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January 7, 2026

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Subject: Opioid Prevention Funds Report Revised

Dear Governor Pillen, Mr. Metzler, and Attorney General Hilgers:

On December 31, 2025, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) filed the Opioid Prevention Fund Report as required by Neb. Rev. Stat. § 71-2489. Unfortunately, that report contained technical errors in the appendices as attached after page four of the report. The errors occurred during the compilation of the attachments received by the entities – Local Public Health Departments and Regional Behavioral Health Authorities. Those appendices, in the format originally submitted by the entities, have been corrected in the revised version of the report submitted today.

This version should be used as a revised version of the original December 31 submission. No data has been altered in the original DHHS report nor in the submissions previously received by the entities.

My apologies for any inconvenience. Please reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

Nicole M. Barrett, JD
Director of Legislative Services



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Subject: Opioid Prevention Funds Report

Dear Governor Pillen, Mr. Metzler and Attorney General Hilgers:

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat § 71-2489, the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is submitting the following information regarding the use of funds appropriated under the Opioid Prevention and Treatment Act and the outcomes from such use.

Sincerely,

Thomas Janousek, Psy.D.
Director, Division of Behavioral Health

Attachment

Division of Behavioral Health

Opioid Prevention Funds Report

December 2025

Neb. Rev. Stat. § 71-2489

Opioid Settlement Activity

Department of Health & Human Services

As of July 2024, the DHHS Division of Behavioral Health (DBH) expended a total of \$64,362 of the opioid settlement funds. From the total expenditures, \$158.12 was utilized for travel expenses for members of the Opioid Settlement Remediation Advisory Committee (OSRAC). The OSRAC met five times in fiscal year (FY) 2024-2025.

The remaining \$64,203.88 was utilized by DHHS for hiring an Opioid Remediation Program Coordinator to manage the opioid settlement funds. Expenses include employee benefits, salary, and conference participation. The staff members' duties include serving as secretary for the Opioid Settlement Remediation Advisory Committee, acting as the Point of Contact (POC), and serving as grant manager for the opioid settlement grant opportunity.

Stipulations of the settlement funds provide a unique opportunity for the provision of capital construction expenditures for the development of opioid use treatment infrastructure projects. On July 1, 2025, DBH released the Request for Applications (RFA) grant opportunity as a result of the passage of LB1355, creating the Opioid Treatment Infrastructure Cash Fund. The grant supplies entities with the opportunity to develop opioid use treatment infrastructure to treat opioid use disorder (OUD) and substance use disorder (SUD). A total of five entities were presented with an Intent to Award. Future annual reporting will include information on grantees after agreements are finalized.

Nebraska State Fire Marshall (LB814 [2023])

In July 2024 and July 2025, the State Fire Marshall (SFM) was appropriated \$1,125,000 to develop a statewide wellness learning plan and connect first responders with behavioral health services, support, and training. The statewide wellness learning plan includes anonymous assessments, education, and awareness to promote resiliency development.

Following the appropriation of funds, SFM conducted stakeholder meetings to determine the most needed services able to reach the largest population. From the meetings, the most needed services are comprehensive mental health services with physical and financial stressors. Three (3) subawards were issued. Two (2) of the subawardee groups offered mental, physical, substance abuse counselling, and resiliency training to current, retired, and emeritus first responders as well as family members. One (1) of the subawardees allocated the subaward to designated groups of responders conducting peer training courses in crisis response intervention.

The next distribution of funds to the SFM will occur in July 2026.

Local Public Health Departments (LPHD)

The Opioid Prevention and Treatment Act appropriated \$500,000 to the local public health departments in Nebraska to facilitate prevention efforts, educate and train related to opioid use prevention and remediation, and data tracking efforts related to the opioid epidemic. Nebraska LPHDs received disbursement funds in December 2024 to facilitate these efforts.

Local Public Health Departments	FY 24-25 Funds Appropriated	Obligated Funds	Obligated Funds Spent	Obligated but Unspent
Central District Health Department	\$27,777.77	\$15,674.17	\$9,788.79	\$5,885.38
Dakota County Health Department*				
Douglas County Health Department	\$27,777.77	\$27,777.77	\$26,730.00	\$1,047.77
East Central District Health Department	\$27,777.77	\$24,237.92	\$1,225.00	\$23,012.92
Elkhorn Logan Valley Public Health Department	\$27,777.77	\$21,217.22	\$6,560.55	\$14,656.67
Four Corners Health Department	\$27,777.77	\$25,462.96	\$11,314.61	\$14,148.35
Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department	\$27,777.77	\$0.00	\$27,777.77	\$0.00
Loup Basin Public Health Department	\$27,777.77	\$22,024.04	\$5,753.73	\$16,270.31
North Central District Health Department	\$27,777.77	\$21,567.77	\$6,210.00	\$15,357.77
Northeast Nebraska Public Health Department	\$27,777.77	\$27,777.77	\$19,455.61	\$8,322.16
Panhandle Public Health District	\$27,777.77	\$20,047.59	\$5,415.37	\$14,632.22
Public Health Solutions	\$27,777.77	\$27,777.77	\$22,925.31	\$4,852.46
Sarpy/Cass Public Health Department	\$27,777.77	\$23,312.65	\$4,465.12	\$18,847.53
South Heartland District Health Department	\$27,777.77	\$25,463.00	\$0.00	\$25,463.00
Southeast District Health Department	\$27,777.77	\$24,304.16	\$3,473.16	\$24,304.16
Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department	\$27,777.77	\$2,764.52	\$24,235.48	\$777.77
Three Rivers Public Health Department	\$27,777.77	\$0.00	\$27,777.77	\$0.00
Two Rivers Public Health Department	\$27,777.77	\$0.00	\$27,251.90	\$525.86
West Central District Health Department	\$27,777.77	\$24,054.05	\$3,723.72	\$24,054.05
Total	\$500,000.00	\$333,463.36	\$234,083.89	\$197,501.71

* Not eligible for Opioid Settlement funds per Neb. Rev. Stat § 71-1628.08.

Details for these initiatives are found in the appendices below.

Regional Behavioral Health Authorities (RBHA)

The RBHAs were appropriated \$3,000,000 as designated by the Opioid Treatment and Prevention Act, 2024. The appropriation of the funds enabled the Regions to continue working within their geographical areas to address opioid prevention, treatment, and recovery needs.

Behavioral Health Regions	Carried Over	FY 24-25 Funds Appropriated	Total Funds	Obligated Funds	Obligated Funds Spent	Obligated but unspent
Region 1	\$0.00	\$164,302.65	\$164,302.65	\$164,302.65	\$164,302.65	\$0.00
Region 2	\$0.00	\$153,376.04	\$153,376.04	\$153,376.04	\$119,109.00	\$34,267.04
Region 3	\$0.00	\$326,946.56	\$326,946.56	\$326,946.56	\$326,946.56	\$0.00
Region 4	\$0.00	\$257,499.06	\$257,499.06	\$257,499.06	\$82,742.41	\$174,756.65
Region 5	\$0.00	\$772,265.84	\$772,265.84	\$772,265.84	\$772,265.84	\$0.00
Region 6	\$0.00	\$1,325,609.85	\$1,325,609.85	\$1,325,609.85	\$319,549.66	\$1,006,060.19
Total	\$0.00	\$3,000,000.00	\$3,000,000.00	\$3,000,000.00	\$1,784,916.12	\$1,215,083.88

Details for these initiatives are found in the appendices below.

Appendices

The following appendices were provided by the entities to DHHS for the purposes of this report.

Opioid Settlement Fund Report

Reporting period: July 1, 2024- June 30, 2025

Agency Name	Central District Health Department
Funds Appropriated to Agency Appropriated: The past tense of ‘appropriate.’ Money which has been designated for a specific purpose or use. Appropriated funds refer to funds utilized to carry out provisions.	\$25,462.96
Funds Obligated from Agency Obligated: The past tense of “oblige.” An action and/or action legally or morally bound. Funds that have been committed to a specific purpose or activity and are subject to a legal liability to be paid out.	\$15,674.17 funds have been legally committed by the Board of Health for use in staffing and programming related to Opioid Prevention.
Funds Spent by Agency	\$9,788.79
Opioid Settlement Funds Carried Over (Funds not spent in previous State Fiscal Year) Please provide this number by calculating the total \$ amount not spent in previous State Fiscal Year.	\$15,674.17
Contact Information (Email and Phone Number)	ksimonson@cdhd.ne.gov 308-385-5175 ext 1135

Purpose, Planning, and Priority Setting

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What lead to the distribution of these funds?

What was the intent of the funding?

The planning process for opioid prevention and intervention activities was guided by a review of local and statewide opioid data, primarily from the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services and recent community health assessments. This process began in 2019, when Nebraska reported an opioid dispensing rate of 50.3 prescriptions per 100 persons, exceeding the national average of 46.7 per 100 persons. During the same period, the state documented 68 fatal overdoses, with 63 deaths involving opioids — representing nearly 35% of all drug-related deaths.

Recognizing the urgency, community partners—including CDHD, Region 3 Behavioral Health Services, area schools, and local coalitions—met to prioritize interventions that addressed both prevention and response. These planning sessions identified key needs: expanding community education, improving access to treatment and recovery services, and reducing prescription misuse.

Activities were implemented across Central District communities, focusing on both urban and rural populations to address disparities in access to services. Educational programs were held in schools and community centers, targeting youth and families at increased risk of misuse. Special attention was given to adolescents, as the report showed that between 2022 and 2023, opioid misuse among teens increased by 41%, signaling a resurgence in youth substance misuse.

Funding was directed toward activities with the greatest potential to reduce overdose rates and prevent initiation of opioid misuse. This prioritization was data-driven:

-Prevention and Education: The high prevalence of prescription misuse among teens (14.3% of high school students in 2019) and links between early nicotine, alcohol, or marijuana use and later opioid addiction justified investment in early intervention and school-based education.

-Harm Reduction and Treatment Access: Given the rise in fentanyl-related deaths and the risk of unknowingly consuming fentanyl-laced substances, funds supported Naloxone (Narcan) distribution and training for first responders and community members.

-Community Support Services: Funds were also allocated to expand access to treatment options, including medication-assisted treatment (MAT) and behavioral therapy, to address underlying mental health factors such as anxiety, depression, and trauma.

The primary intent of the funding was to reduce opioid-related harm through a coordinated strategy that balanced prevention, intervention, and treatment. Specifically, the goals were to:

-Prevent initiation of opioid misuse through education, awareness campaigns, and youth engagement through creation of a Youth Advisory Board (YAB).

-Increase community capacity to respond to overdoses through education about Naloxone, how to access and administer.

In conclusion the funded activities were prioritized based on clear evidence of need and were strategically aligned with statewide opioid prevention goals. The combination of educational outreach and treatment expansion was designed to curb the growing rates of opioid misuse and overdose—particularly among youth and working-age adults. The data underscores the importance of continued investment in both prevention and community resilience to reduce the long-term burden of the opioid crisis in Nebraska.

Funding Distribution Process

Describe how the funds were distributed. Some questions to consider when answering the prompt are:

To whom did you direct the funding to?

How did the entity decide to conduct this distribution?

When did the distribution occur?

Please note that specific information is needed in this section. This would include:

Agencies who have received funding.

The amount each agency received.

The funds for this project were not distributed to outside agencies but were instead managed internally by the Central District Health Department (CDHD) to support coordinated opioid prevention and education efforts. CDHD utilized the funds to implement activities in collaboration with community partners, ensuring that all expenditures directly advanced the project's objectives of reducing opioid misuse and increasing awareness about behavioral health connections.

Although no direct financial allocations were made to external entities, CDHD partnered closely with several key community organizations to enhance outreach and engagement:

- Region 3 Behavioral Health Services – Provided technical support and expertise in behavioral health and substance use prevention strategies.
- Central Nebraska Council on Alcoholism and Addictions (CNCAA) – Collaborated on prevention education materials and youth engagement.
- Grand Island Public Schools (GIPS) – Offered access to students and school settings.
- Juvenile Diversion Alternatives to Incarceration (JDAI) – Assisted in identifying at-risk youth and promoting prevention and education over punitive measures.
- AmeriCorps Healthy Minds Alliance – Supported facilitation of the Youth Advisory Board.

Funds were allocated to cover program coordination, educational resources, staff time, training, and youth engagement activities associated with the creation and operation of a Youth Advisory Board. This Board served as a leadership group of adolescents who focused on opioid education, harm reduction (including Narcan awareness), and the intersection of substance use with behavioral health. The internal management of funds ensured that all financial resources directly supported program delivery, rather than administrative

overhead or sub-granting to external organizations. The decision to retain and manage the funds within CDHD was made collaboratively with the agency's leadership team and project partners. This approach allowed for: greater flexibility and accountability in aligning expenditures with program goals; efficient coordination among multiple partners; and centralized oversight of training, materials, and youth engagement outcomes.

