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Dear Senator Marklein and Representative Born:

2021 Wisconsin Act 57 requires the Department of Health Services (DHS) to submit to the Joint Committee on Finance (Committee) a proposal to expend settlement proceeds paid to the State of Wisconsin from the National Prescription Opiate Litigation, Case No. MDL 2804 (NPOL). Under Act 57, 30 percent of the NPOL settlement proceeds will be allocated to DHS for purposes that comply with the settlement agreement or court order.

As part of the original approval, the Committee required DHS to submit a report by December 31, 2022, and on a quarterly basis thereafter regarding revenue expenditures under the plan. I am writing to report on the Fiscal Year 24 Quarter 2 (FY 24 Q2) opioid settlement proceedings received through the NPOL.

A. Settlement Funds Received

Settlement Funds Received	
August 2022	\$ 6,000,000.00
October 2022	\$ 7,600,000.00
December 2022	\$ 17,000,000.00
June 2023	\$ 617,290.47
August 2023	\$ 7,371,692.89
TOTAL	\$ 38,588,983.36

B. Funding Amounts Awarded or Allocated

Open Funding Opportunities:

As of December 31, 2023, DHS has \$2,500,000 in funding opportunities open for application, \$2,178,367 in funding opportunities under review, and a cumulative total of \$28,650,046 in awards. This represents a total of \$33,328,413.

The table below summarizes the grant funding opportunities DHS currently has open for applications.

Open Funding Opportunities		
Category	Available Funding	Applications Due
TOTAL		
FY24 Room and Board Costs for Residential Substance Use Disorder Treatment	\$ 2,500,000	1/19/2024

FY24 Room and Board Costs for Residential Substance Use Disorder Treatment

Wisconsin Medicaid began offering a residential substance use disorder treatment benefit in February 2021. It provides treatment for youth and adults to promote recovery from substance use disorder and reduce the incidence and duration of institutional care Medicaid members might otherwise need. Federal law prohibits Medicaid from reimbursing for the costs of room and board. Covering the costs of room and board has been identified as a barrier to residential substance use disorder treatment for many Medicaid members. To make this benefit more accessible, DHS is soliciting applications from tribal nations and counties for funding to cover the room and board costs in 2024 for individuals with an OUD or at risk for an opioid overdose. Applications are due January 19.

Funding Opportunities Under Review:

The table below summarizes the grant funding opportunities DHS currently has under review.

Funding Opportunities Under Review	
Category	Available Funding
TOTAL	\$ 2,178,367
FY 23 Establish Fentanyl Test Strips - Law Enforcement	\$ 300,000
FY 23 Law Enforcement Opioid Abatement Efforts	\$ 1,878,367

FY 23 Law Enforcement Agencies Opioid Abatement Efforts

The “Opioid Abatement Efforts by Law Enforcement Agencies” Request for Applications provides DHS an opportunity to support law enforcement agencies through four strategies: medication-assisted treatment education and awareness training, community drug disposal efforts, treatment for people incarcerated with an opioid use disorder, and pre-arrest or pre-arraignment deflection strategies for people with an opioid use disorder. At least \$1 million of the funds are designated for law enforcement agencies in counties or municipalities with 70,000 or fewer residents.

The initial application period closed on June 2 and following the DHS review process, six agencies were awarded \$1,121,633 (including \$556,555 in awards to law enforcement agencies responsible for jurisdictions of less than 70,000 residents). In an effort to distribute remaining available funds, this Request for Applications was reposted, and applications are currently under review. Awards will be shared in the next quarterly report.

FY 23 Establish and Fund Program to Distribute Fentanyl Testing Strips

Law enforcement plays a vital role in combating the opioid epidemic and officers are positioned in the community to distribute fentanyl test strips (FTS) in an effort to prevent overdoses and overdose deaths. Fentanyl is being mixed into the drug supply, often without the person using substances being aware. FTS are a simple, easy-to-use tool to detect the presence of fentanyl in substances. When individuals are equipped with FTS and the knowledge FTS provide, they can take steps to ensure their own safety and reduce the risk of overdose.

Through this opportunity, law enforcement agencies will receive FTS and supporting supplies to distribute to community members at risk for an opioid overdose. The first round of applications resulted in an award to 18 law enforcement agencies of 351 cases of fentanyl test strips (100 strips per case) and 1,902 kits of fentanyl test strips and the supportive supplies needed to use the strips. DHS was able to provide all applicants with the full requested number of supplies. Please see Appendix A for the details of this round of awards. In an effort to distribute remaining available funds, DHS issued a second solicitation for applications from law enforcement agencies. The Wisconsin Department of Justice assisted in promoting the program application. Applications are currently under review and awards will be shared in the next quarterly report.

Awarded Funds:

The following table summarizes the amount of funding DHS awarded by category of use during FY 24 Q2 and cumulatively.

