

Strategies for State-Local Collaboration in Opioid Settlement Spending: Spotlight on Nevada and Wisconsin

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Logistics

- This webinar is being recorded and will be posted to the NASHP website
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- Use the chat function to ask questions at any time, we will get to as many as possible during the Q&A
- Thank you!

Agenda

- Welcoming Remarks & Overview of NASHP's Opioid Settlement Work
 - Katie Greene, Director, Public Health, NASHP
- State Presentations (12:10-12:30)
 - **Dawn Yohey**, Clinical Program Planner, Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (12:10-12:15)
 - **Mark Krueger**, Chief Deputy Attorney General, Nevada Attorney General's Office (12:15-12:20)
 - **Paul Krupski**, Director of Opioid Initiatives, Wisconsin Department of Health Services (12:20-12:25)
 - **Jon Doemel**, County Executive, Winnebago County, Wisconsin (12:25-12:30)
- Q&A

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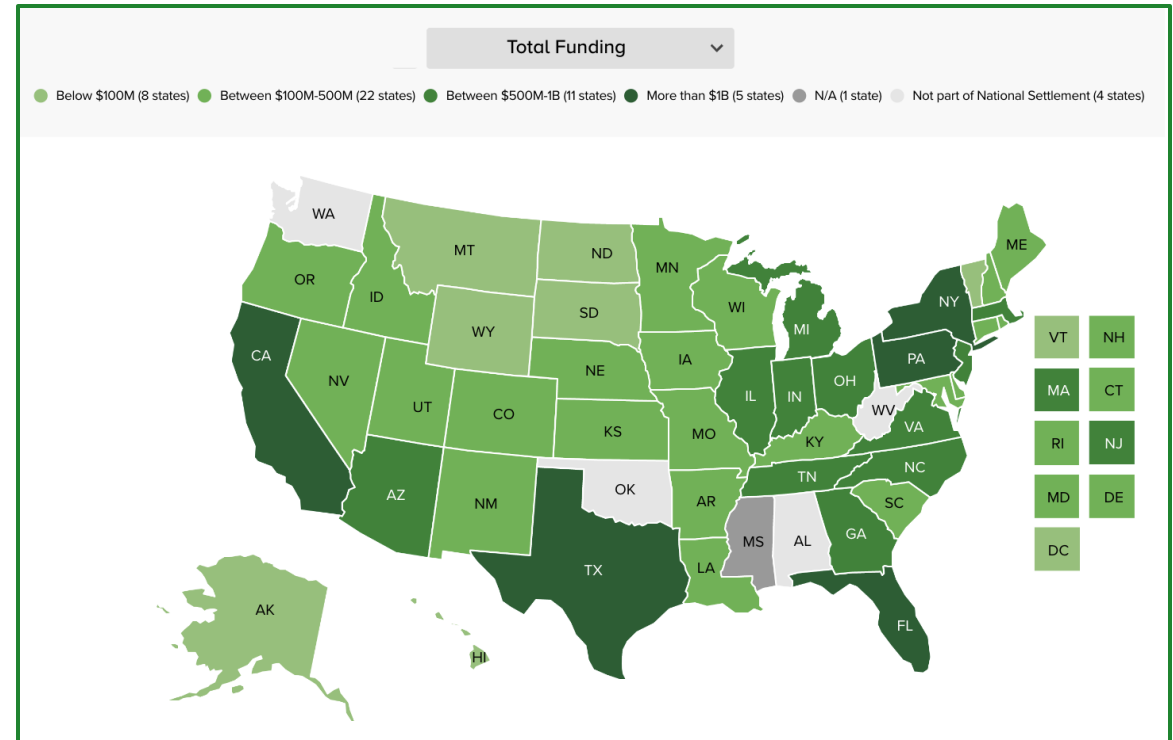
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Settlement Planning Resources for States

- Check of NASHP's Opioid Resource Center for resources on opioid settlement planning and other OUD resources
 - [Tracker](#): *State Approaches for Distribution of National Opioid Settlement Funding*
 - [Issue Brief](#): *Understanding Opioid Settlement Spending Plans Across States: Key Components and Approaches*
 - [Case study](#): *Three State Examples of Opioid Abatement Administration*
 - [Webinar](#): *State Opioid Settlements: Spotlight on Maine*



Today's Speakers

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- Clinical Program Planner, Nevada Department of Health and Human Services