Funds were distributed internally and utilized across the project implementation period to support planning, recruitment, and programming. Initial allocations were made at the beginning of the fiscal year to launch partnership activities, with ongoing expenditures throughout the year for training sessions, educational materials, and Youth Advisory Board meetings.

Outcome and Impact

Specify the effect of funding the organization, program, or activity and the results of the completed or ongoing activities, services, and/or strategies. Some questions to consider when answering the prompt are:

How effective were the activities, services, and/or strategies?

What were/are the results?

Would the target population have been reached without this program, activity, or event?

What would have occurred if funding was not provided for the organization, program, and/or activity?

How has this program, activity, and/or event impacted the community, region, and state?

The implementation of opioid education and prevention strategies under this funding period proved highly effective in increasing awareness, reducing stigma, and enhancing community readiness to respond to opioid-related risks. Through collaboration with Region 3 Behavioral Health Services, CNCAA, Grand Island Public Schools, JDAI, and the AmeriCorps Healthy Minds Alliance, the Central District Health Department (CDHD) successfully established a Youth Advisory Board focused on opioid education, Narcan training, and the link between substance use and behavioral health.

This multi-sector approach allowed the program to reach diverse audiences, including youth, educators, parents, and service providers. Participants demonstrated increased understanding of opioid misuse risks, the importance of behavioral health support, and confidence in administering Narcan in an emergency.

Results of the Program

Key outcomes from the initiative include:

- **Youth Engagement:** The Youth Advisory Board (YAB) developed and delivered peer-led presentations that reached approximately 250 middle and high school students across Grand Island Public Schools through health fairs and GIPS Mental Health Summit. The YAB attended Leadership Unlimited Youth Summit on 5/1/25 and engaged 25 individuals. These sessions emphasized prevention, resilience, and the connection between mental health and substance use.
- **Community Collaboration:** The project strengthened interagency collaboration between schools, behavioral health services, and public health, improving coordination and consistency of messaging around substance use prevention. The

YAB visited schools, businesses, libraries, and nonprofits in Central City and Aurora to present CM materials. Engaged with roughly 10 business owners/staff in each area in March of 2025. Shared updates from YAB activities and networked with community members that work with youth, substances, and juvenile detention at the ATD & JDAI Hall Co Collab Meetings. There were approximately 10 attendees at each meeting. (3/27, 4/14, 4/17, 5/12, 5/22).

- **Behavioral Health Linkages:** Youth participants were connected to mental health resources and mentorship opportunities through partners such as Region 3 and CNCAA, helping to reduce isolation and stigma associated with substance use and behavioral health issues. The YAB promoted the CredibleMind Mental Health Platform on GI Family Radio on 3/5/25. The YAB attended CHIP meetings and worked with partners at CHI St. Francis to add CM to discharge packets in ED (4/14). Worked with director of ED at St. Francis to add CM QR Code and info in English and Spanish to all discharge packets from ED. Gave presentation to ED staff on CM resource 5/14/25-attended by 15 providers.

Reach and Necessity of the Program

The target population—youth and families at risk of opioid misuse—would not have been reached effectively without this initiative. Prior to this program, prevention education specific to opioids and Narcan was limited or fragmented within the region. The creation of a dedicated Youth Advisory Board provided a peer-driven model that resonated with students and filled a critical gap in prevention programming.

Without funding support, these activities would not have occurred at the same scale or with the same level of collaboration. The ability to coordinate partners, design culturally relevant materials, and compensate staff time relied heavily on the grant's financial support.

Community, Regional, and Statewide Impact

The program has had a meaningful impact on the Central District and beyond by:

- Increasing local awareness of opioid risks, particularly regarding the dangers of counterfeit pills and fentanyl-laced substances.
- Expanding access to life-saving information and training through Narcan education.
- Establishing a sustainable youth engagement model that can be replicated in other Nebraska communities.

- Strengthening community resilience by promoting the connection between mental health and substance use prevention, a critical factor in long-term recovery and wellness.

The collaborative framework developed through this project has enhanced the community's capacity to address emerging public health threats and fostered stronger partnerships that will sustain prevention efforts beyond the funding period.

Updates & Comments

Please provide any information, updates, and comments below.

The efforts initiated through this grant have established a sustainable framework for youth-led opioid prevention in the Central District. The Youth Advisory Board (YAB) has proven to be an effective platform for empowering young people to lead education and outreach efforts on opioid awareness, Narcan use, and the connection between substance use and behavioral health.

Moving forward, this important work will continue through the ongoing partnership between the Central District Health Department (CDHD) and the Central Nebraska Council on Alcoholism and Addictions (CNCAA) which has been formalized with a Memorandum of Agreement. Under this agreement, CDHD will continue to serve as the project manager and fiscal agent for the Opioid Settlement Funds, while CNCAA will oversee program implementation, training, and facilitation of the YAB.

The Youth Advisory Board has continued recruitment efforts to expand youth participation and ensure ongoing peer engagement in prevention work. Future funds will be utilized to support YAB-led activities, including educational campaigns, community outreach, and the development of youth-driven strategies that promote resilience and reduce the risks associated with opioid misuse.

Through this sustained collaboration, CDHD and CNCAA are committed to strengthening community capacity, elevating youth voices, and building a lasting culture of prevention and wellness across the region.

Opioid Settlement Fund Report

Purpose

The purpose of this report, as stated in the Opioid Prevention and Treatment Act, is to gather information on the use and outcomes achieved from the distribution of the opioid settlement funds. Please fill out the fields below with detailed descriptions for each prompt. Three (3) of the four (4) prompts are required in this report. If there are any questions related to the document, please reach out to DHHS.DBHPrevention@Nebraska.Gov.

Please report on funding appropriated, obligated, and spent during the state fiscal year below:

July 1st, 2024 – June 30th, 2025

This funding report is due on:

November 1st, 2025, End of Day

Agency Name	Douglas County Health Department
Funds Appropriated to Agency <u>Appropriated</u> : The past tense of 'appropriate.' Money which has been designated for a specific purpose or use. Appropriated funds refer to funds utilized to carry out provisions.	\$27,777.77
Funds Obligated from Agency <u>Obligated</u> : The past tense of "oblige." An action and/or action legally or morally bound. Funds that have been committed to a specific purpose or activity and are subject to a legal liability to be paid out.	\$1,047.77
Funds Spent by Agency	\$26,730.00
Opioid Settlement Funds Carried Over (Funds not spent in previous State Fiscal Year) Please provide this number by calculating the total \$ amount not spent in previous State Fiscal Year.	\$0.00
Contact Information (Email and Phone Number)	Leah.Casanave@douglascounty-ne.gov; 402-444-7515

Purpose, Planning, and Priority Setting

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- How was the planning process created?
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The department currently operates five Health Resource Vending Machines strategically located throughout the county. These machines provide 24/7 access to a variety of free, health-related products intended to reduce access barriers for our community members.

The decision to allocate Opioid Settlement Funds toward the purchase and dispensation of naloxone (opioid overdose reversal medication) within these machines is directly driven by community feedback and a commitment to reducing key barriers to accessing life-saving medication.

Historically, naloxone has been ineligible for purchase through the department's existing grant funding. Our needs assessments and direct community engagement identified a significant barrier: while free naloxone is available elsewhere in the county, it often requires individuals to visit a pharmacy and complete a formal access form. Community feedback indicated that many individuals, particularly those at higher risk or in stigmatized situations, experience discomfort or fear of judgment when engaging with pharmacy staff to obtain the medication, leading to underutilization.

The primary goal is to dramatically reduce stigmatization and procedural barriers to accessing naloxone. By utilizing opioid settlement funds to purchase and place naloxone in the existing vending machines, the department provides an anonymous, self-service, 24/7 access point. This strategy leverages the existing successful infrastructure of the health resource vending machines to ensure immediate availability of this critical overdose prevention tool, directly addressing the identified community need for confidential access.

Funding Distribution Process

Describe how the funds were distributed. Some questions to consider when answering the prompt are:

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When did the distribution occur?

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When the distribution occurred.

The totality of the allocated funds was utilized specifically for the procurement of naloxone for distribution through the department's Health Resource Vending Machines.

To ensure responsible stewardship of the settlement funds and maximize the number of life-saving kits obtained, the department implemented a rigorous, cost-saving procurement process:

- (1) Market Analysis: Multiple proposals were solicited and reviewed from various pharmaceutical distribution companies.
- (2) Cost Optimization: A comprehensive comparison of pricing, logistics, and delivery timelines was conducted across all potential vendors.
- (3) Direct Manufacturer Sourcing: The analysis determined that the most cost-effective method was to place the order directly with the manufacturer of the naloxone product. This strategy eliminated intermediary markups, resulting in the lowest per-unit cost and allowing the department to maximize the volume of medication purchased with the available funds.

This approach ensured that the entirety of the distribution focused on the core priority: efficiently supplying life-saving naloxone to the community.

Outcome/Impact of Funds

Specify the effect of funding the organization, program, or activity and the results of the completed or ongoing activities, services, and/or strategies. Some questions to consider when answering the prompt are:

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What were/are the results?

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What would have occurred if funding was not provided for the organization, program, and/or activity?

How has this program, activity, and/or event impacted the community, region, and state?

The funding allocated to the naloxone initiative has resulted in the immediate, high-volume distribution of life-saving medication and has provided valuable initial insights into the population served and their associated risks.

Key Program Outputs and Outcomes (February 2025 – October 31, 2025)

The department began dispensing naloxone from the resource vending machines in the last week of February 2025. Since the program's launch through October 31, 2025, the following results have been recorded:

- Total Dispensation: 500 two-count packages of naloxone were dispensed from the Douglas County public health vending machines.
- Immediate Need Indicated: 54% of individuals who dispensed the medication indicated that it was being obtained to respond to an emergency, highlighting the critical, timely nature of the access point.
- High-Risk Population Engagement: Among individuals who completed the optional demographic questions: 29% reported having witnessed an overdose in the last year and 3% reported having experienced an overdose themselves in the last year.
- Reach to New Users: 61% of those who dispensed naloxone reported that they had never received naloxone prior to utilizing the vending machine program, indicating successful outreach to individuals previously excluded from, or hesitant to use, traditional distribution channels.

Demographics:

Gender: Women (69%) and Men (31%)

Age Group: Under 25 yo (17%), 25-34 yo (30%), 35-44 yo (36%), 45 yo and older (18%)

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Given the relatively recent launch of the dispensing activity (February 2025), the full, long-term effect of wide-availability on community overdose rates and health equity requires further study.

The department has initiated a specific evaluation project in partnership with the University of Michigan and Creighton University to comprehensively determine the long-term outcomes of the resource vending machine program, including its impact on overall community health metrics.

Other Updates/Comments (Optional)

Please provide any information, updates, and comments below.

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Agency Name	East Central District Health Department
Funds Appropriated to Agency <u>Appropriated</u> : The past tense of 'appropriate.' Money which has been designated for a specific purpose or use. Appropriated funds refer to funds utilized to carry out provisions.	\$25,462.92
Funds Obligated from Agency <u>Obligated</u> : The past tense of "oblige." An action and/or action legally or morally bound. Funds that have been committed to a specific purpose or activity and are subject to a legal liability to be paid out.	\$24,237.92
Funds Spent by Agency	\$1,225.00
Opioid Settlement Funds Carried Over (Funds not spent in previous State Fiscal Year) Please provide this number by calculating the total \$ amount not spent in previous State Fiscal Year.	\$0.00
Contact Information (Email and Phone Number)	Molly Pofahl mpofahl@ecdhd.ne.gov 402-562-8969

Purpose, Planning, and Priority Setting

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The planning process began internally as an all-staff meeting. Opioid-related data from MySidewalk was presented to the team during this meeting on July 28th. The staff came up with several ideas that included purchasing a Narcan vending machine, medication lock boxes, medication disposal kits, and providing some education to the community. Given that many staff were not fully educated on opioids, it was important to us to at least have a couple of staff attend a relevant training or workshop. As such, funds were used for registration costs for a staff member to attend the NACCHO 360 conference. Given this conference covers a lot of different topics, ECDHD opted to split the costs with other grants to ensure we are good stewards of our grant monies. At the conference, the staff member attend sessions relevant to opioid use as well as risk factors that lead to misuse such as mental health conditions, alcohol use, and drug use. The staff member also intentionally sought out individuals from other health departments to ask questions about evidence-based programming and outcomes.

This staff member brought back a few ideas that included a Narcan vending machine, educational sessions, and medication lock boxes, previously mentioned.

We were able to secure medication lock boxes from Region IV for no charge. We started with a few because we were not sure how popular they would be. We plan to request more so that we can hand them out at outreach events as well as the local FQHC. The lock boxes were distributed from Aug-Oct. at outreach events, the local FQHC and an inpatient rehabilitation center in Platte County.

After some extra work looking at data, it was clear that the greatest need within East Central's jurisdiction was within our elderly population. Our seniors have a difficult time managing all of their medications, creating confusion on what pills were taken when. Seniors who take more opioid medication than what is prescribed by accident are at a high risk for opioid overdose deaths.

