

Buffalo County Resolution

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Resolution # 23-03-03

A Resolution to Authorize Buffalo County to Enter Into Settlement Agreements with Allergan, Teva, Walgreens, Walmart and CVS, Agree to the Terms of the MOU Allocating Settlement Proceeds, and Authorize Entry Into the MOU and Hereby Allowing the Buffalo County Administrative Coordinator to Review and Sign All Current and Future Documents Related to the Settlement

Whereas, in Resolution #17-10-05 and #21-12-15 the Buffalo County Board of Supervisors authorized the County to enter into an engagement agreement with von Briesen & Roper, S.C., Crueger Dickinson LLC and Simmons Hanly Conroy LLC (the "Law Firms") to pursue litigation against certain manufacturers, distributors, and retailers of opioid pharmaceuticals (the "Opioid Defendants") in an effort to hold the Opioid Defendants financially responsible for the County's expenditure of vast money and resources to combat the opioid epidemic, and;

Whereas, on behalf of the County, the Law Firms filed a lawsuit against the Opioid Defendants, and;

Whereas, the settlement discussions with Allergan, Teva, Walgreens, Walmart, and CVS resulted in a tentative agreement to settlement terms and pending agreement from the County and other plaintiffs involved in the Litigation, and;

Whereas, the County is a Participating Subdivision in the Settlement Agreements and has the opportunity to participate in the benefits associated with the Settlement Agreement provided the County (a) approves the Participation Agreements; (b) approves the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) allocating proceeds from the Settlement Agreements among the various Wisconsin Participating Subdivisions; (c) approves the Addendum to the Local MOU and State-Local MOU, and;

Whereas, the County, by this Resolution, has establish the Opioid Abatement Account for the receipt of proceeds of the Settlement Agreements consistent with the terms of Resolution #21-12-15, and;


Whereas, the County has and will continue to abide by the agreements and guidelines set for in Resolution #21-12-15 (attached to this Resolution for reference), and;

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, the County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Buffalo County Administrative Coordinator to review and sign all current and future documents related to the Opioid Settlement against the named Opioid Defendants listed above.

Adopted at a duly called and noticed meeting of the Buffalo County Board of Supervisors on this 27th day of March, 2023.

ATTEST:


Buffalo County Clerk


Buffalo County Chairperson