Funding Awards by Category			
Category	Previous Awards	FY 2024 Q2 Awards	Cumulative Awards
TOTAL	\$ 26,812,793	\$ 2,037,253	\$ 28,850,046
Expand Narcan® Direct Program	\$ 2,684,630	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 4,084,630
Establish Fentanyl Test Strips	\$ 1,006,530	\$ 37,253	\$ 1,043,783
Capital Projects	\$ 10,000,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000,000
Funding for Tribal Nations	\$ 6,000,000	\$ -	\$ 6,000,000
Central Alert System	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
K-12 Evidence-Based Prevention	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ 250,000
Medication Assisted Treatment	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000
Room & Board for Residential Treatment	\$ 2,500,000	\$ -	\$ 2,500,000
Law Enforcement Agencies	\$ 1,121,633	\$ -	\$ 1,121,633
Statewide Prevention	\$ 750,000	\$ -	\$ 750,000
Hub and Spoke Pilot Program	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ 500,000
Substance Use Disorder Treatment Platform	\$ -	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000
Surgical Collaborative of Wisconsin	\$ -	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000

“Hub and Spoke” Substance Use Pilot Program

The Hub and Spoke Health Home Pilot Program is a new (as of 2021) model to enhance services for eligible BadgerCare Plus and Medicaid members who have substance use disorders and at least one other health condition. This new benefit is called Integrated Recovery Support Services. It provides a range of services to support an enrolled member’s recovery from substance use disorders by addressing their health-related social needs, in addition to promoting access and coordinating care for their physical and behavioral health issues. The application process allowed DHS to contract with an additional Hub Site to pilot the program. DHS issued one award for \$500,000 to Vin Baker Recovery in Milwaukee. DHS staff are assessing how to best approach the allocation of the remaining funds. Vin Baker Recovery will serve all of Milwaukee County, with plans to expand to Waukesha, Washington, and Ozaukee counties.

Narcan and Fentanyl Test Strip Distribution

The opioid settlement funding allocation plan for funds expected to be received in state fiscal year 2024 included \$2.9 million for ongoing initiatives under the Narcan® Direct Program and fentanyl test strip direct programs.

DHS is braiding multiple funding sources, including \$1.4 million in funds from the NPOL settlement proceeds, to support the 2023-2024 community distribution of naloxone as part of the Narcan® Direct Program (NDP). Applications were solicited from tribal health clinics, city/county health departments, county human service departments, syringe services programs, opioid treatment programs, and recovery community centers. Due to the braided funding approach, Appendix B lists all of the awards provided as part of the 2023-2024 NDP application.

Establish and Fund Program to Distribute Fentanyl Testing Strips

As detailed above, law enforcement agencies will receive FTS and the supporting supplies to distribute them to community members at risk for an opioid overdose. Please see Appendix A for the details of the first round of awards. In an effort to distribute remaining available funds, DHS partnered with the Wisconsin Department of Justice for a second solicitation for applications. Awards will be shared in the next quarterly report.

Substance Use Disorder Treatment Platform

DHS is engaged in the contracting process with Shatterproof to collect and maintain information regarding substance use disorder treatment providers for the state's substance use disorder treatment platform.

Surgical Collaborative of Wisconsin

DHS is engaged in the early portion of the contracting process with the Surgical Collaborative of Wisconsin to provide training to Wisconsin surgeons on practices to prevent prescription opioid misuse following surgery.

C. Funding Expenditures

As of December 15, 2023, a total of \$2,874,817 in expenditures have been recorded for programs supported with settlement funds; this includes \$2,313,958 in reported previous expenditures (\$520,909 in additional expenditures posted to FY 24 Q1 after the last report was submitted) and \$560,859 of expenditures in FY 24 Q2.

Under the state's accounting and contracting systems, in most circumstances, a grantee must report expenditures to the state under its contract. The state then makes payments to the grantee based on those reported expenses within required timeframes. Once the state makes the payments, expenditures are recorded in the state accounting system for the contract.

The fact that a grant may have been approved or awarded does not necessarily mean funds have been expended. DHS does not pre-pay for services supported by these grants. Recipients first incur costs, then submit qualifying expenses to DHS for reimbursement according to the contracted agreement. The terms and conditions of the release of the funds are provided in the signed and executed contracts between DHS and grant awardees. The short timeframe in which DHS has been able to create, open, and award new funding opportunities for partners impacts the ability for those partners to have begun using their awarded funds and invoicing DHS for reimbursement, as most of them have a pending application, just received a notice of award, or are engaged in contract negotiations.