- Mark Krueger

- Chief Deputy Attorney General, Nevada Attorney General's Office

- Paul Krupski

- Director of Opioid Initiatives, Wisconsin Department of Health Services

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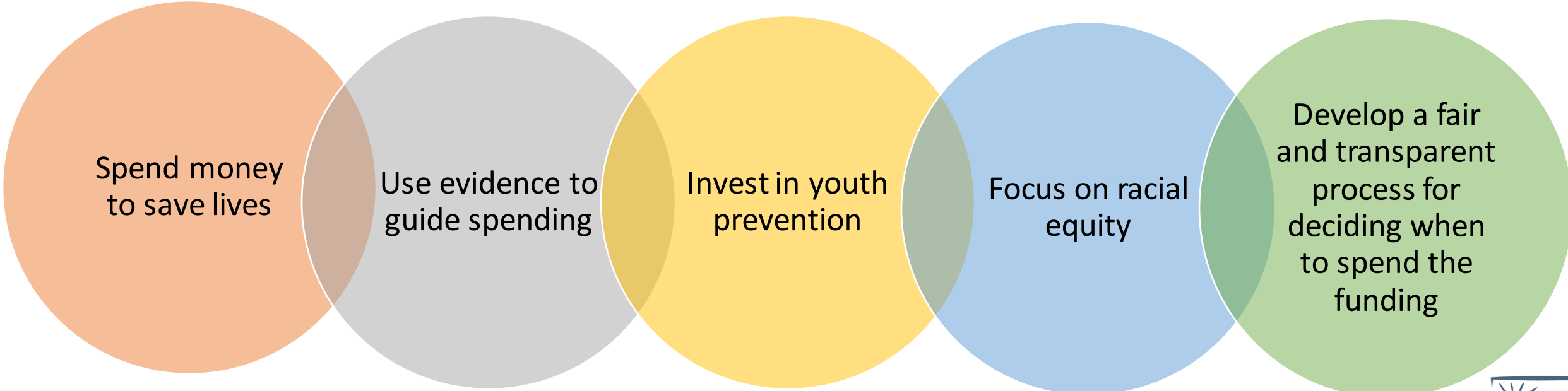


Agenda

- History and Legislation
- Needs Assessment and Statewide Plan
- One Nevada Agreement
- State-Local Collaboration and Coordination



Principles for the Use of Funds from the Opioid Litigation (Johns Hopkins; 2021)



Spend money to save lives

Use evidence to guide spending

Invest in youth prevention

Focus on racial equity

Develop a fair and transparent process for deciding when to spend the funding

Advisory Committee for a Resilient Nevada (ACRN)

NRS 433.726 created ACRN, which is comprised of members who range from subject matter experts in their fields to consumers or family members who have been affected by the opioid epidemic.

Their primary goal was to prioritize recommendations based on the needs assessment, in a report to the director, for the potential allocation of funds.



Fund for a Resilient Nevada

The legislation also created the Fund for a Resilient Nevada:

- This was created by Senate Bill (SB) 390 (2021), now codified in *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) 433.712 through NRS 433.744.
- Is the fund where the State's portion of recoveries is deposited after payment to counties and the lead litigator costs and fees.
- Managed by the Department of Health and Human Services.
- **Requires the funds to be used to abate the opioids epidemic through evidenced based programs and services.**



Statewide Needs Assessment

NRS 433.734 Requires DHHS to create a State Needs Assessment

This Needs Assessment is created by:

- Using the damages report in the opioid litigation, qualitative and quantitative data, and evidence-based practices;
- Using community-based participatory research or similar methods to conduct outreach to groups impacted by opioids;
- Outreach to governmental agencies who interact with groups impacted such as public safety, corrections, courts, juvenile justice agencies, etc.; and
- Through input and advisement from the Advisory Committee and other sources including public meetings, and regional, local, and tribal agencies.



Statewide Plan

The State Plan:

- For DHHS to determine what programs and services identified in the Needs Assessment should be prioritized for funding.
- **May be allocated to statewide projects – NRS 433.738(2)(a).**
 - Must be updated every 4 years and requires annual reports to the Nevada Legislature.
- **May be allocated through grants to regional, county, local and tribal government agencies and private-sector organizations whose work relates to opioid use disorder and other substance use disorders. – NRS 433.738(2)(b).**
 - Requires annual reports by grantees to DHHS on the use of the funds to ensure compliance.
 - In making an award, DHHS is required to consider the applicant's opioid-related recoveries or anticipated recoveries.



One Nevada Agreement

Nevada, all Nevada counties, and all Nevada opioid litigating cities and districts are signatories to the One Nevada Agreement on Opioid Recoveries:

- This agreement fairly and equitably allocates recoveries from opioid settlements and bankruptcies between the signatories.
- Shares lead litigator costs and other potential Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Medicaid costs, if any, which are deducted prior to allocation.
- **Requires use of the money for abatement of the opioid epidemic through evidenced-based programs and services in line with those provided for in NRS 433.712 through 433.744.**
- **Requires annual reports on the use of the funds to ensure compliance.**
 - The State and local governments may use up to the amount in a court order or 8%, whichever is less, to manage the use of the money.

