

Resolution 2024-21

**AN RESOLUTION OF THE MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CREATING THE OPIOID SETTLEMENT APPLICATION REVIEW BOARD**

WHEREAS, from 2012 through 2016, there were fifty-eight (58) Indiana counties which had an opioid prescribing rate of greater than 100 percent per 100 residents and like most counties in Indiana, Monroe County and its residents were and continue to be significantly impacted by the opioid epidemic; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the impact suffered by Monroe County and its residents, Monroe County shall receive distributions through 2038 in an estimated amount of \$5,000,000.00 of settlement funds secured by the Attorney General's Office as a result of settlements in litigation with opioid manufacturers and distributors; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Board of Commissioners recognize that the opioid epidemic has a compounding ripple effect throughout Monroe County affecting public health, economic opportunities, and the quality of life of all Monroe County residents; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Board of Commissioners seeks to fight the epidemic and the negative impacts said epidemic has on Monroe County and its residents by approving the use of opioid settlement funds by nonprofit entities, county departments and/or individuals focused on combating substance use disorders; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Board of Commissioners finds it in the best interest of the County to form an Opioid Settlement Application Review Board to review applications submitted by the nonprofit entities, county departments and/or individuals for projects/services related to the opioid epidemic and to make recommendations for opioid settlement fund uses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA.

Section 1. Creation.

The Monroe County Opioid Settlement Application Review Board is hereby created pursuant to Monroe County's Home Rule Authority which is statutorily established by Indiana Code §36-1-3.

Section 2. Membership and Terms

- A. The Opioid Settlement Application Review Board shall be composed of five (5) members and one (1) ex-officio member whose presence will not count for quorum purposes.

Members should be residents of the County and/or employees of County departments. The Members should be appointed as follows:

- a. Two (2) representative chosen by the Monroe County Board of Commissioners;
 - b. Two (2) representative chosen by the Monroe County Council. One member appointed by the Council should have lived experience as it pertains to the opioid crisis and/or a substance use disorder;
 - c. One (1) representative of the Monroe County Health Department recommended by the Board of Health
 - d. One (1) representative of the Auditor's Office as an ex-officio member.
- B. Members shall serve terms of two (2) years in duration in accordance with Monroe County Code chapter 216. To create staggered appointments, the appointments of the member with lived experience, the representative of the Monroe County Health Department and the representative chosen by the Monroe County Board of Commissioners will expire ending on December 31, 2024. The remaining two (2) members' appointment will expire on December 31, 2025. All subsequent appointments will be two (2) year terms as referenced herein.
- C. Members may be removed by the authority that appointed them for any reason.
- D. The Opioid Settlement Application Review Board shall remain in existence until all available opioid settlement funds provided to Monroe County have been committed to project/programs and/or until termination by the Monroe County Board of Commissionerse occurs.

Section 3. Duties.

A. Application Review Process.

- a. The Opioid Settlement Application Review Board shall review applications submitted by nonprofit entities and or county departments for projects/programs that combat substance use disorder within Monroe County and that are proposed to be funded through Opioid Settlement funds received by Monroe County.

Application reviews shall be conducted quarterly occurring at the end of March, June, September, December. In the event that the Opioid Settlement Application Review Board determines that application reviews should be conducted less frequent, the Board may adopt by a majority vote an alternate review schedule.

- b. When reviewing applications, the Opioid Settlement Review Board shall review applications for compliance with and apply the criteria set forth in the

established application process as outlined in the “Monroe County Opioid Settlement Funding Proposal Procedure” document, which is marked as “Exhibit A”, attached, and incorporated herein. The following criteria applies:

1. Applicants must be:
 - i. An organization that is a nonprofit entity registered as a 501(c)(3), 501(c)(19) or a county department working on combating substance use; or
 - ii. An individual that meets the criteria to be a certified addiction peer recovery coach I or II and is seeking funding for both training and testing.
 - iii. Not any of the following governmental units: the City of Bloomington, the Town of Ellettsville, and/or the Town of Stinesville.