Expenditures by Category			
Category	Previously Expended	FY 24 Q2 Expenditures	Cumulative Expenditures
TOTAL	\$ 2,313,958	\$ 560,859	\$ 2,874,817
Expand Narcan® Direct Program	\$ 1,225,500	\$ 147,663	\$ 1,373,163
Establish Fentanyl Test Strips	\$ 296,725		\$ 296,725
Capital Projects	\$ -	\$ 1,512	\$ 1,512
Funding for Tribal Nations	\$ 77,329	\$ 182,799	\$ 260,128
Central Alert System	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
K-12 Evidence-Based Prevention	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Medication Assisted Treatment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Room and Board for Residential Treatment	\$ 714,404	\$ 228,885	\$ 943,289
Law Enforcement Agencies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Statewide Prevention	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Hub and Spoke Pilot Program	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Substance Use Disorder Treatment Platform	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Surgical Collaborative of Wisconsin	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

D. Listing of Individual Recipients of Awarded Funds

Please see Section B and the Appendices for recipients of awarded funds.

E. Program Accomplishments or Other Relevant Metrics Resulting from Awarded Funds.

In these quarterly documents, DHS will report on program accomplishments and other relevant metrics as funds are awarded and initiatives implemented. All information provided below reflects the reports received by DHS at the time of writing. DHS continues to work with grantees and any additional information provided will be shared with the Committee in future reports. The following is a summary of program accomplishments and other relevant metrics as of this quarter.

Expand Narcan® Direct Program

The Narcan® Direct Program (NDP) provides overdose reversal and life-saving medication to law enforcement agencies, county or municipal health departments, county human services departments, tribal health clinics, syringe access programs, recovery community organizations, and opioid treatment programs.

During the previous three months of reported data (September – November 2023), the NDP reports training 4,704 people in overdose prevention and Narcan® administration and distributing 7,177 Narcan® kits (total of 14,354 doses). NDP agencies reported over 135 successful overdose reversals. Due to data collection limitations the number of successful overdose reversals is an underreported amount.

Establish and Fund Fentanyl Test Strip Program & Expand Narcan® Direct Program

Fentanyl test strips and supplies awarded to law enforcement agencies during this reporting period, will be delivered in January 2024. Accomplishments and other relevant metrics will be reported once distribution to community members begins.

Other strategies to expand the Narcan® Direct Program and establish a fentanyl test strip program include the Public Health Vending Machines and the EMS Leave Behind Program.

Public Health Vending Machines (PHVMs)

PHVMs provide Wisconsin a new, innovative opportunity to protect and promote the health and safety of people who use drugs. Many Wisconsinites do not seek assistance or services for their drug use due to a

fear of being recognized, shamed, judged, and arrested. PHVMs, also referred to as harm reduction vending machines, act as a safe haven for people to obtain no-cost, stigma-free preventative health and wellness services. They provide the opportunity for discrete, confidential access to harm reduction tools.

Awarded agencies are engaged in the contracting process, planning for the best placement of the machine(s), obtaining vending machine quotes, ordering and waiting on machine production, and engaging the community to build support and combat stigma. Vital Strategies, Wisconsin's partner in the Bloomberg Overdose Prevention Initiative, is providing support to all agencies implementing PHVM in Wisconsin through the convening of a monthly community of practice. This venue provides agencies the ability to share resources, address successes and challenges, and network with other agencies. Four agencies report their PHVM(s) is actively distributing supplies: Eau Claire City County Health Department (located in the county jail lobby), Marinette County Health Department (located at a recovery community center), Rock County Public Health Department (located in a public library), and St. Croix Tribal Health (located at three community centers). Over 3,200 individual supplies and compiled kits were distributed through PHVMs during this quarter.

EMS Leave Behind Programs

EMS Leave Behind Programs increase access to overdose prevention tools, including Narcan® and fentanyl test strip supplies, and is an essential component to reducing overdoses and overdose deaths in Wisconsin. EMS providers across the country and within Wisconsin have instituted public safety-based Leave Behind Programs. Leave Behind Programs allow EMS professionals to distribute, or "leave behind," overdose prevention tools and resources at the scene of care, or after transport to a hospital, with the patient and/or their social networks (family, friends, roommates, etc.). This model presents an innovative opportunity to expand access to life-saving tools for individuals at high risk for overdose and death.

Awarded agencies are engaged in the contracting process, planning and writing policies, training staff, and ordering supplies. Agencies reporting actively distributing supplies include Deer Grove EMS, Greenfield Fire Department, Milwaukee Fire Department, and the Town of Beloit Fire Department. Almost 600 individual supplies and compiled kits were distributed through EMS Leave Behind Programs during this quarter.

Capital Projects

Community-based providers offering prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery services for individuals with an opioid use disorder were invited to apply for funds to support capital project expanding services in Wisconsin. DHS awarded part of this funding for a capital project that supports the expansion of bed capacity for the treatment of pregnant and post-partum women in a family-centered treatment environment and at least \$3 million of these funds were awarded to support projects in counties with fewer than 500,000 residents.