The East Central staff met again to review this data and create a plan. There are a few different evidence-based initiatives that were brought to the table.

To date, we are actively working with the United Way of Columbus to effectively deliver these programs so that they are sustainable.

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The programs are as follows:

Brown bag review- this involves a volunteer RN that will do a comprehensive medication review with our seniors that are currently living alone without a caretaker. The RN will help the senior organize their medication and create a schedule that is unique to the senior. This is expected to have individual impact, but lower the overall risk of senior overdose deaths.

Caregiver education- this is aimed for non-clinical individuals who are the main caretakers for seniors. It will be created by a licensed medical professional in coordination with East Central. We plan to attend different community group meetings to present this information. For example, there is a women's group that meets on a monthly basis to discuss various topics. One of the topics requested was caretaker education.

Senior centers + Meals on Wheels: Currently, East Central distributes lunches for seniors via Meals on Wheels. There is an opportunity to provide medication lock boxes, medication organizers, and Narcan to the senior population at the same time we address food insecurity. Additionally, we are partnering with our senior centers to distribute the same items.

Pharmacy partnership- this activity is still in the planning phase. We are working through the best way to provide medication management tools to local pharmacies to give away to customers who are prescribed opioid medications.

All of these programs are intended to lower the risk of overdose in our senior population.

Funding Distribution Process

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NACCHO received \$925.00 for the registration fee previously mentioned on 6/27/2025. AlphaMedia received a pre-payment of \$300 to run opioid overdose prevention messaging on their networks over the radio on 5/1/2025. These purchases were discussed at an all-staff meeting.

Most of the funding will stay internal to account for staff time worked on these projects. The funding will also be used to purchase the items mentioned in the previous prompt. Additionally, we plan to contract with United Way of Columbus to help us with our Brown Bag Review program. The United Way will gather a cohort of licensed clinical professionals (likely RNs) to provide these reviews. They will also assist East Central in engaging senior centers and senior-focused community groups to provide these reviews. East Central and United Way are still working on the contract for this. Exact funding amounts will be reported in the next report.

Outcome/Impact of Funds

Specify the effect of funding the organization, program, or activity and the results of the completed or ongoing activities, services, and/or strategies. Some questions to consider when answering the prompt are:

How effective were the activities, services, and/or strategies?

What were/are the results?

Would the target population have been reached without this program, activity, or event?

What would have occurred if funding was not provided for the organization, program, and/or activity?

How has this program, activity, and/or event impacted the community, region, and state?

The funding spent for the conference generated new and unique ideas that were brought back to ECDHD with the most noteworthy idea of community education that is rooted in evidence. If funding was not provided, staff would not be able to confidently execute programming because the staff member would not have been able to attend the conference.

ECDHD is still waiting on numerical results for the opioid overdose prevention radio messaging. Without this funding, ECDHD would not have been able to communicate prevention messaging to a wide audience.

The medication lock boxes that were provided at outreach events were very popular among all ages. As we receive more lock boxes we plan to continue handing them out. We are co-located with our local FQHC which provides us an opportunity to provide these lock boxes for patients, especially if they are prescribed an opioid.

Our target population would not be able to be reached without this funding. Most of our senior population live in Boone and Nance counties. These counties experience access issues regularly due to lack of transportation and the extensive geography. The success of the evidence-based strategies will be based on measurable data. For example, the number of caretakers that were educated that expressed they will implement best practices that were presented. We will also ask pharmacies to track the individuals they provide medication management items for. We hope to get aggregated demographic information to assess the populations that were served.

Other Updates/Comments (Optional)

Please provide any information, updates, and comments below.

Opioid Settlement Fund Report

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July 1st, 2024 – June 30th, 2025

This funding report is due on:

November 1st, 2025, End of Day

Agency Name	Elkhorn Logan Valley Public Health Department
Funds Appropriated to Agency <u>Appropriated</u> : The past tense of 'appropriate.' Money which has been designated for a specific purpose or use. Appropriated funds refer to funds utilized to carry out provisions.	\$27,777.77
Funds Obligated from Agency <u>Obligated</u> : The past tense of "oblige." An action and/or action legally or morally bound. Funds that have been committed to a specific purpose or activity and are subject to a legal liability to be paid out.	\$21,217.22
Funds Spent by Agency	\$6,560.55
Opioid Settlement Funds Carried Over (Funds not spent in previous State Fiscal Year) Please provide this number by calculating the total \$ amount not spent in previous State Fiscal Year.	\$0
Contact Information (Email and Phone Number)	gina@elvphd.ne.gov - 402-529-2233

Purpose, Planning, and Priority Setting

Describe how and why the completed or ongoing activities, services, and/or strategies were prioritized to be funded. Some questions to consider when answering the prompt are:

- How** was the planning process created?
- When** did this take place?
- Where** did the activity and/or project take place?
- What** lead to the distribution of these funds?
- What** was the **intent** of the funding?

During the State Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2025, ELVPHD focused on planning and preparation for implementing opioid settlement–funded prevention and harm reduction strategies. Because funds were not received until after December 2024, program activities during the reporting period were largely limited to administrative, coordination, and planning efforts necessary to establish a strong foundation for implementation in FY2025–2026. A portion of FY2025 funds remained unexpended due to the delay in disbursement.

These funds were incorporated into the ELVPHD Budget Hearing for the 2025-2026 budget, and formally approved by the Board for continued use in alignment with the intent of the opioid settlement. A limited number of identified strategies were initiated prior to the end of the fiscal year.

Prevention: Public awareness primarily in the form of social media outreach.

Harm Reduction: Publicizing community availability of NARCAN, Stop Overdose Nebraska messages, on-line ordering of free NARCAN, and general signs of overdose and review of action steps.

Leadership, Planning, and Coordination: Assignment of staff to activities, programs, and services pertaining to the Opioid Settlement. Communicating accordingly with Board of Health.

Research and Evaluation: Collection of Stop Overdose Nebraska data and other data pertaining to NARCAN distributors, etc.

Funding Distribution Process

Describe how the funds were distributed. Some questions to consider when answering the prompt are:

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ELVPHD received our first allocation of funds around 12/10/2024. Starting in 2025, funds were allocated to support personnel expenses devoted to implementation activities. Staff members recording time were Melissa Nemec in oversight/supervision, and Kerri Dittrich in program implementation.

In total, the above mentioned employees in the form of payroll and benefits expenses spent \$6,560.55 during the reporting period. ELVPHD intends to continue with public messaging and other initiatives in future reporting periods.

Outcome/Impact of Funds

Specify the effect of funding the organization, program, or activity and the results of the completed or ongoing activities, services, and/or strategies. Some questions to consider when answering the prompt are:

How effective were the activities, services, and/or strategies?

What were/are the results?

Would the target population have been reached without this program, activity, or event?

What would have occurred if funding was not provided for the organization, program, and/or activity?

How has this program, activity, and/or event impacted the community, region, and state?

During the State Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2025, the accomplishments of the opioid settlement funding was the implementation plans for compliant use of funds, and to ensure that there were no duplicative activities funded with other funding streams. The delayed receipt of funding caused a delay in limited initiation of program activities during the reporting period.

Other Updates/Comments (Optional)

Please provide any information, updates, and comments below.

ELVPHD continues to collaborate with pharmacies, Stop Overdose Nebraska, schools, and other community partners on opioid prevention and public educational messages.

ELVPHD plans to continue expanding initial activities and utilizing our CredibleMind platform as a resource for the public in terms of opioid misuse and addiction. Evaluation criteria will expand into reporting of CredibleMind numbers, CredibleMind resources, etc.

Opioid Settlement Fund Report

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July 1st, 2024 – June 30th, 2025

This funding report is due on:

November 1st, 2025, End of Day

Agency Name	Four Corners Health Department
Funds Appropriated to Agency <u>Appropriated</u> : The past tense of 'appropriate.' Money which has been designated for a specific purpose or use. Appropriated funds refer to funds utilized to carry out provisions.	\$25,462.96
Funds Obligated from Agency <u>Obligated</u> : The past tense of "oblige." An action and/or action legally or morally bound. Funds that have been committed to a specific purpose or activity and are subject to a legal liability to be paid out.	\$25,462.96
Funds Spent by Agency	\$11,314.61
Opioid Settlement Funds Carried Over (Funds not spent in previous State Fiscal Year) Please provide this number by calculating the total \$ amount not spent in previous State Fiscal Year.	N/A
Contact Information (Email and Phone Number)	lauram@fourcorners.ne.gov (402) 362-2621

Purpose, Planning, and Priority Setting

Describe how and why the completed or ongoing activities, services, and/or strategies were prioritized to be funded. Some questions to consider when answering the prompt are:

- How was the planning process created?
- When did this take place?
- Where did the activity and/or project take place?
- What lead to the distribution of these funds?
- What was the intent of the funding?

Four Corners Health Department (FCHD) completed its most recent Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) in 2024. As in previous CHIPs, a top community priority was determined to be Mental Health and also Substance Use Disorders (SUDs). The process by which we landed at these priorities shows the need for activities, services and strategies implemented locally around SUD's.

From 2022 to present day, FCHD has employed staff who are licensed LIMHP and LADC. Initially, this began as a pilot to integrate behavioral health services into a local primary care clinic and their care coordination team. Over time, this pilot has morphed into integrative initiatives with other partners, like our judicial partners.

In 2024-25, FCHD was a partner with the York County Attorney's Office and others; the group was accepted into the Reaching Rural Fellowship Program through the Department of Justice. This initiative was designed to provide support to rural communities who face unique challenges in confronting the substance use crisis. This partnership has led to continued local projects through the federal Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Program (COSSUP) and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). FCHD has used these Opioid Settlement Funds to support staff and department participation in these local projects.

Funding Distribution Process

Describe how the funds were distributed. Some questions to consider when answering the prompt are:

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The Opioid Settlement Funding has been used to support FCHD staff to fully participate in the local partnership and projects occurring with COSSUP and OJJDP. The funding, in the amount of \$11,314.61, has been used solely by FCHD internally to support staffing, between July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. Staff supported with the funds have been the FCHD's Executive Director, LIMHP/LADC, and LICSW/LIMHP.

Because Opioid Settlement Funding did not actually start arriving at the health department until December 2024, we did not start using the funding until then. In the months following, this funding allowed the director and staff to support the planning and implementation of the COSSUP and OJJDP projects in our local community.

Outcome/Impact of Funds

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How effective were the activities, services, and/or strategies?

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In order to understand how the opioid funds have been used, the local COSSUP and OJJDP projects must be explained.

Both projects are focused on identifying at-risk individuals, who have had some kind of interaction with law enforcement/judicial system, and are offered Diversion Services through the County Attorney's office. The COSSUP project centers around Adult Diversion, and OJJDP is Juvenile Diversion. A system has been set up whereby assessments are performed to determine whether individuals could be served by Adult Diversion, Juvenile Diversion, or Problem-Solving Court. The Adult and Juvenile Diversion services are free, and are completely voluntary programs. The team at the County Attorney's Office then makes referrals to FCHD counselors, when appropriate, for drug/alcohol and mental health assessments (again, free of charge). Based on their results, some of the Diversion participants then might receive drug/alcohol and/or mental health counseling during their time in Diversion. The counseling services provided by the LADC and LICSW/LIMHP are now being supported by the COSSUP and OJJDP grant funds, but initial planning and set up costs were supported by Opioid Settlement Funds.

Even though the Diversion project was only started around April 2025, it has been yielding some amazing results and testimonials from those being served. The integration of LADC and LIMHP services have been key, as most individuals encountering the justice system have some kind of SUD. Currently, 40 people are being served in the Adult Diversion project, with a handful being served in Juvenile Diversion by FCHD's Behavioral Health Counselors. We are also being asked to serve some clients through the Problem-solving court. In many cases, this is the first-time these individuals have had any help in addressing their SUD's, or the underlying trauma that has brought them to this point. Given some more time, FCHD will have robust data on these Diversion Programs and how they are changing lives.

Without this funding, FCHD would not have had the support to enter into this partnership to pilot these projects.

Other Updates/Comments (Optional)

Please provide any information, updates, and comments below.

The Opioid Settlement Funding is also supporting FCHD Staff and Executive Director to develop co-management models for SUD's through the use of a Behavioral Health Care Coordinator. A grant proposal was submitted to Region V for Opioid Settlement funds for 2026, and awarded. This proposal also had input from the NE Medical Association and involves training from Dignity, and uses the MIRAH Platform. An NOA from Region V was received, and this will also be a focus of the next cycle. It is anticipated that FCHD's Opioid Settlement Funds will be used to fill certain funding gaps in this pilot project, and also in the Diversion projects moving forward.

