RESOLUTION

20-2025

TO DIRECT THE EXPENDITURE OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS

WHEREAS Caldwell County has joined national settlement agreements with companies engaged in the manufacturing, distribution, and dispensing of opioids.

WHEREAS the allocation, use, and reporting of funds stemming from these national settlement agreements and bankruptcy resolutions ("Opioid Settlement Funds") are governed by the Memorandum of Agreement Between the State of North Carolina and Local Governments on Proceeds Relating to the Settlement of Opioid Litigation ("MOA"), the Supplemental Agreement for Additional Funds from Additional Settlements of Opioid Litigation ("SAAF"), and SAAF-2;

WHEREAS Caldwell County has received Opioid Settlement Funds pursuant to these national settlement agreements and deposited the Opioid Settlement Funds in a separate special revenue fund as required by section D of the MOA;

WHEREAS section E.6 of the MOA states that, before spending opioid settlement funds, the local government's governing body must adopt a resolution that:

(i) indicates that it is an authorization for expenditure of opioid settlement funds; and,
(ii) states the specific strategy or strategies the county or municipality intends to fund pursuant to Option A or Option B, using the item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to identify each funded strategy; and,
(iii) states the amount dedicated to each strategy for a specific period of time.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in alignment with the NC MOA, SAAF, and SAAF-2, Caldwell County authorizes the expenditure of opioid settlement funds as follows:

1. First strategy authorized
    a. Name of strategy: Post-Overdose Response Team
    b. Strategy is included in Exhibit: A
    c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: Exhibit A, Strategy 8
    d. Amount authorized for this strategy: $658,795.00
    e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
        Start date July 01, 2025, through End date June 30, 2026
    f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Provide services as a PORT, outlined by the NCDHHS PORT Toolkit. The Caldwell County RESTART PORT will

actively connect persons who have experienced non-fatal drug overdoses to addiction/mental health treatment, recovery support, harm reduction services, primary healthcare, and/or other services or supports needed to improve the overall health or well-being.

g. Provider: Caldwell County RESTART

2. Second strategy authorized
    a. Name of strategy: Evidence-based Addiction Treatment
    b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
    c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: Exhibit A, Strategy 2
    d. Amount authorized for this strategy: $5,000.00
    e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
        Start date July 01, 2025, through End date June 30, 2026
    f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Support evidence-based addiction treatment consistent with the American Society of Addiction Medicine's national practice guidelines for the treatment of opioid use disorder – specifically Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) with any medication approved for this purpose by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration – through Opioid Treatment Programs, qualified providers of Office-Based Opioid Treatment, Federally Qualified Health Centers, treatment offered in conjunction with justice system programs, or other community-based programs offering evidence based addiction treatment.
    g. Provider: Caldwell County RESTART.

3. Third authorized strategy
    a. Name of strategy: Naloxone Distribution
    b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
    c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: Exhibit A, Strategy 7
    d. Amount authorized for this strategy: $ 20,000
    e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
        Start date July 01, 2025, through End date June 30, 2026
    f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Distribute naloxone to persons at risk of overdose or their social networks, through our post-overdose response team, program that provides naloxone to persons upon release from jail. Distribute naloxone to emergency medical service providers to provide naloxone to persons at risk of overdose, or other community-based organizations that provide services to people who use drugs.
    g. Provider: Caldwell County RESTART.

4. Fourth authorized strategy
    a. Name of strategy: Recovery Support Services
    b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
    c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: Exhibit A, Strategy 3
    d. Amount authorized for this strategy: $ 82,000.00

e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
   Start date April 01, 2025, through End date June 30, 2026
f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Fund a Recovery/Treatment Court Coordinator position. Position is responsible for overall administration of the Recovery/Treatment Court Program, including conducting screening/assessment of potential Program candidates and presenting cases for consideration at Team meetings. Reviewing with participants and potential participants the Participation Contract and the Participant Handbook, monitoring collection of Program evaluation information, progress reports as required by the Recovery/Treatment Court, coordination of Staffing Team meetings, sharing of information among and providing resources to Team members as needed.
g. Provider: Caldwell County RESTART.

The total dollar amount of Opioid Settlement Funds appropriated across the above named and authorized strategies is $765,795.00

Adopted this the _____ day of _____, 2025.

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Randy Church, Chairman of the Board
Caldwell County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Abby Rich, NCCCC County Clerk