A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNTY OF CALDWELL

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: $654,525.25
    e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
        Start date July 1, 2026, through End date June 30, 2027
    f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Provide services as a PORT, outlined by the NCDHHS PORT Toolkit. The Caldwell County 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 PORT

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 1, 2026, through End date June 30, 2027
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 PORT

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: $ 10,000.00
e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date July 1, 2026, through End date June 30, 2027
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. 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 PORT.

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: $144,911.75
e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date July 1, 2026, through End date June 30, 2027
f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Fund a Recovery/Treatment Court Coordinator position, a Recovery/Treatment Court Peer Support Specialist, and provide transportation assistance for recovery program participants. The coordinator is responsible for the overall administration of the Recovery/Treatment Court Program, including conducting screenings and assessments of potential program candidates and presenting cases for consideration at team meetings. Additional responsibilities include reviewing participation agreements and program handbooks with participants, monitoring

and compiling program evaluation data and progress reports as required by the Recovery/Treatment court, coordinating staffing and team meetings, facilitating communication among team members, and connecting participants and staff with appropriate resources as needed. The Recovery/Treatment Court Coordinator will be responsible for directly supervising the Recovery/Treatment Court Peer Support Specialist.

g. Provider: Caldwell County PORT.

The total dollar amount of Opioid Settlement Funds appropriated across the above named and authorized strategies is $814,437.00.

Adopted this the 22nd day of June 2026.

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

ATTEST:

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Tasha Brown, County Clerk