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November 1st, 2025, End of Day

Agency Name	Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department
Funds Appropriated to Agency <u>Appropriated</u> : The past tense of 'appropriate.' Money which has been designated for a specific purpose or use. Appropriated funds refer to funds utilized to carry out provisions.	\$27,777.77
Funds Obligated from Agency <u>Obligated</u> : The past tense of "oblige." An action and/or action legally or morally bound. Funds that have been committed to a specific purpose or activity and are subject to a legal liability to be paid out.	0
Funds Spent by Agency	\$27,777.77
Opioid Settlement Funds Carried Over (Funds not spent in previous State Fiscal Year) Please provide this number by calculating the total \$ amount not spent in previous State Fiscal Year.	0
Contact Information (Email and Phone Number)	dhumm@lincoln.ne.gov; 402-441-8045

Purpose, Planning, and Priority Setting

Describe how and why the completed or ongoing activities, services, and/or strategies were prioritized to be funded. Some questions to consider when answering the prompt are:

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High-Risk Substances Testing in Municipal Wastewater Supply of Lincoln, Nebraska for Public Health Risk Assessment, Monitoring & Evaluation

Current funding was used for wastewater surveillance operations seeking to more robustly describe overdoses, particularly from opioids (fentanyl), and human exposure to other high-risk substances (xylazine, methamphetamine, nicotine, cocaine). Samples are gathered from both wastewater treatment plants managed by the City of Lincoln's Lincoln Transportation & Utilities department. These data are then used to describe substance exposure trends from analyzing the samples to help assess exposure, monitor that exposure and evaluate the trends and changes in those estimates of human exposure. There are many benefits to this methodology, including early identification of high-risk substances not previously detected, more robust evaluation of public health interventions, improved modeling of public health risk due to high-risk substances and better information for health promotion efforts.

This project supports the abatement strategies from Region V Systems Opioid Remediation Settlement Fund Blueprint (2024). Priority Abatement Area H: Public Safety & First Responders. This surveillance data is used by law enforcement and our community overdose prevention coalition partners to better identify trends and areas with SUD/MH conditions related to high-risk substances. This data can also support Area C: Harm Reduction by identifying areas where fentanyl use is increasing. Another area wastewater data can support is Area G: Providers & Health Systems. This is done by informing the community through existing connections that the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department maintains if increases are seen in certain high-risk substances, or if a previously undetected substance is detected, such as xylazine. Generally, by mapping the data that we have we're able to better inform our approach to high-risk substances. This assessment data can support other areas, including Area F: Prevention (informing where substance use may be more concerning and what may require more resources to provide better access to mental health services and support for substance use interventions).

Funding Distribution Process

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Biobot Analytics has supported LLCHD by providing both respiratory and high-risk substances (HRS) testing since November 2023. This reporting provides details about cocaine, methamphetamine, fentanyl, xylazine and nicotine with weekly estimates at both wastewater treatment plants in Lincoln, Nebraska and provide great insights into variability between sites over time. The goal of the project is to analyze the wastewater sampled at Theresa St and Northeast St WTP in Lancaster County, NE for high-risk substances through Biobot Analytics with weekly testing. This testing provides assessment, monitoring & evaluation support for public health operations. This information informs our approaches and allows us to continue having a positive impact on overdose prevention, and other substances related to behavioral health. Biobot is paid on a monthly basis.

Samples are gathered weekly from two wastewater treatment plants serving the City of Lincoln, which represents 300,000 residents of the 325,000 residents in Lancaster County. These weekly samples are gathered over a 24-hour period at 15-minute intervals and the composite sample of all these are delivered to a laboratory where Biobot Analytics analyzes them for the high-risk substances (cocaine, fentanyl, methamphetamine, nicotine, and xylazine). The results of this analysis are reported back to the jurisdiction within 5-7 business days. Once data is provided to LLCHD via the Biobot Analytics data portal, that information is released to the public via a dashboard application. Analysis of these data are conducted by LLCHD for early detection, spikes (short-term increases) or surges (intermediate- to long-term increases) from expected levels, and trends (3-week rolling averages or longer, depending on request). The results of the analysis are shared with community partners, including other city/county agencies and members of community action groups, such as the overdose prevention coalition here in Lancaster County and the Lincoln Police Department.

Outcome/Impact of Funds

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What were/are the results?

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How has this program, activity, and/or event impacted the community, region, and state?

The benefits of this wastewater program have included:

- Improved availability of data to the public on high-risk substances in the community, with only a lag of 5-7 days from time of sample collection to reporting to the public;
- Improved capacity of public health assessment, monitoring & evaluation;
- Improved modeling of public health risks due to high-risk substances by supplementing models that use surveys, EMS, hospitalization and death data to estimate substance use;
- More community awareness and engagement on use of high-risk substances.

With continued efforts and with wastewater surveillance as a resource for our community, we can continue to protect and promote the public's health. The online dashboard for wastewater testing has been generated so the information is viewable by the public - <https://logisrv01.lincoln.ne.gov/appLG/HRSP/rdPage.aspx>

For sustainability, additional funding may be sought from municipal taxes and fees if additional federal and state funding is not available. Given the unreliable nature of public health funding currently, funding through other methods is the most likely to be successful at meeting the funding gap for this important public health monitoring operation. Partners that make use of these data may be asked to contribute funding to maintain continuity as well. Some of these partners include utilities, academia, and other local, state and federal government entities.

Other Updates/Comments (Optional)

Please provide any information, updates, and comments below.

As a result of utilizing the wastewater testing data, LLCHD has improved communication and transparency with the public. Our local overdose prevention coalition has used the data along with other existing data to map higher risk locations for community vending machines that include harm reduction supplies like Narcan. The data is being shared with local law enforcement and is beginning to be compared to see if we can identify any correlations with existing data.

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Agency Name	Loup Basin Public Health Department
Funds Appropriated to Agency <u>Appropriated</u> : The past tense of 'appropriate.' Money which has been designated for a specific purpose or use. Appropriated funds refer to funds utilized to carry out provisions.	\$27,777.77
Funds Obligated from Agency <u>Obligated</u> : The past tense of "oblige." An action and/or action legally or morally bound. Funds that have been committed to a specific purpose or activity and are subject to a legal liability to be paid out.	\$22,024.04
Funds Spent by Agency	\$5,753.73
Opioid Settlement Funds Carried Over (Funds not spent in previous State Fiscal Year) Please provide this number by calculating the total \$ amount not spent in previous State Fiscal Year.	\$0.00
Contact Information (Email and Phone Number)	ajeffres@lbphd.ne.gov 308-346-5795

Purpose, Planning, and Priority Setting

Describe how and why the completed or ongoing activities, services, and/or strategies were prioritized to be funded. Some questions to consider when answering the prompt are:

How was the planning process created?

When did this take place?

Where did the activity and/or project take place?

What lead to the distribution of these funds?

What was the **intent** of the funding?

The planning process was developed by identifying local needs around substance abuse prevention and then aligning available resources. Loup Basin Public Health Department collaborated with partners to determine effective strategies, including community education, awareness campaigns, and distribution of prevention tools.

The planning and implementation of the opioid program took place after Region 3 opioid settlement funds became available, with activities carried out during the most recent funding cycle.

The project took place across the Loup Basin Public Health Department service area, spanning nine counties in central Nebraska.

Funds were made available through Region 3's allocation of opioid settlement dollars, which were braided with other local resources to strengthen prevention efforts.

The funding was intended to support substance abuse prevention efforts. Specifically, the funds were used to host webinars with a national speaker, purchase radio ads to increase community awareness, and distribute lock boxes and Narcan carrying cases to enhance safe practices around opioid use.

Funding Distribution Process

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The funding was directed toward substance abuse prevention activities intended to benefit individuals of all ages across the nine counties served by Loup Basin Public Health Department. Rather than sub-awarding funds directly to outside agencies, the health department coordinated activities that reached a broad range of community members. The distribution of resources occurred through:

Webinars – Hosted for schools, first responders, and the general public, providing education and training on opioid misuse and prevention.

Community Awareness Efforts – Radio ads were purchased to reach a wide audience across the nine-county service area.

Prevention Tools – Lock boxes and Narcan carrying cases were purchased and made available to community members to promote safe storage and preparedness.

The distribution period began July 1, 2025, and is ongoing. All activities were planned and carried out by Loup Basin Public Health Department to ensure equitable benefit across the service district, with a focus on reaching diverse audiences and age groups.

Outcome/Impact of Funds

Specify the effect of funding the organization, program, or activity and the results of the completed or ongoing activities, services, and/or strategies. Some questions to consider when answering the prompt are:

How effective were the activities, services, and/or strategies?

What were/are the results?

Would the target population have been reached without this program, activity, or event?

What would have occurred if funding was not provided for the organization, program, and/or activity?

How has this program, activity, and/or event impacted the community, region, and state?

The opioid program funded through the legislative appropriated dollars has proven effective in increasing awareness, education, and access to prevention tools across our nine-county service area.

Effectiveness of activities and strategies: The webinars brought credible, national expertise to local audiences, including schools, first responders, and the general public.

Radio ads extended the program's reach to thousands of residents who may not have otherwise engaged in prevention messaging.

Distribution of lock boxes and Narcan carrying cases provided tangible tools to promote safe medication storage and emergency preparedness.

Results of activities: Community members are more informed about the dangers of opioid misuse, schools and first responders are better equipped with knowledge, and households now have tools to reduce the risk of accidental overdoses or misuse.

These outcomes contribute to both immediate safety and long-term prevention.

Reach of the target population: Without this program, many residents across the nine rural counties would not have been reached. The webinars and radio messaging ensured engagement across age groups and geographic locations, including communities that often face barriers to prevention services.

If funding had not been provided: Without these funds, the region would have lacked coordinated opioid prevention activities. Opportunities to connect with national experts, promote awareness broadly, and distribute essential safety tools would not have been possible.

Impact on the community, region, and state: The program has raised awareness of opioid risks, equipped community members with prevention resources, and strengthened local readiness to respond to overdoses. By addressing substance abuse prevention proactively, the initiative contributes to healthier communities across central Nebraska and supports broader statewide efforts to reduce the impact of opioids.

Other Updates/Comments (Optional)

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Opioid Settlement Fund Report

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July 1st, 2024 – June 30th, 2025

This funding report is due on:

November 1st, 2025, End of Day

Agency Name	North Central District Health Department
Funds Appropriated to Agency <u>Appropriated</u> : The past tense of 'appropriate.' Money which has been designated for a specific purpose or use. Appropriated funds refer to funds utilized to carry out provisions.	\$27,777.77. Funds anticipated to start 7/1/24 did not start until 12/7/24. This delay in funds impacts what is reported below.
Funds Obligated from Agency <u>Obligated</u> : The past tense of "oblige." An action and/or action legally or morally bound. Funds that have been committed to a specific purpose or activity and are subject to a legal liability to be paid out.	\$49,345.55 (remaining \$21,567.77 + anticipated \$27,777.77) legally designated by the Board of Health for FY26 activities.
Funds Spent by Agency	\$6,210.00
Opioid Settlement Funds Carried Over (Funds not spent in previous State Fiscal Year) Please provide this number by calculating the total \$ amount not spent in previous State Fiscal Year.	N/A-per state on 11/07/2025
Contact Information (Email and Phone Number)	Director: heidi@ncdhd.ne.gov; 402-336-2406 Program: allison@ncdhd.ne.gov; 402-336-2406

Purpose, Planning, and Priority Setting

Describe how and why the completed or ongoing activities, services, and/or strategies were prioritized to be funded. Some questions to consider when answering the prompt are:

How was the planning process created?

When did this take place?

Where did the activity and/or project take place?

What lead to the distribution of these funds?

What was the intent of the funding?

A new prevention coordinator was hired in March 2025. Part of this role is to plan and carry out the opioid settlement funds. The intent of this funding is to follow the settlement exhibit E focusing on prevention efforts. Internal planning meetings occurred in the Spring of 2025 to review data and explore potential strategies. Additional data requests were made to NE DHHS to gather ER data relating to opioid use.

NCDHD's non-profit coalition, North Central Community Care Partnership (NCCCP), has a sub-coalition that addresses the issue of alcohol and drug misuse, Area Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition (ASAP). At their bi-monthly meetings, the group reviews demographics about ER drug visits in the district and discusses any drug trends. The group also gives input and insight on what would be best received and would probably have the best outcome in their communities. Activities and services are decided while considering the group input.

Funding Distribution Process

Describe how the funds were distributed. Some questions to consider when answering the prompt are:

To whom did you direct the funding to?

How did the entity decide to conduct this distribution?

When did the distribution occur?

Please note that specific information is needed in this section. This would include:

Agencies who have received funding.

The amount each agency received.

When the distribution occurred.

Funding was directed to Credible Mind (\$6,210) for continued access for area residents. This distribution of funds covers the license from 5/3/25-5/2/26. This online platform leverages evidence-based resources to provide a means to empower and assist individuals to overcome mental health challenges through a confidential, personalized, accessible, immediate, and anonymous self-care and mental well-being platform.

Outcome/Impact of Funds

Specify the effect of funding the organization, program, or activity and the results of the completed or ongoing activities, services, and/or strategies. Some questions to consider when answering the prompt are:

How effective were the activities, services, and/or strategies?

