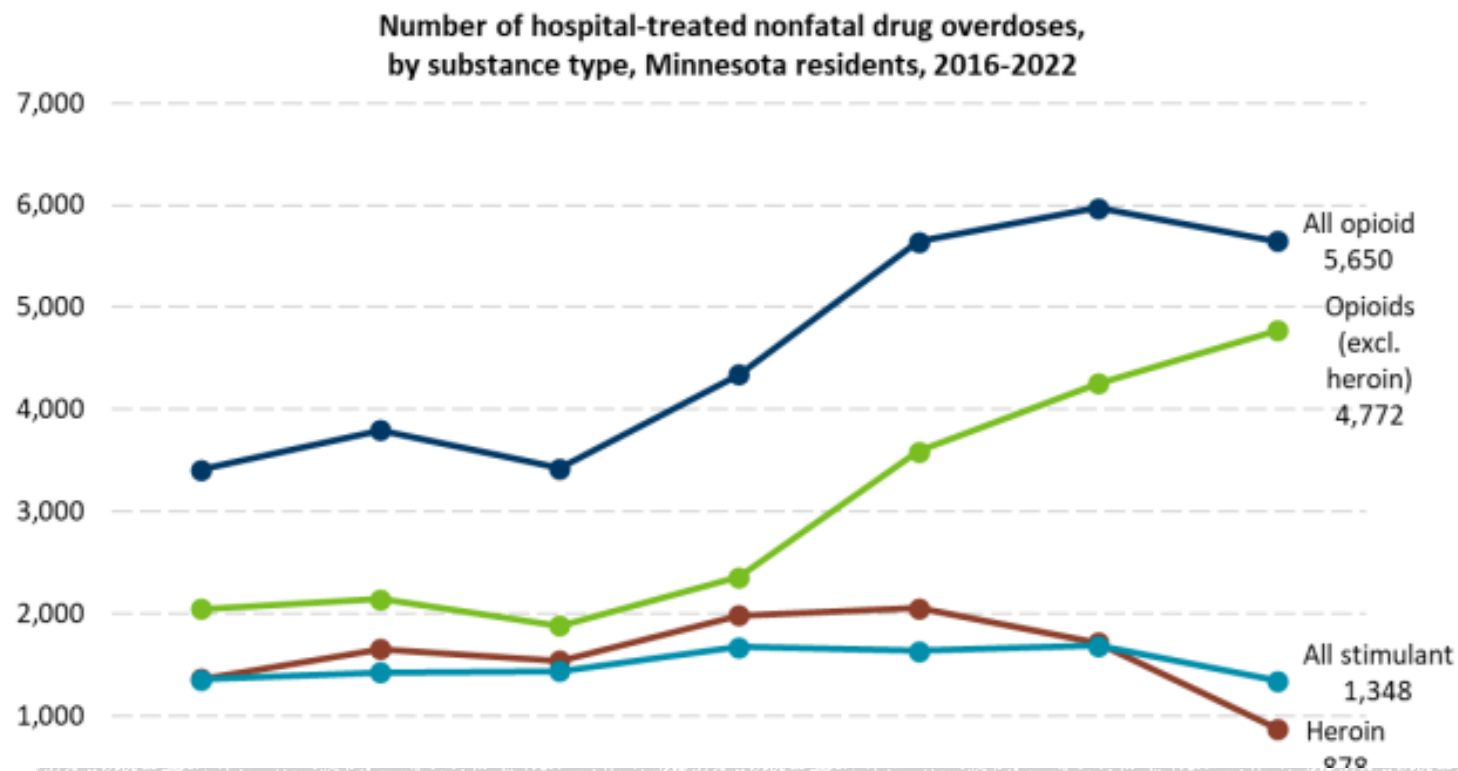
**Community
Engagement**

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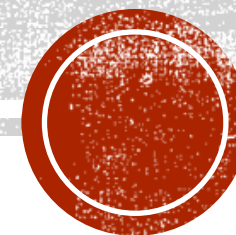
OPIOID TEAMS



Figure 3. From 2021 to 2022, the number of hospital-treated nonfatal overdoses involving an opioid other than heroin, like fentanyl, increased while the number of nonfatal drug overdoses involving heroin substantially decreased.



**CURRENT
DATA FOR
MINNESOTA**



- Bi-monthly Committee meetings
- Monthly county meetings
- Focus on Prevention, Criminal justice, Treatment and recovery, Harm reduction, evidence bases approaches
- Here to open it up for conversation



NEXT STEPS

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