State and Local Governments Opioid Settlement Litigation Funding Distribution

AG Settlement Funding

- Settlement Funding Received
- Costs and Fees Removed
- Remainder to One Nevada Allocation Agreement

One Nevada Agreement

- Counties and cities Funds allocated to Counties and cities to be used for abatement
- Requires reporting
- State Funds to be deposited in the Fund for Resilient Nevada
- Requires funds be spent consistent with NRS 433.712 through 433.744

Fund for Resilient Nevada

- Managed by DHHS
- Establish State Needs Assessment
- Determine funding priorities in State Plan
- Funding distributed through State agency budget allocations
- Possible distributions through State procurement processes
- Requires county (or regional counties) and tribal governmental agencies needs assessments and plans
- Requires Legislative and DHHS reporting



State and Local Collaboration

Through a collaboration with Nevada Association of Counties (NACo) a needs assessment template was developed and provided to all counties that participated in the One Nevada Agreement.

Pursuant to NRS 433.742 and 433.744 County (or regional counties) and tribal governmental agencies should:

- Create needs assessment and Plans
- Establish policies and procedures for the administration and distribution of grant money
- Reach out to community stakeholders for support to develop needs assessments and plans (coalitions, providers, etc.);
- Collaborate and coordinate work with other counties, as well as cities and tribes within those counties, to establish programs and services to abate the opioids epidemic; and
- Coordinate with DHHS to ensure the programs are working together.



Technical Assistance

Per NRS 433.740 any county that would like to apply for state funds must have a needs assessment and state plan; therefore, there is the ability for the department to coordinate with and provide support to regional, local and tribal governmental entities in conducting needs assessments and developing plans.

This includes data requests to counties from the DHHS Office of Analytics.



Questions?



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Acronyms

- ACRN- Advisory Committee for a Resilient Nevada
- CMS - Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
- NACo- Nevada Association of Counties
- NRS- Nevada Revised Statutes
- SB - Senate Bill



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Wisconsin Opioid Settlement Overview

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Opioid Settlements

Overview

- Act 57 allocates 30 percent of settlement proceeds to DHS. The remaining 70 percent of the settlement proceeds will be provided to local governments that were party to the litigation.
- Act 57 requires DHS to submit a plan to JCF for expending opioid settlement funds by April 1st annually.
- DHS submitted an initial plan on April 1st, 2022 and worked with the Legislature to address concerns, ultimately gaining approval on September 8th, 2022

DHS listening sessions

Purpose

The purpose of the Opioid Settlement Listening Sessions was to gather big-picture input from a broad group of stakeholders to inform the Department of Health Services' use of future opioid settlement funds.

What We Did

- 12 sessions held between Jan 12-28
 - 2 in each region
 - 2 evening sessions
- Survey link available for written feedback



By the Numbers

518
number of
attendees

326
number of surveys
submitted

Post-listening sessions

- Analyzed listening session input and survey responses
- Developed a list of recommendations
- Released report summarizing what we heard
- Input from listening sessions used as guidance for DHS opioid settlement plan.

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p03211.pdf>

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The Opioid Epidemic: You Spoke, We Listened

In January 2022, we listened to Wisconsinites explain the profound impact of the opioid epidemic and potential strategies to save lives. Our goal was to gather big-picture input from a broad group of stakeholders to inform our use of future opioid settlement funds. Here's an overview of who we heard from and the powerful messages they shared.

How We Collected Input		Participants*
Listening Sessions	Survey	269 Providers and stakeholders
518 Attendees	326 Respondents	172 Families/friends of individuals with substance use disorder
113 Speakers	897 Comments	71 Individuals with lived experience

*Participants may have identified with more than one group, or no groups

Summary: Invest across the continuum, from prevention to recovery.

ADDRESS ROOT CAUSES	ENHANCE HARM REDUCTION	SUPPORT RECOVERY
Address the social determinants of health. Improve access to mental health services. Bolster family stability. Reduce trauma.	Maintain and expand harm reduction strategies, including needle exchange, safe use sites, increased access and use of naloxone/NARCAN®, and fentanyl test strips.	Support individuals in recovery with targeted wraparound services. Provide direct support to families with a loved one with substance use disorder.

PREVENT PROACTIVELY	EXPAND TREATMENT OPTIONS
Provide evidence-based education, especially in K-12 schools, as well as in communities. Consider including the voices of those with lived experience to reduce stigma in communities.	Increase the accessibility and availability of all forms of treatment that follow best practices. Ensure equity in the location and delivery of treatment options.

Essential: Support policies and systems change.

DHS Plan

Overview

- DHS received a total of \$31 million in payments in CY2022.
- DHS has begun awarding funding.

Overview

- **Strategies and Projects include:**
 - Making immediate investments in harm reduction by increasing the availability of NARCAN® and fentanyl test strips around the state.
 - Funding for tribal nations to address the dramatic increase in opioid overdose deaths.
 - Enhancing data collection and surveillance.
 - Prevention efforts in schools.
 - Expanding MOUD treatment.
 - Room and board costs for Medicaid members in residential substance use disorder treatment.
 - Expand the hub-and-spoke health home pilot program.
 - Community-based prevention programs.
 - Making investments in new and updated treatment facilities.

Collaboration with Counties

WCA summits

- Wisconsin Counties Association began hosting summits in August 2022.
- 2 summits held, a third scheduled for January.
- DHS has been a partner and participated in all summits.

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