What were/are the results?

Would the target population have been reached without this program, activity, or event?

What would have occurred if funding was not provided for the organization, program, and/or activity?

How has this program, activity, and/or event impacted the community, region, and state?

NCDHD's CredibleMind online platform supported 1,702 users, including 222 under age 18. Of all users, 87.93% identified as female, 6.9% male, 3.45% undisclosed, and 1.72% non-binary. This platform gives families immediate access to credible mental health resources without travel barriers. The impacts of the planning efforts come from sharing the community level feedback for future ideas to implement. In planning meeting with ASAP, there was an average of 10 members from the sectors of healthcare professionals, businesses, civic/volunteers, religious organizations, local government, parents, and youth-serving organizations. Through those meetings, the group expressed interest in a potential Narcan vending machine, wastewater-based epidemiology to measure community-wide drug use and trends, continuing Credible Minds outreach, and potential CEU trainings for medical providers.

Other Updates/Comments (Optional)

Please provide any information, updates, and comments below.

Opioid Settlement Fund Report

Purpose

The purpose of this report, as stated in the Opioid Prevention and Treatment Act, is to gather information on the use and outcomes achieved from the distribution of the opioid settlement funds. Please fill out the fields below with detailed descriptions for each prompt. Three (3) of the four (4) prompts are required in this report. If there are any questions related to the document, please reach out to DHHS.DBHPrevention@Nebraska.Gov.

Please report on funding appropriated, obligated, and spent during the state fiscal year below:

July 1st, 2024 – June 30th, 2025

This funding report is due on:

November 1st, 2025, End of Day

Agency Name	Northeast Nebraska Public Health Department
Funds Appropriated to Agency <u>Appropriated</u> : The past tense of 'appropriate.' Money which has been designated for a specific purpose or use. Appropriated funds refer to funds utilized to carry out provisions.	27,777.77
Funds Obligated from Agency <u>Obligated</u> : The past tense of "oblige." An action and/or action legally or morally bound. Funds that have been committed to a specific purpose or activity and are subject to a legal liability to be paid out.	27,777.77
Funds Spent by Agency	Through June 2025, \$19,455.61. The rest was spent for supplies for the kiosk in July & August 2025
Opioid Settlement Funds Carried Over (Funds not spent in previous State Fiscal Year)	
Please provide this number by calculating the total \$ amount not spent in previous State Fiscal Year.	
Contact Information (Email and Phone Number)	Colleen Hupke- 402-375-2200 ext 205; Peggy Triggs- 402-375-2200 ext. 210

Purpose, Planning, and Priority Setting

Describe how and why the completed or ongoing activities, services, and/or strategies were prioritized to be funded. Some questions to consider when answering the prompt are:

How was the planning process created?

When did this take place?

Where did the activity and/or project take place?

What lead to the distribution of these funds?

What was the intent of the funding?

The planning process was created by a thought of how to provide resources in our community, in this case our college community. We wanted to educate but also provide resources at times when resources are hard to come by. This is especially needed later in the day in college towns.

This took place between Jan-June 2025.

The project took place in Wayne, NE across from the college outside the closest convience store right across from the college. It was a prime location for both the college students and the community.

What lead to this project was a need in a college community to be able to access basic medical necessities at all hours. This has been hugly popular in the community and has drawn people from all over our health district to come and use this kiosk at all hours of the day. It has really given us a lot of data that helps us develop programs in the future.

Funding Distribution Process

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NNPHD directed this funding to our kiosk project. As stated above this project was developed to bring needed and accessible resources to our community. We chose the Test and Go program through LTS, inc.

NNPHD received for Salary/wages and benefits were used during planning and set up of the kiosk-

Wages \$840.00 + benefits \$232.17 = \$1,072.17

NNPHD received and used for Travel expense for NE Public Health Conference for CHW who provides drug education to schools in our district- \$158.00

Supplies for drug and opioid education and contest in schools in our health district- \$431.75

Indirect Costs (De Minimis) used for administrative costs for this program- \$1,768.69

Test and Go Kiosk purchase through LTS, inc- \$16,025.00

Total- \$19,455.61

Please see the transaction detail attached to this reports email.

Outcome/Impact of Funds

Specify the effect of funding the organization, program, or activity and the results of the completed or ongoing activities, services, and/or strategies. Some questions to consider when answering the prompt are:

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This project was hugely successful and popular in our community. Everyone young and older in our health district has had positive thoughts to say about the kiosk and many other communities in our district have requested to have one in their town, especially our very rural towns within the district.

The target population are people in our community who need these basic items and resources after hours when NNPHD is not open (except for emergency situations), nor are other businesses open. In many towns in our district nothing is open after 8pm so this provides for those needs after hours. Additionally, this is an easy way to access things such as narcan, sexual health needs, and other basic health needs if someone does not feel comfortable going into a pharmacy. In many of our rural towns those are the only places one could get some of these items and most of those close at 5-6pm.

I think had we not been able to have the kiosk project some of our populations, such as our college population would be at higher risk for overdose, STI's, and loss of school and work days due to common allergy, cold, headaches, etc.

This project has a great impact on our community by providing some basic needs and resources to lower risk and prevent adverse health outcomes, while keeping staff time down. This was especially important to us due to funding cuts this year, so providing this self-serve service to our community has been a win-win for the community and for NNPHD.

Please see the Test and Go Dashboard snapshot provided in the email with this report to gain insight into the results we have seen from this project.

Other Updates/Comments (Optional)

Please provide any information, updates, and comments below.

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Cash Basis

Northeast Nebraska Public Health Department
Transaction Detail By Account
July 2024 through June 2025

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Class	Paid Amount
Salaries						
Lindsey Hallgren						
Check	04/10/2025	Lindsey	Lindsey Hallgren	salary	Opioid	210.00
Total Lindsey Hallgren						210.00
Sarah Johnson						
Check	04/10/2025	Sarah	Sarah Johnson	wages	Opioid	380.00
Check	04/24/2025	Sarah	Sarah Johnson	wages	Opioid	10.00
Total Sarah Johnson						390.00
Peggy Triggs						
Check	04/10/2025	Peggy	Peggy Triggs	salary	Opioid	240.00
Total Peggy Triggs						240.00
Total Salaries						840.00
Fringe						
Employee benefits						
Health Insurance						
Check	05/12/2025	Medica	Medica Insurance	PO 13757 health insurance	Opioid	111.21
Total Health Insurance						111.21
Retirement						
Check	04/10/2025	Amerit...	Ameritas Life Insurance Corp.	Plan #2840	Opioid	56.03
Check	04/24/2025	Amerit...	Ameritas Life Insurance Corp.	Plan #2840	Opioid	0.67
Total Retirement						56.70
Total Employee benefits						167.91
Payroll costs						
Payroll taxes						
Check	04/10/2025	US Tr...	US Treasury	941 2nd qtr	Opioid	63.50
Check	04/24/2025	US Tr...	US Treasury	941 2nd qtr	Opioid	0.76
Total Payroll taxes						64.26
Total Payroll costs						64.26
Total Fringe						232.17

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Cash Basis

Northeast Nebraska Public Health Department Transaction Detail By Account July 2024 through June 2025

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Class	Paid Amount
Travel expense						
In-state per diem						
Check	04/03/2025	15194	Lindsey Hallgren	NALHD Conference	Opioid	158.00
Total In-state per diem						158.00
Total Travel expense						158.00
Supplies						
Educational/Program supplies						
Credit Card Charge	04/07/2025		Dollar General	PO 13702 fruit snacks	Opioid	32.55
Total Educational/Program supplies						32.55
Non-consumable supplies						
Credit Card Charge	04/16/2025		Dollar General	PO 13705 gift cards for drug & opioid education	Opioid	399.20
Total Non-consumable supplies						399.20
Total Supplies						431.75
Indirect costs						
General Journal	06/30/2025	AJE	Northeast Nebraska Public Health Departme	to record de minimis cost for July 24 to June 2025	Opioid	1,768.89
Total Indirect costs						1,768.89
Capital outlay						
General Journal	06/29/2025	AJE	LTS, Inc	PO 13867 Kiosk	Opioid	16,025.00
Total Capital outlay						16,025.00
TOTAL						19,445.64

Customer Reporting

PROJECT ANALYTICS

NAVIGATION:

- Operations Summary

GO TO:



Active User:

peggy@nnphd.ne.gov

Our Background

LTS is an award-winning government services firm based in Herndon, Virginia. Founded in 2005, LTS focuses on delivering first-class, cutting-edge healthcare and consulting solutions to federal, state, and local government agencies. Including mission-critical project management, direct patient care, development, implementation and maintenance of innovation and technology. Our turnkey COVID-19 testing and vaccination services are designed for rapid deployment, maximized efficiency, and quality patient care.





Project

Site

Product Type

NNPHD



All



All

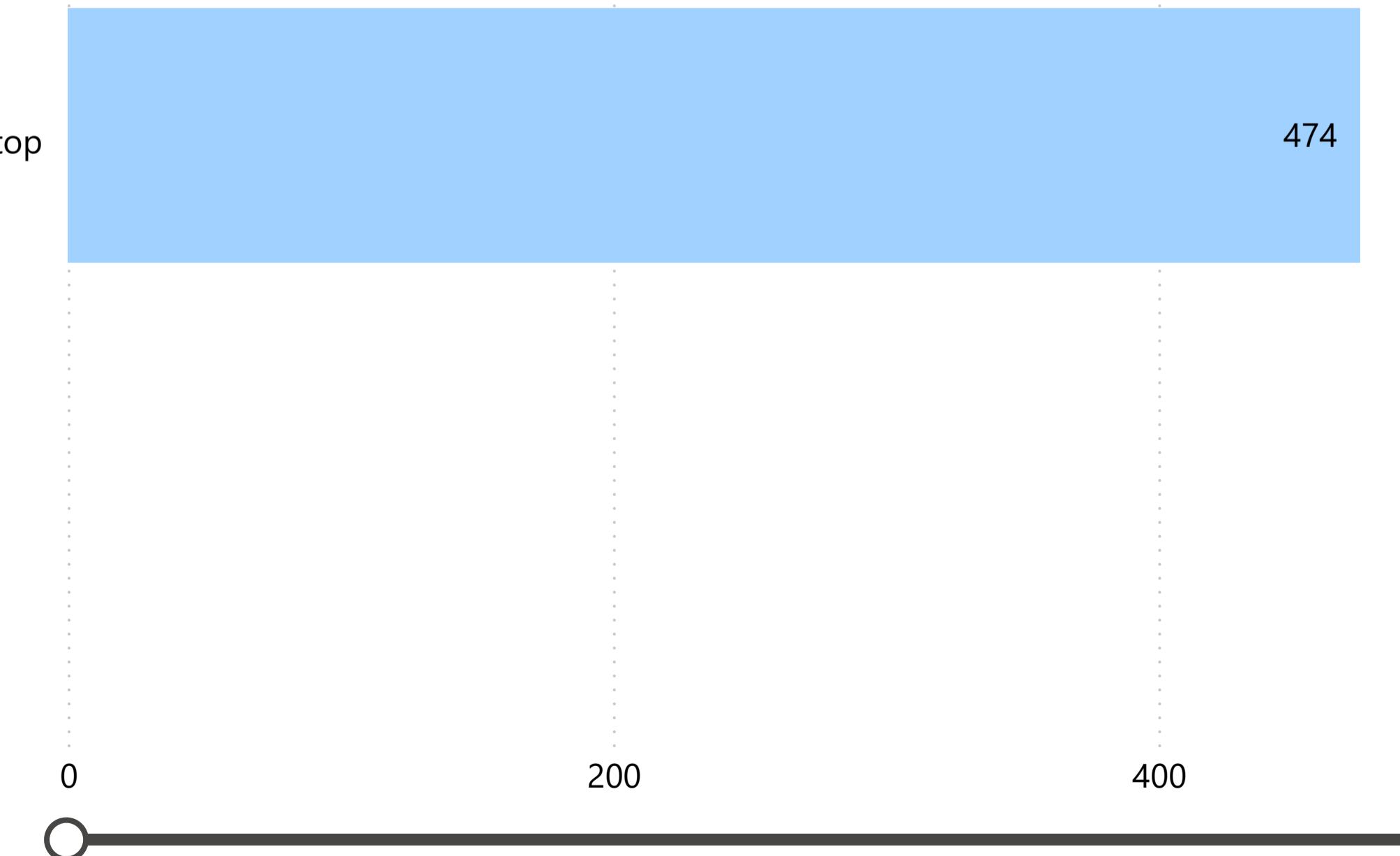
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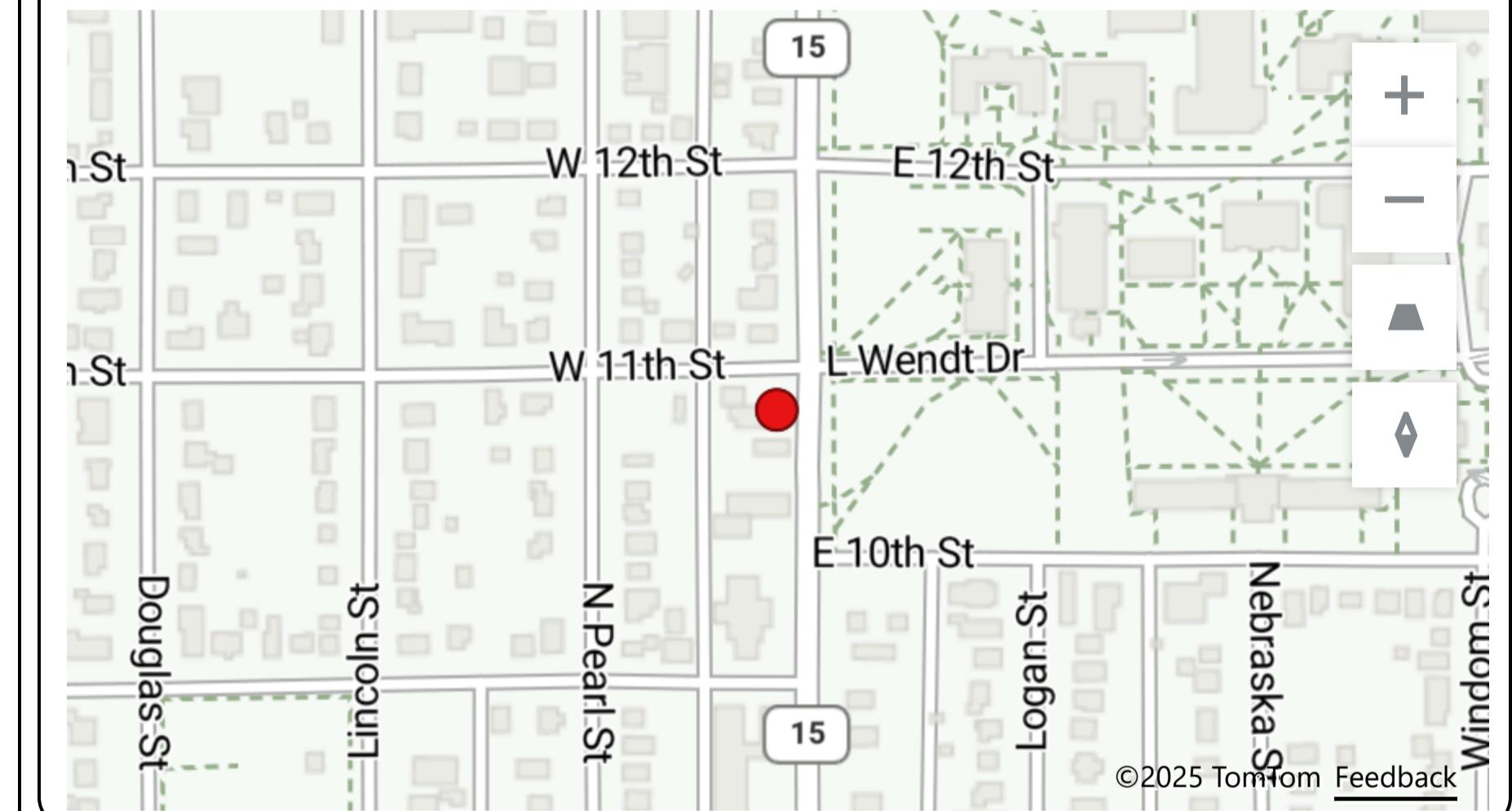
Dispense Count by Site