Arbor Place is meeting with their construction management firm, architecture firm, and various building experts (HVAC, electric, plumbing, etc.) to finalize building design. Nine project meetings were held during this reporting period and the construction management firm has been compiling cost estimates based on the building design to ensure elements are within the project budget.

Lighthouse Recovery Community Center secured a property to relocate their current drop-in center, which is located at the property that will become a home for pregnant and post-partum women. They have an accepted offer and are scheduled to close in December. While waiting for the closing, they have been meeting at the site and planning with their contractor and subcontractors. The architect developed project blueprints and Lighthouse Recovery Community Center is finalizing their renovation plans to ensure remaining within budget limits.

Meta House learned in early July the site they selected was no longer a viable option for their project and began efforts to pivot to a new location. They resumed their site search process, surveyed clients and staff on location preferences, and continued their private fundraising efforts. After considering an additional 70 possible sites, Meta House executed a purchase agreement for a new property on the City of Milwaukee's near west side in late October and immediately commenced due diligence. Early reports show promising site conditions and architectural drawings are being updated for the new site and efforts to build neighborhood support began. They anticipate closing on the property and breaking ground soon.

Funding for Tribal Nations

DHS is supporting federally recognized tribal nations in providing a spectrum of strategies across the continuum of care to address their unique conditions; provide programs and activities with minimal demands or barriers for participants, while building upon the strengths of local tribal culture, tradition, and practices; and provide high quality, effective, equitable, understandable, and respectful prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery efforts and services that are responsive to diverse cultural health belief and practices, preferred languages, health literacy, and other communication needs.

Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians – Signed contract in August and entered the budget into the accounting system. The Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Registered Nurse Coordinator position is filled, and they have been assisting patients and providing care coordination at the Tribe's outpatient MAT program during intake, routine appointments, and emergency appointments. They also conduct screenings and other basic nursing functions. The Harm Reduction Program began promoting the availability of HIV and HCV screens and has been meeting with the Ashland County Jail to offer services to incarcerated individuals around re-entry planning and access to healthcare services. Extensive peer support services have been extended to unhoused individuals living outside at the Bad River Powwow grounds. Planning is underway to install harm-reduction vending machines in Bad River. They identified multiple Native-owned production companies who have the capacity to produce a short film on the challenges faced by Native Americans who use drugs in obtaining healthcare. The outpatient medication assisted treatment program served 48 people. The community-driven peer support at harm reduction program served 57 people. Seven people were trained in overdose reversal and 447 people received a naloxone (overdose reversal medication) kit at no cost. Over 100 overdose reversals (“saves”) were reported to the agency.

Forest County Potawatomi Community – All but one of the positions within the Forest County Potawatomi's Transitional Living facility have been filled. The Tribe anticipates filling the final position before the end of 2023. During this period, there have been a total of five individuals in the facility with one successfully graduating and two leaving without completion of the program during this period. The Tribe hired a Certified Medical Assistant to aid the MAT providers and the clients. Traditional Medicine is held two days a month. In this period, 16 unique individuals have received one-on-one traditional guidance. Each month the traditional healers facilitate a community sweat lodge. These lodges have 15-20 participants each month. Lastly, the Tribe has organized Matrix training for all the Behavioral Health staff. This has been tentatively scheduled for the second week of January 2024. Forty-eight people received medication assisted treatment services and 48 people received recovery coach services. One person successfully completed the Transitional Living Program.

Ho-Chunk Nation – The Tribe attended numerous events in the community to provide education, support, referrals to MAT treatment services, and harm reduction tools. Some of these events included Family Healing Camp, Youth Suicide Prevention Conference, Fun Run, and Ho-Chunk Nation General Council. The Tribe continues to work well with county partners such as Sauk County Recovery Connections to receive MAT referrals (two this month). The first completely Peer Specialist facilitated “Get Your Loved Ones Sober” group started and finished. Unfortunately, the Tribe experienced a fatal overdose, but at least

three others were prevented by the use of Narcan® kits. The Tribe provided direct patient services to 34 unduplicated people. Over 1,500 people were served at community events the Tribe participated in with 575 people receiving educational fliers. The Tribe provided 32 people with peer recovery services and 15 people were induced on medication assisted treatment. The Tribe provided 330 Narcan® kits and 51 fentanyl test strip kits at no cost.

A quote from one of their Peer Recovery Specialists whose numbers were included in this report, “I distributed about 24 Narcan® packs over these months and the fentanyl test strips and these efforts have saved 9 of my people in recovery. Unfortunately, there were some deaths in the community, but we are saving lives. I still make the test kits and distribute Narcan® to help reduce our overdoses and help reduce the 911 calls and emergency visits.”

Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians – Finalized budget and contract with DHS. New job positions have posted, and the Tribe is receiving applications.

Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians – Child Psychologist job description is completed and will be posted; the Social Work position description is being finalized. The criteria for out-of-state services is in draft format and waiting on approvals to finalize. Two providers have signed up for certification classes to become dual co-occurring therapists and will have their certification in the next quarter. Planning has started to provide two different trainings in the community, one for professional staff and one for the community on substance use disorders and trauma-informed approaches.

Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin – The Tribe has been working on a plan to begin ordering items for harm reduction kits and hygiene care packages for use with clients. They are also discussing purchasing naltrexone and naloxone for use at the Tribal Clinic and Maehnowesekiyah Wellness Center.

Oneida Nation – Signed contract with DHS and set up internal account. Residential treatment services were provided by 18 people; recovery coach services were provided for 47 people. Medication assisted treatment services were coordinated for 27 people.

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians – The Red Cliff Wrap Around Care Team is responsible for oversight and implementation of the opioid response efforts. The team consists of Health Administration, Behavioral Health, Wrap Around Coordinator, Human/Family Service Administrator, Police Chief, Housing Service Manager and Judge. The team meets bi-weekly to discuss progress and plan for the upcoming month. A workgroup was convened to develop the Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) program. The team consists of the physician, pharmacist, behavioral health director, peer specialist, behavioral health provider, associate judge, clinic manager, and health director. The team meets bi-weekly to review and develop policies and infrastructure for the MOUD program with wraparound services. The Marriage and Family Licensed Therapist completed orientation and onboarding. The services were implemented during this period with a total of fifty-five (55) visits. A three-day Gathering of Native Americans (GONA) was held with 63 community members, elders, youth, and program staff gathered to address community-identified issues. Red Cliff was assisted by three facilitators from the SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) Tribal Training and Technical Assistant Group. Their role was to support the local vision and culture and assist the community in identifying essential elements for wellness, healing, and future planning. Work products included the development of community-driven action plans to address substance abuse. These work plans will be included in the update of the Tribal Action Plan.

Sokaogon Chippewa Community – The opioid abatement program has successfully supported 80 patients facing diverse mental health and substance abuse challenges, while addressing the scarcity of substance use providers in a resource-limited rural clinic. The allocation of funds to support 80 patients has not only

provided essential assistance to those individuals but has also enabled the Tribe to maintain the costs associated with providers. This ensures that the dedicated healthcare professionals can continue delivering high-quality care to patients. Moreover, these funds have allowed the Tribe to procure necessary supplies that directly impact the well-being of patients, further enhancing the effectiveness of mental health services, substance-abuse counseling, recovery support services, and Native American specific groups using the White Bison Curriculum.

To overcome the historical barrier of transportation, a van was acquired, ensuring patients can attend their appointments conveniently. Behavioral health providers have been able to procure essential supplies to enhance their services, light therapy lamps, emotional curriculum for children, journals and traditional medicines.

In an effort to prioritize community safety, the Tribe made arrangements to obtain two technologically advanced Public Health Vending Machines capable of operating in cold weather conditions. These machines will be accessible 24/7, enabling prompt distribution of emergency Narcan® to community members in need. The order has already been placed, and they anticipate receiving the vending machines in January.

St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin – The Tribe hired a Prevention Specialist to work on implementation and grant management. The Tribe has also been able to use the funds for treatment and to work on bringing the culture back. They are continuously moving forward with teaching prevention on opioid use and harm reduction. Over 200 individual visits have been scheduled, with 163 visits completed. Forty group events were held with 36 clients in attendance. A Narcan® training was conducted with 7 people in attendance. Ninety Narcan® kits were distributed at a local health fair at no cost. One person was provided transitional living/residential services.

Stockbridge-Munsee Community – Currently exploring funding sober living rental assistance on a case-by-case basis, providing sexually transmitted infection testing for recovering individuals as well as their partners, and purchasing fentanyl test strips for distribution at Stockbridge Munsee Health and Wellness Center. The Tribe is looking into funding hygiene kits and contraceptives to place in the Public Health Vending Machine to assist with care for people who use drugs and to destigmatize the machine.

Central Alert System

The central overdose alert system, or Wisconsin Suspected Overdose Alerts for Rapid Response (WiSOARR), is a secure web-based application currently in development at DHS. An unexpected increase in suspected overdoses may indicate a change occurred within the local drug supply, increasing the chances of overdose situations. The knowledge provided by WiSOARR will allow local providers and agencies to quickly deploy messaging, education, and resources to intervene, reduce overdoses, and prevent deaths. The system is in the final stages of first round of development and will undergo internal testing and review in the first quarter of 2024. The first version of the system leverages two near-real time data sources – ambulance runs and emergency department visits – for suspected overdose surveillance and anomaly detection.

To date, three main features have been developed:

- Mapping and analytics dashboard: Users will be able to visualize approximate locations of overdose events based on filters selected. Basic summary analytics (e.g., overdose counts, demographic information, and time series visualizations) are also available.
- Customized alert configuration module: WiSOARR users will be able to configure “alert profiles”, which allow the user to opt in to receive alerts for specific data sources, time frames, geographies, and substance types. The user may also select a specific threshold number of

overdoses that trigger the dissemination of an alert, or they may elect to use a dynamic threshold based on a validated anomaly detection algorithm. A user may create, share, and subscribe to any number of alert profiles. Alerts are disseminated via email.