- c. A member of the Opioid Settlement Application Board shall recuse him/herself from any review and/or approval of all applications discussed during a quarterly review meeting if the member has a fiduciary interest within a nonprofit entity and/or county department that has applied for funding. This includes but is not limited to members who are employed by the applicant organization. A member may not appoint a proxy in the event that he/she has to recuse him/herself.

- d. A member of the Opioid Settlement Application Board shall recuse him/herself from any review and/or approval of all applications discussed during a quarterly review meeting if the member is related to and/or has a relationship with an individual applying for funding to be a certified addiction peer recovery coach I or II and is seeking funding for both training and testing. A member may not appoint a proxy in the event that he/she has to recuse him/herself.

B. *Application Recommendation Process.*

- a. After reviewing said applications, the Opioid Settlement Application Review Board shall make recommendations to the Board of Commissioners and Council regarding the approval of project/program applications.
 - i. Recommendations shall be to fund projects/programs that fall within a statutory allowable use, take into consideration the priorities and guidelines set forth by the State of Indiana in the litigation settlement exhibits, and that align with the goals of Monroe County government to fight the opioid epidemic and to support individuals directly impacted by the epidemic and/or those seeking or in treatment and recovery in Monroe County.

- ii. Recommendations shall be approved by the Opioid Settlement Application Review Board by a majority vote of no less than three (3) members in-person. Members who recuse themselves from a vote will not count towards this majority. If someone recuses himself/herself, no proxy is allowed to temporarily sit in for that person.
- iii. Recommendations shall be approved by the Board of Commissioners. Thereafter, the recommendations will be presented to the Monroe County Council for approval and appropriation of funding.

C. Auditor Duties as Ex-Officio member.

- a. The representative of the Auditor's Office who serves as an ex-officio member will be responsible specifically for fulfilling the following tasks:
 - i. Assisting with making information available to the Review Board and/or the public and addressing any questions received pertaining to the application process;
 - ii. Providing the Review Board with information regarding the available amounts for restricted and unrestricted opioid settlement funds.
 - iii. Coordinating with approved applicants to ensure the receipt of all necessary documentation as outlined in Exhibit A- the "Monroe County Opioid Settlement Funding Proposal Procedure."

D. The Opioid Settlement Application Review Board shall be responsible for reviewing and updating the application process, as necessary.

E. Board Format.

- a. At the initial meeting of the Opioid Settlement Advisory Review Board, members shall elect a chair and a secretary, who shall serve until the election of their successor. The chair will be tasked with facilitating the meetings. The secretary will be tasked with preparing minutes of the meeting which shall be provided to the Monroe County Board of Commissioners' office immediately after the minutes are adopted by the Review Board. The secretary may act in the capacity of the chair in the event that the chair is unable to attend a meeting and/or has to recuse him/herself from a meeting.

F. Meeting Format.

- a. The Opioid Settlement Application Review Board will be responsible for conducting meetings in compliance with the Indiana Open Door laws. Meetings shall be conducted in a manner to encourage transparency throughout the acceptance, review, and award of applications. In addition to the meeting requirements, the Review Board is responsible for maintaining hard copies of all application information, timeline and deadline information, historical and fiscal

information regarding the funding. All of this information shall also be available to the public through the County's website.

- b. Members shall be made available to the public through a hybrid option. Members may attend utilizing the hybrid option upon an adoption of a resolution to that effect by the Review Board.

Section 4. Except as it is inconsistent with this Resolution, the Opioid Settlement Application Review Board shall comply with Monroe County Code Chapter 216.

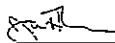
Section 5. This Resolution takes effect upon passage.

Approved this 28th day of June, 2024, by the Board of Commissioners of Monroe County, Indiana.

MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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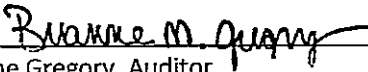
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