Short Stop

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Dispense Coverage



Period Dispensed

474

Period Resulted

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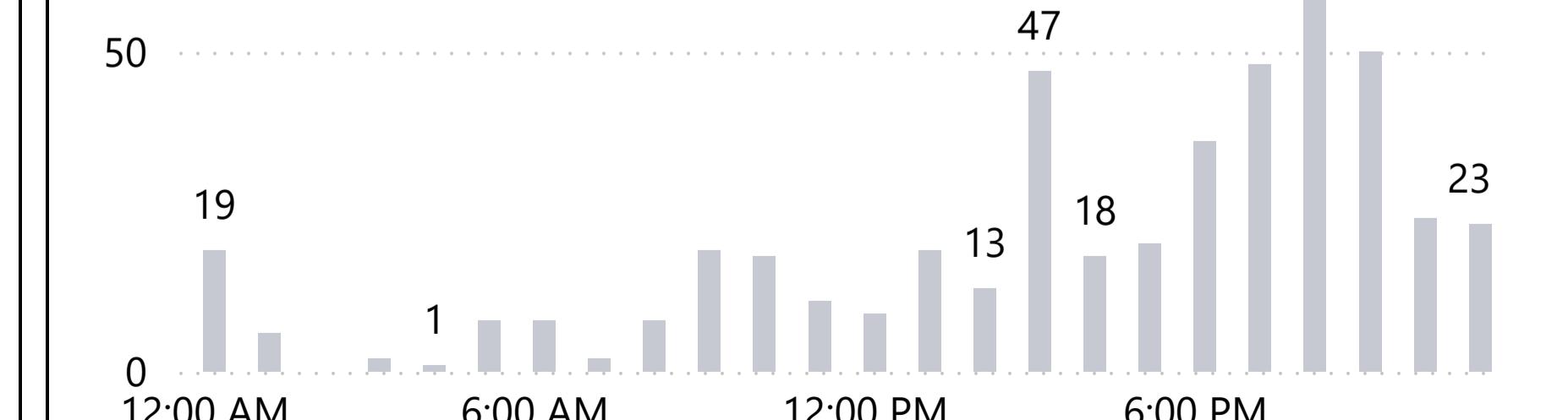
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Total Volume by Time of the Day

● Lab Resulted ● Dispense Count



YEAR TO DATE:

Jan 1st of the associated year thru the end date on the date filter.

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Product Type

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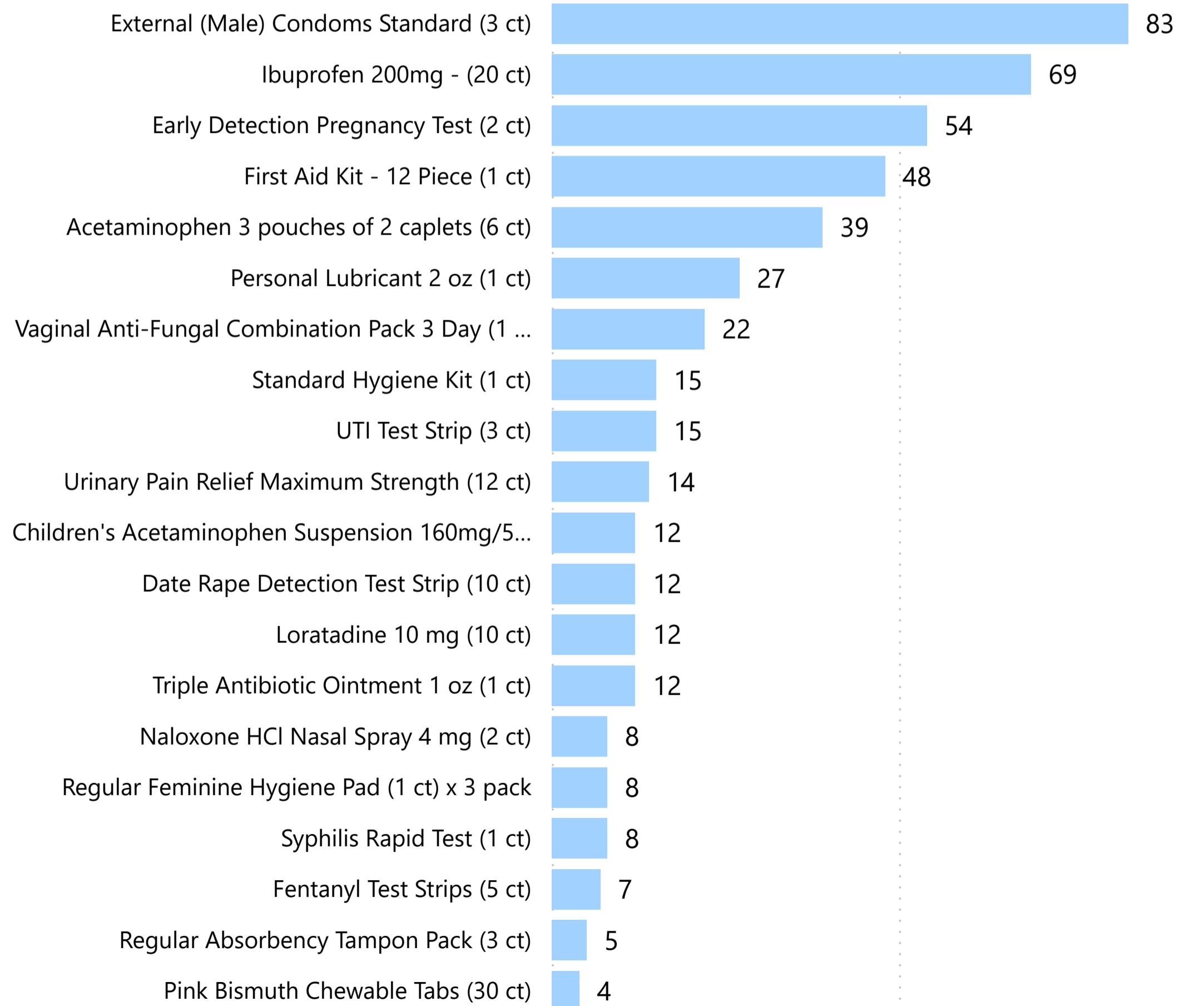
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Demographics by Location

Demographic Detail

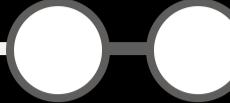
Dispense Detail

Product Volume



Dispenses by Site

Site	Total Disp.
Short Stop	474
Acetaminophen 3 pouches of 2 caplets (6 ct)	39
12:00 AM - 2:00 AM	1
08/24/2025	1
6:00 AM - 8:00 AM	3
10/05/2025	3
8:00 AM - 10:00 AM	3
08/21/2025	1
10/02/2025	2
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	5
09/22/2025	1
10/01/2025	2
10/10/2025	2
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM	4
09/06/2025	1
09/07/2025	1
10/08/2025	1
10/31/2025	1
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	6
08/24/2025	1
09/06/2025	1
09/07/2025	1
09/17/2025	1
09/27/2025	1
Total	474