- User account administration: User access will be provided via discrete user groups based on the user's role. The application facilitates the creation of user groups by DHS administrators, assignment of local administrators, and maintenance of users' data use agreements.

Work has also been completed to prepare for integration of data from coroner/medical examiners (for preliminary fatal overdose data) and public safety partners. Progress has also been made on a sustainability and communications plan to ensure the smooth launch and longevity of the application beyond its initial launch, currently planned for late 2024.

DHS is braiding funding sources to support the development and implementation of WiSOARR. Funds continue to be drawn from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and once expended, DHS will begin utilizing settlement funds to complete this project.

K-12 Evidence-Based Substance Use Prevention Curriculums or Programs

DHS allocated \$250,000 to the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) for grants related to K-12 evidence-based substance use prevention curriculums or programs. DPI finalized the contracting process with grantees during this reporting period and now that programming has begun, accomplishments and other relevant metrics will be shared in future reports.

Medication-Assisted Treatment

DHS completed the contracting process with the Wisconsin Society of Addiction Medicine. The other awarded agencies had key staff turnovers but are currently reviewing the contracting materials provided by DHS. Once signed by the agencies, the contracts will be fully executed by DHS and awarded funds will be available to the awardees within a week. Accomplishments and other relevant metrics will be shared in future reports.

Room and Board Costs for Residential Substance Use Disorder Treatment

Wisconsin Medicaid has offered a residential substance use disorder treatment benefit since February 2021. It provides treatment for youth and adults to promote recovery from substance use disorder and reduce the incidence and duration of institutional care Medicaid members might otherwise need. Federal law prohibits Medicaid from reimbursing for the costs of room and board. Covering the costs of room and board is a barrier to residential substance use disorder treatment for many Medicaid members. To make this benefit more accessible, DHS solicited applications from tribal nations and counties for funding to cover the room and board costs for individuals with an opioid use disorder in 2023. A total of \$2,500,000 in awards were issued to 49 applicants. During the half of 2023, awarded agencies provided services to 448 people for a total of 14,295 days of services. Information on services provided during on the second half of 2023 will be provided by grantees to DHS in January 2024 and will be shared with the Committee in the following report.

Law Enforcement Agencies Opioid Abatement Efforts

The first application period for this funding opportunity closed on June 2, 2023, and awardees finalized the contracting process during this reporting period. A second posting to allocate the remaining funds was released in September and is currently under review. Accomplishments and other relevant metrics will be shared in future reports, once implementation begins.

Statewide Community-Based Organization for After-School Programming

Funds were awarded to the Boys and Girls Club Fox Valley, which represents a network of 26 Boys and Girls Clubs that serve more than 70 communities across the state. This funding will support after-school

programming for youth focused on providing them information and skills to make healthy decisions through the SMART Moves Program, a program developed by the Boys and Girls Club of America. The contract began in July 2023 and as of the end of September, the Boys and Girls Club Fox Valley created a training guide and video for the participating Boys and Girls Clubs and a data reporting system to collect participant demographic information, program attendance, and assessment tracking. Each Boys and Girls Club implementing the SMART Moves Program is determining the best start date for their program (based on staff availability, staff capacity, and local school schedules) and will submit data as they complete the program at their locations.

Hub and Spoke Pilot Program

During this reporting period, DHS engaged Vin Baker Recovery in the contracting process. Weekly technical assistance onboarding meeting began between DHS and Vin Baker Recovery. Medicaid members are expected to be served starting in early 2024.

Substance Use Disorder Treatment Platform

DHS is engaged in the contracting process with Shatterproof to collect and maintain information regarding substance use disorder treatment providers for the state's substance use disorder treatment platform. Accomplishments and other relevant metrics will be reported when implementation begins.

Surgical Collaborative of Wisconsin

DHS is engaged in the early portion of the contracting process with the Surgical Collaborative of Wisconsin to provide training to Wisconsin surgeons on practices to prevent prescription opioid misuse following surgery. Accomplishments and other relevant metrics will be reported when implementation begins.

Please contact me if you have any questions about this report.