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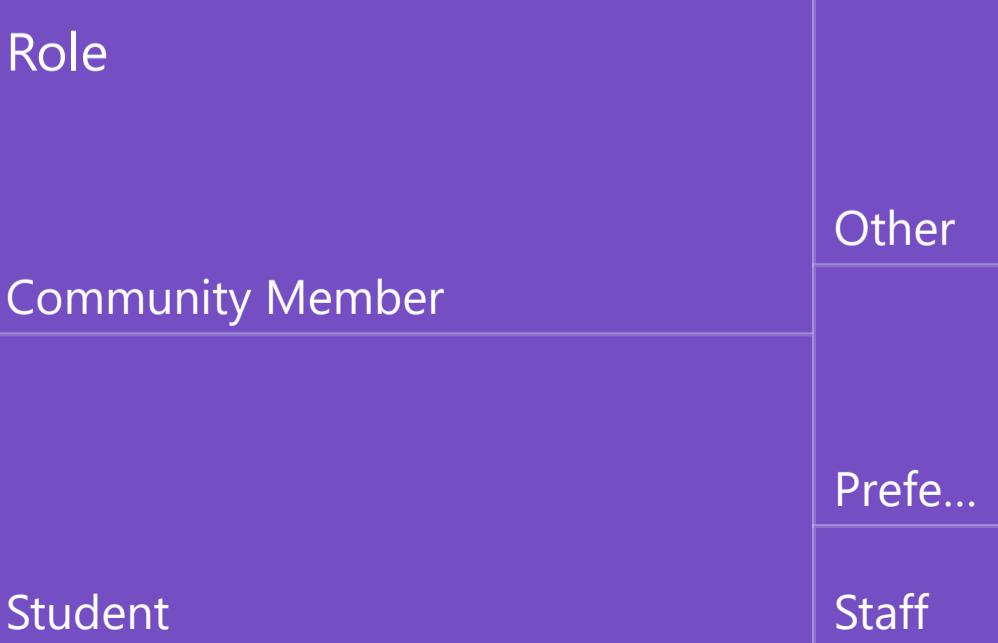
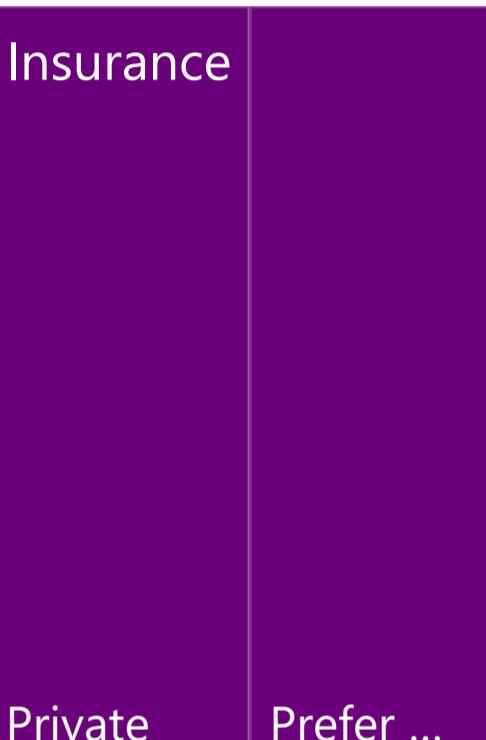
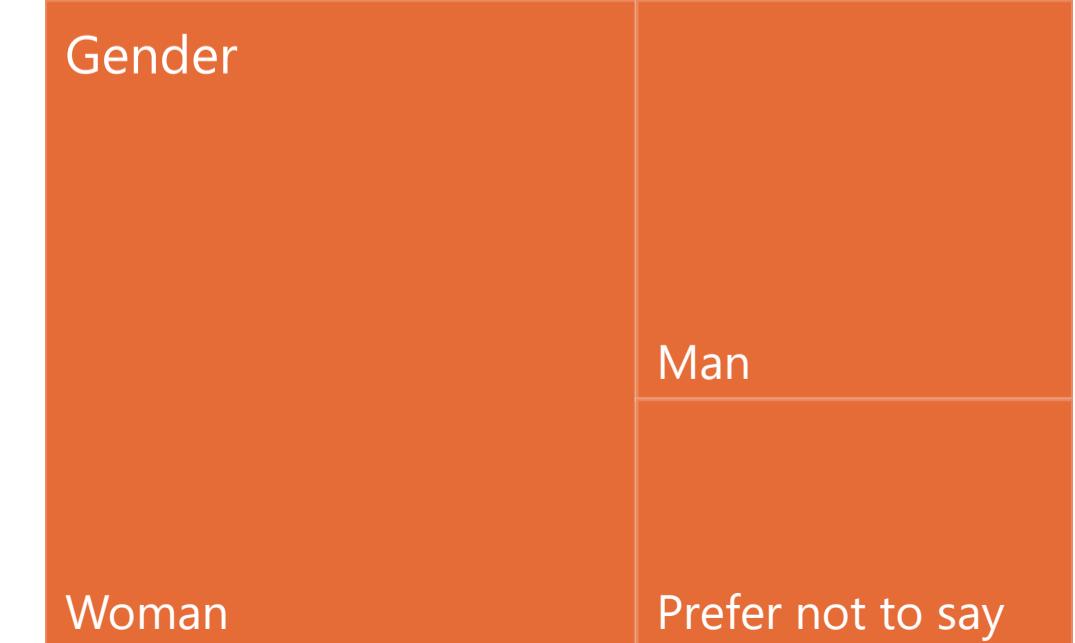
Demographics by Location

Demographic Detail

Dispense Detail

Total Dispenses by Demographic

- Age Range
- Ethnicity
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- Dispense No Data Capture



Population Statistics from Form Questions

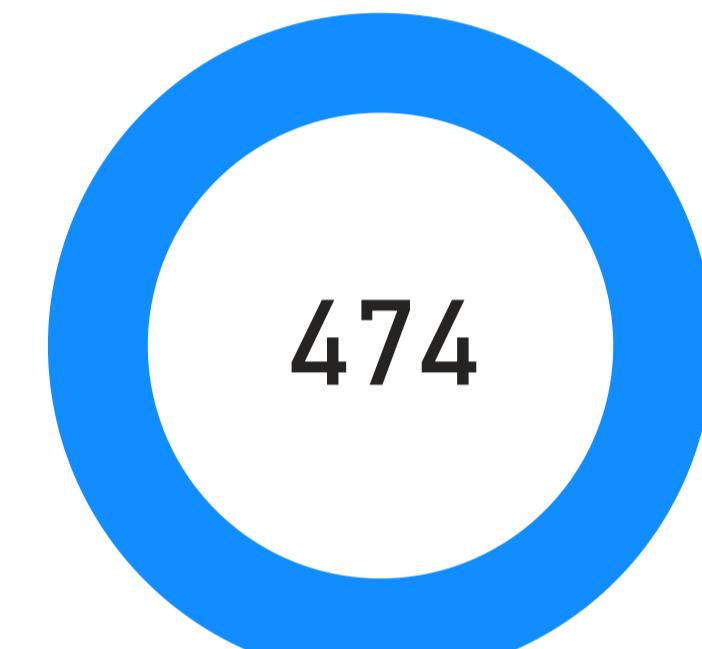
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Demographic	Total
Age Range	471
Please select your age group.	471
12 & Under	11
13 to 17	19
18 to 24	176
25 to 34	82
35 to 44	43
45 to 54	50
55 to 64	60
65 and Older	30
Dispense No Data Capture	1
No Corresponding Question	1
No Response Required	1
Emergency Dispense	2
No Corresponding Question	2
Emergency Dispense	2
Ethnicity	471
Are you of Hispanic or Latino/Spanish origin?	471
No	357
Prefer not to say	66
Yes	48
Gender	471
Which gender identity do you most identify with?	471
Man	123
Prefer not to say	77
Woman	271
Insurance	471
What type of insurance do you have?	471
Medicaid/Medicare	75
Total Unique Submissions	474

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Products Dispenses Per Location

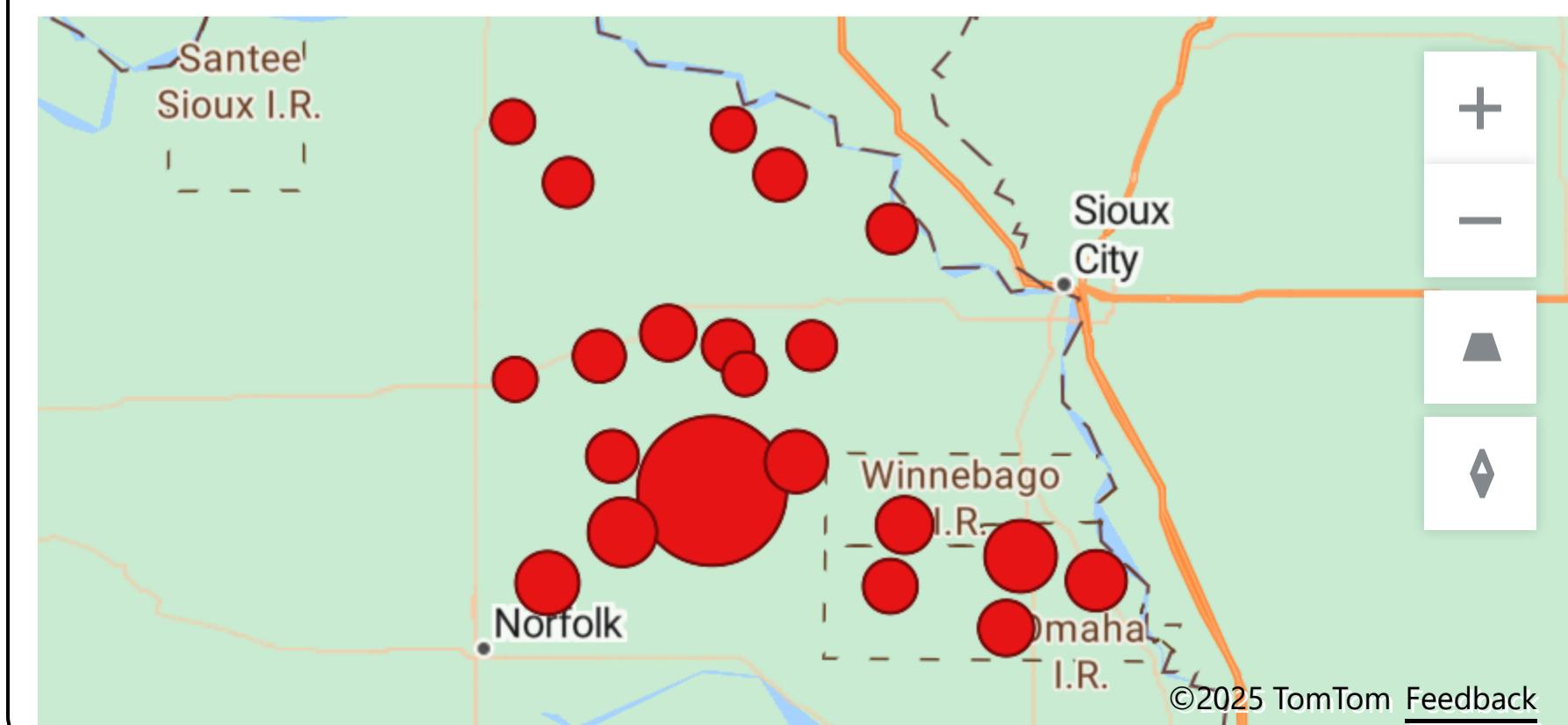
Where are people retrieving the most products?



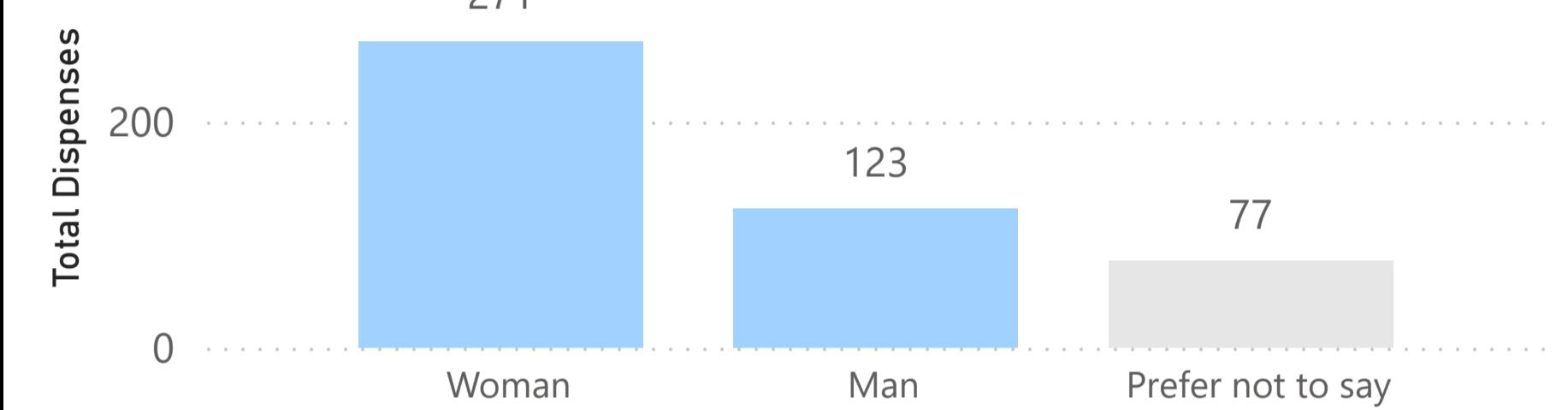
Short Stop 474 (100%)

Dispenses by Patient Zipcode

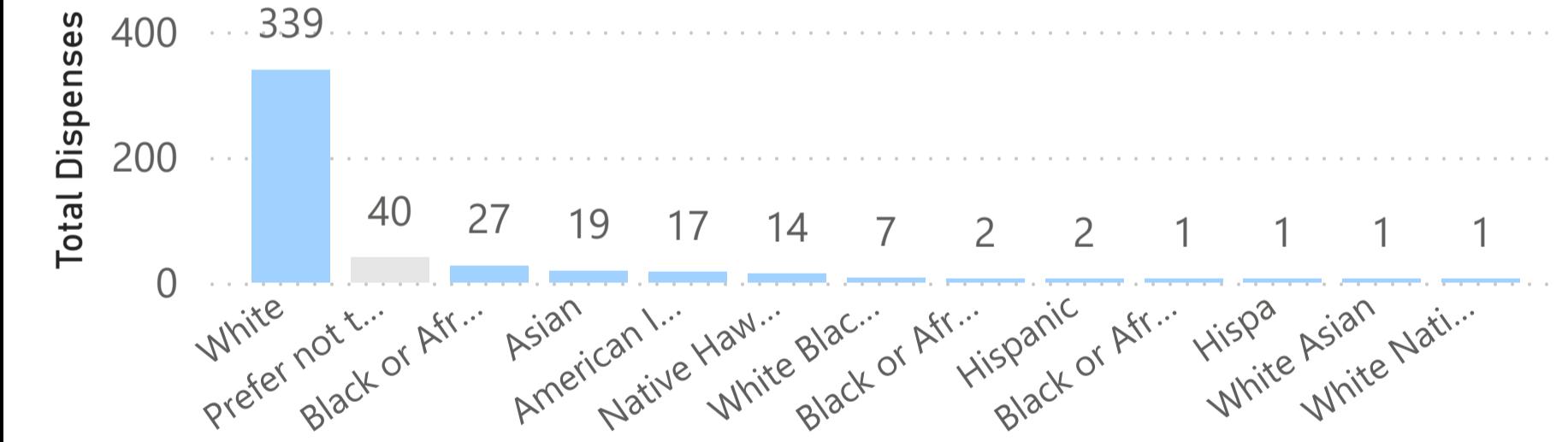
This graph displays zip code data when captured in form submissions, in accordance with program-specific dispense requirements.