Sincerely,



Kirsten L. Johnson
Secretary-designee

Appendix A: Awards for Law Enforcement Agencies – Fentanyl Test Strip (FTS) Supplies

Awards for Law Enforcement Agencies - Fentanyl Test Strip Supplies				
Agency	County/Tribe of Agency	# FTS Strips	# FTS Kits	Awarded Amount
TOTAL		35,100	1,902	\$ 37,252.83
Hortonville Police Department	Outagamie County	200	200	\$ 548.00
Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office	Milwaukee County	24,000	240	\$ 23,229.60
Village of Minong Police Department	Washburn County	200	2	\$ 193.58
Shawano County Sheriff's Department	Shawano County	-	50	\$ 89.50
Webster Police Department	Burnett County	200	5	\$ 198.95
St. Croix Falls Police Department	Polk County	300	10	\$ 302.90
Crawford County Sheriff's Office	Crawford County	5,000	50	\$ 4,839.50
Eagle River Police Department	Vilas County	300	10	\$ 302.90
West Milwaukee Police Department	Milwaukee County	500	250	\$ 922.50
North Fond du Lac Police Department	Fond du Lac County	200	25	\$ 234.75
Brown County Sheriff's Department	Brown County	500	25	\$ 519.75
Grand Chute Police Department	Outagamie County	2,000	1,000	\$ 3,690.00
Menominee Tribal Police	Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin	300	-	\$ 285.00
Town of Fulton Police Department	Rock County	100	-	\$ 95.00
Town of Milton Police Department	Rock County	100	-	\$ 95.00
Clear Lake Police Department	Polk County	-	25	\$ 548.00
River Falls Police Department	Pierce County	1,000	10	\$ 967.90
Richland Center Police Department	Richland County	200	-	\$ 190.00

Appendix B: Narcan® Direct Program Awards*

*This program is supported by braiding multiple funding sources. The chart below displays all awards made this quarter, including those supported with NPOL funds.

Awards for Narcan Direct Program - Community Distribution Efforts		
Agency	# Narcan Doses	Awarded Amount
TOTAL	204,240	\$ 4,186,920
10th Street CTC	960	\$ 19,680
4th Dimension Sobriety	1200	\$ 24,600
Addiction Resource Council, Inc.	720	\$ 14,760
Addiction Services and Pharmacotherapy (Kenosha)	576	\$ 11,808
Addiction Services and Pharmacotherapy (Madison)	288	\$ 5,904
Addiction Services and Pharmacotherapy (West Allis)	288	\$ 5,904
American Indian Council on Alcoholism, Inc	48	\$ 984
AMS of Wisconsin, Janesville	2400	\$ 49,200
AMS of Wisconsin, Onalaska	2400	\$ 49,200
Appleton Comprehensive TX Center	1200	\$ 24,600
Ashland County Health & Human Services	288	\$ 5,904
Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians (local harm reduction and clinic)	7992	\$ 163,836
Barron County Department of Health and Human Services	240	\$ 4,920
Bayfield County Health Department	288	\$ 5,904
Beloit Comprehensive Treatment Center	288	\$ 5,904
Bridges 2 Recovery	240	\$ 4,920
Brown County Health & Human Services - Public Health Division	2400	\$ 49,200
Buffalo County Health and Human Services	288	\$ 5,904
Burnett County Health and Human Services-Public Health	840	\$ 17,220
Calumet County Public Health	360	\$ 7,380
Catch the G.Y.S.T.	240	\$ 4,920
Chippewa County Department of Public Health	912	\$ 18,696

City of Greenfield Health Department	8400	\$	172,200
City of Racine Public Health Department	1200	\$	24,600
Clark County Health Department	336	\$	6,888
Columbia County Health and Human Services	720	\$	14,760
Community Medical Services Pewaukee	720	\$	14,760
Community Medical Services- South Milwaukee	1440	\$	29,520
Crawford County Health & Human Services	192	\$	3,936
Cudahy Health Department	288	\$	5,904
Darjune Foundation, Inc.	1560	\$	31,980
Dodge County Human Services and Health Department	240	\$	4,920
Door County Public Health	576	\$	11,808
Dunn County Health Department	672	\$	13,776
Eau Claire City-County Health Department	1080	\$	22,140
Eau Claire Comprehensive Treatment Center	480	\$	9,840
Florence County Health Department	216	\$	4,428
Fond du Lac County Health Department	1680	\$	34,440
Forest County Public Health	120	\$	2,460
Franklin Health Department	288	\$	5,904
Gerald L. Ignace Indian Health Center	2400	\$	49,200
Grant County Health Department	600	\$	12,300
Green Bay Comprehensive Treatment Center	2400	\$	49,200
Green County Human Services Department	1440	\$	29,520
Greendale Health Department	600	\$	12,300
Gundersen Health System	144	\$	2,952
Hales Corners Health Dept	240	\$	4,920
Ho-Chunk Nation Health Department	3000	\$	61,500
Iowa County Health Department	216	\$	4,428
Iron County Health Department	96	\$	1,968
Jackson County Public Health	120	\$	2,460
Jefferson County Health Department	960	\$	19,680
Juneau County Health Department	360	\$	7,380
Just Listen	240	\$	4,920

Kenosha Comprehensive Treatment Center	960	\$	19,680
Kenosha County Public Health	6600	\$	135,300
Kewaunee County Public Health Department	48	\$	984
La Crosse County Health Department	1632	\$	33,456
La Crosse County Human Services	240	\$	4,920
Lac Courte Oreilles Bizhiki Wellness Center and MAT Program	1728	\$	35,424
Lafayette County Human Services	48	\$	984
Lighthouse Recovery Community Center	480	\$	9,840
Madison East Comprehensive Treatment Center	240	\$	4,920
Madison West Comprehensive Treatment Center	1800	\$	36,900
Manitowoc County Health Department	192	\$	3,936
Manitowoc County Human Services	480	\$	9,840
Marinette County Public Health	480	\$	9,840
Marquette County Health Department	384	\$	7,872
Menominee County Human Services	576	\$	11,808
Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin - Tribal Clinic	288	\$	5,904
Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Services	14400	\$	295,200
Milwaukee Health Department	7200	\$	147,600
Milwaukee Health Service Systems dba River's Shore Comprehensive Treatment Center	720	\$	14,760
Next Steps for Change, Inc.	720	\$	14,760
North Central Health Care	1200	\$	24,600
North Shore Health Department	288	\$	5,904
Oak Creek Health Department	360	\$	7,380
Oconto County Health and Human Services - Public Health Division	720	\$	14,760
Oneida Behavioral Health	2400	\$	49,200
Oneida County Health Department	480	\$	9,840
Onyx Foundation, Inc.	408	\$	8,364
Outagamie County Public Health Division	720	\$	14,760
Pepin County Health Department	144	\$	2,952
Peter Christensen Health Center - Community Health Department	2400	\$	49,200
Pierce County Public Health	144	\$	2,952

Polk County Health Department	720	\$	14,760
Portage County Health and Human Services	960	\$	19,680
Psychological Addiction Services	384	\$	7,872
Public Health Madison and Dane County	13800	\$	282,900
Public Health Sauk County	960	\$	19,680
Racine Comprehensive Treatment Center	864	\$	17,712
Racine County Human Services Dept	4800	\$	98,400
Red Cliff Community Health Center	2400	\$	49,200
Rock County Public Health Department	2400	\$	49,200
Rusk County Public Health	240	\$	4,920
Safe Communities Coalition	1200	\$	24,600
Samad's House	1800	\$	36,900
Sarah's Hope & Recovery Foundation	2400	\$	49,200
Sawyer County Health and Human Services/Public Health	960	\$	19,680
Shawano County Department of Human Services	24	\$	492
Shawano Recovery	120	\$	2,460
Sheboygan Comprehensive Treatment Center	1800	\$	36,900
Sheboygan County Health & Human Services	960	\$	19,680
Sixteenth Street Community Health Centers	3600	\$	73,800
Sokaogon Chippewa Health Center	168	\$	3,444
South Milwaukee/St. Francis Health Department	720	\$	14,760
St. Croix Tribal Health Clinic	960	\$	19,680
St. Croix County Public Health	2400	\$	49,200
Start Healing Now	1200	\$	24,600
Statewide Mail Order Harm Reduction Program operated by Bad River Tribe	6000	\$	123,000
Stockbridge Munsee Health and Wellness Center	1200	\$	24,600
Taylor County Health Department	120	\$	2,460
Three Bridges Recovery WI Inc	720	\$	14,760
UMOS, Inc.	7200	\$	147,600
Unity Recovery Services	720	\$	14,760
Vivent Health Beloit	3360	\$	68,880
Vivent Health Eau Claire	240	\$	4,920

Vivent Health Kenosha	240	\$	4,920
Vivent Health La Crosse	480	\$	9,840
Vivent Health Madison	2328	\$	47,724
Vivent Health Milwaukee	1200	\$	24,600
Vivent Health Superior	288	\$	5,904
Vivent Health Wausau	360	\$	7,380
Vivent Health Appleton	960	\$	19,680
Vivent Health Green Bay	960	\$	19,680
Walworth County Health and Human Services	840	\$	17,220
Washburn County Health Department	240	\$	4,920
Washington Ozaukee Public Health Department	720	\$	14,760
Waukesha County Department of Health and Human Services	5208	\$	106,764
Waukesha Comprehensive Treatment Center	840	\$	17,220
Waupaca County Department of Public Health	480	\$	9,840
Wausau Comprehensive Treatment Center	1800	\$	36,900
Waushara County Health Department	576	\$	11,808
Wauwatosa Health Department	1800	\$	36,900
We Support Recovery	360	\$	7,380
West Allis Health Department	1440	\$	29,520
West Milwaukee Comprehensive Treatment Center	1800	\$	36,900
WestCare Wisconsin	720	\$	14,760
Winnebago County Health Department	2400	\$	49,200
Wisconsin Voices for Recovery	4800	\$	98,400
WisHope	720	\$	14,760
Wood County Health Department	1320	\$	27,060