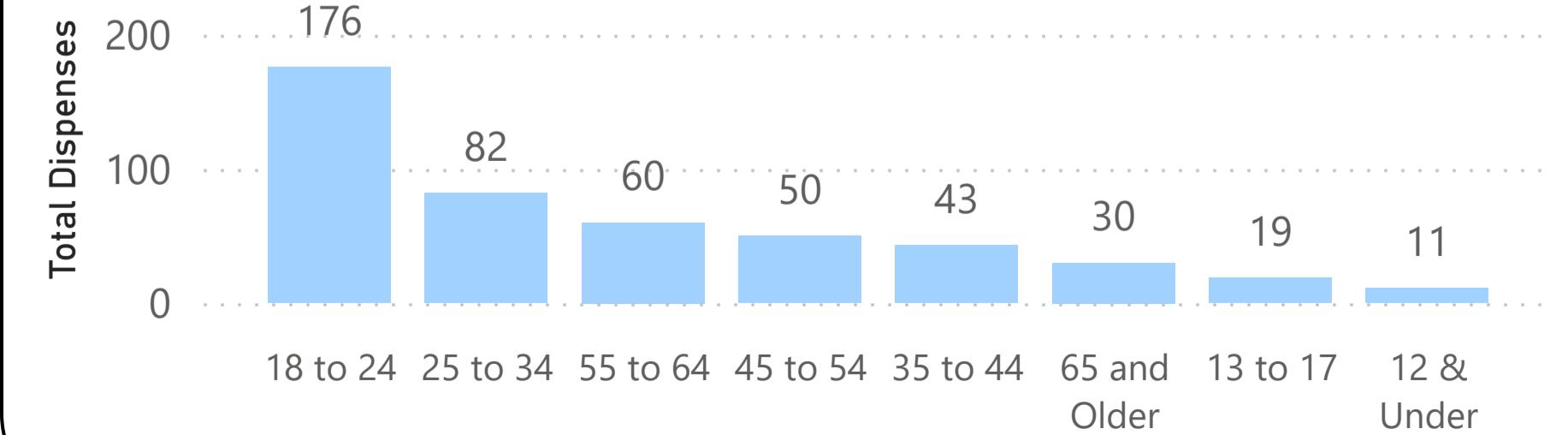
Dispenses by Gender



Dispenses by Race



Dispenses by Age Range



Product Selection:

<input type="checkbox"/> Search
<input type="checkbox"/> Acetaminophen 3 pouches of 2 caplets (
<input type="checkbox"/> Children's Acetaminophen Suspension 1.
<input type="checkbox"/> Date Rape Detection Test Strip (10 ct)
<input type="checkbox"/> Early Detection Pregnancy Test (2 ct)
<input type="checkbox"/> External (Male) Condoms Standard (3 ct)
<input type="checkbox"/> Fentanyl Test Strips (5 ct)
<input type="checkbox"/> First Aid Kit - 12 Piece (1 ct)
<input type="checkbox"/> Ibuprofen 200mg - (20 ct)
<input type="checkbox"/> Loratadine 10 mg (10 ct)
<input type="checkbox"/> Naloxone HCl Nasal Spray 4 mg (2 ct)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal Lubricant 2 oz (1 ct)
<input type="checkbox"/> Pink Bismuth Chewable Tabs (30 ct)
<input type="checkbox"/> Regular Absorbency Tampon Pack (3 ct)
<input type="checkbox"/> Regular Feminine Hygiene Pad (1 ct) x 3 ...

Top 5 Patient Zipcodes

This graph displays zip code data when captured in form submissions, in accordance with program-specific dispense requirements.

Zipcode	Total
68787	332
68067	24
Other	22
68790	19



Project

Site Name

Product

Demographic

NNPHD

All

All

All

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Demographic Questions

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Contract	Site Name	Site Install Type	Site Op Hrs	Submission Date	Time Group	product	id	Age Range	Dispense No Data Capture	Emergency Di
NNPHD	Short Stop	Outdoor	24/7	8/14/2025	12PM-2PM	External (Male) Condoms Standard (3 ct)	6310027107942916454	12 & Under		
NNPHD	Short Stop	Outdoor	24/7	8/14/2025	12PM-2PM	First Aid Kit - 12 Piece (1 ct)	6310042383357762666	12 & Under		
NNPHD	Short Stop	Outdoor	24/7	8/14/2025	8PM-10PM	Ibuprofen 200mg - (20 ct)	6310305543354144993	25 to 34		
NNPHD	Short Stop	Outdoor	24/7	8/14/2025	8PM-10PM	Loratadine 10 mg (10 ct)	6310306403359334517	25 to 34		
NNPHD	Short Stop	Outdoor	24/7	8/14/2025	8PM-10PM	First Aid Kit - 12 Piece (1 ct)	6310352173354950973	25 to 34		
NNPHD	Short Stop	Outdoor	24/7	8/14/2025	8PM-10PM	Vaginal Anti-Fungal Combination Pack 3 Day (1 ct)	6310353113354569689	35 to 44		
NNPHD	Short Stop	Outdoor	24/7	8/16/2025	4PM-6PM	Early Detection Pregnancy Test (2 ct)	6311893490652578567	18 to 24		
NNPHD	Short Stop	Outdoor	24/7	8/21/2025	6AM-8AM	Standard Hygiene Kit (1 ct)	6315871875906254026	65 and Older		
NNPHD	Short Stop	Outdoor	24/7	8/21/2025	8AM-10AM	Acetaminophen 3 pouches of 2 caplets (6 ct)	6315929035909915851	35 to 44		
NNPHD	Short Stop	Outdoor	24/7	8/21/2025	8AM-10AM	Children's Acetaminophen Suspension 160mg/5ml 4 oz (1 ct)	6315928395902511797	18 to 24		
NNPHD	Short Stop	Outdoor	24/7	8/21/2025	8AM-10AM	Fentanyl Test Strips (5 ct)	6315948425904249717	25 to 34		
NNPHD	Short Stop	Outdoor	24/7	8/21/2025	8AM-10AM	Ibuprofen 200mg - (20 ct)	6315947025902680574	25 to 34		
NNPHD	Short Stop	Outdoor	24/7	8/21/2025	8AM-10AM	Urinary Pain Relief Maximum Strength (12 ct)	6315946305902930415	25 to 34		
NNPHD	Short Stop	Outdoor	24/7	8/21/2025	8AM-10AM	UTI Test Strip (3 ct)	6315947735902962953	25 to 34		
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NNPHD	Short Stop	Outdoor	24/7	8/21/2025	6PM-8PM	Ibuprofen 200mg - (20 ct)	6316303455903735219	13 to 17		
NNPHD	Short Stop	Outdoor	24/7	8/21/2025	6PM-8PM	Regular Feminine Hygiene Pad (1 ct) x 3 pack	6316301755901884399	13 to 17		
NNPHD	Short Stop	Outdoor	24/7	8/21/2025	6PM-8PM	Triple Antibiotic Ointment 1 oz (1 ct)	6316311735903886840	45 to 54		
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NNPHD	Short Stop	Outdoor	24/7	8/22/2025	10PM-12AM	Early Detection Pregnancy Test (2 ct)	6317308905241876519	18 to 24		

Dispense Detail

Project

Site

Product Type

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NPHD

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Dispense Counts by Product

Product	Total Disp
Acetaminophen 3 pouches of 2 caplets (6 ct)	39
Children's Acetaminophen Suspension 160mg/5ml 4 oz (1 ct)	12
Date Rape Detection Test Strip (10 ct)	12
Early Detection Pregnancy Test (2 ct)	54
External (Male) Condoms Standard (3 ct)	83
Fentanyl Test Strips (5 ct)	7
First Aid Kit - 12 Piece (1 ct)	48
Ibuprofen 200mg - (20 ct)	69
Loratadine 10 mg (10 ct)	12
Naloxone HCl Nasal Spray 4 mg (2 ct)	8
Personal Lubricant 2 oz (1 ct)	27
Pink Bismuth Chewable Tabs (30 ct)	4
Total	474

Resulted Diagnostic Dispenses

Site	Product	Used Date	Result Status	Total
				474
			Non-Diagnostic Dispenses	
			Diagnostic Dispenses	474
			Resulted Dispenses	0
				0

Product Dispense Details

Opioid Settlement Fund Report

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Please report on funding appropriated, obligated, and spent during the state fiscal year below:

July 1st, 2024 – June 30th, 2025

This funding report is due on:

November 1st, 2025, End of Day

Agency Name	Panhandle Public Health District
Funds Appropriated to Agency <u>Appropriated</u> : The past tense of 'appropriate.' Money which has been designated for a specific purpose or use. Appropriated funds refer to funds utilized to carry out provisions.	\$25,462.96
Funds Obligated from Agency <u>Obligated</u> : The past tense of "oblige." An action and/or action legally or morally bound. Funds that have been committed to a specific purpose or activity and are subject to a legal liability to be paid out.	\$20,047.59
Funds Spent by Agency	\$5,415.37
Opioid Settlement Funds Carried Over (Funds not spent in previous State Fiscal Year) Please provide this number by calculating the total \$ amount not spent in previous State Fiscal Year.	0
Contact Information (Email and Phone Number)	Tabi Prochazka, tprochazka@pphd.ne.gov, 308-760-1120

Purpose, Planning, and Priority Setting

Describe how and why the completed or ongoing activities, services, and/or strategies were prioritized to be funded. Some questions to consider when answering the prompt are:

- How** was the planning process created?
- When** did this take place?
- Where** did the activity and/or project take place?
- What** lead to the distribution of these funds?
- What** was the **intent** of the funding?

Panhandle Public Health District (PPHD) has been engaged in opioid prevention and response efforts since 2018. Early assessments revealed minimal supports in place to address the opioid epidemic across the Nebraska Panhandle. To better understand system capacity, gaps, and opportunities, PPHD contracted with the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation to complete a Behavioral Health Integration in Medical Care Report: Nebraska Panhandle Summary Report. This assessment was conducted across eight Panhandle locations—Regional West, Box Butte General Hospital, CAPWN, Kimball Health Services, Gordon Memorial, Western Community Health Resources, Morrill County Community Hospital, and the Mental Health Alliance.

The process provided significant insight into regional strengths and opportunities for improvement, revealing that even small system changes could have a substantial impact. From this assessment, three long-term priority areas emerged: Clinic Structure, Monitoring and Coordination, and Training. These priorities have continued to guide PPHD's regional strategy.

With the introduction of opioid settlement funds, PPHD facilitated regional strategic planning sessions with key stakeholders across the Panhandle to align priorities and maximize collective impact. Participants explored emerging trends, best practices, and opportunities to enhance the region's prevention, treatment, and recovery capacity. Through this process, stakeholders identified shared strategic priorities organized into four focus areas:

1. Treatment – Implementing, expanding, and sustaining treatment opportunities, including Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) and a crisis stabilization unit.
2. Justice System Initiatives – Expanding education and resources for first responders, law enforcement, and drug courts, and strengthening the connection between behavioral health and the justice system.

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3. Prevention – Implementing evidence-based prevention programs in schools, identifying high-risk populations, and strengthening community-based supports.

4. Recovery Housing – Enhancing housing supports to include adequate housing throughout the recovery continuum.

5. Warm Hand-offs: Expansion of warm hand-offs to robustly funded community supports to reduce client stress.

Since the planning sessions, PPHD and partners have continued to meet regularly to advance this regional vision. Key progress includes:

Implementation of a Situation Table to support coordinated, cross-sector responses for individuals at acutely elevated risk.

Expansion of community education and awareness regarding opioid misuse, overdose prevention, and stigma reduction.

Regional prioritization of treatment access, including efforts to sustain and expand MAT capacity and planning for a crisis stabilization unit.

Partnership development to align and leverage opioid settlement resources for collective regional impact.

The opioid settlement dollars spent this quarter were prioritized to align with the regional strategic plan, ensuring that each investment builds on the strong foundation of collaboration and capacity built over the past several years. This coordinated approach continues to strengthen the Panhandle's ability to prevent opioid misuse, expand access to treatment and recovery supports, and promote long-term community wellness.

Funding Distribution Process

Describe how the funds were distributed. Some questions to consider when answering the prompt are:

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The amount each agency received.
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During this reporting period, the opioid settlement funds were expended to support internal PPHD staff in carrying out activities aligned with the regional opioid strategic plan. Enabling staff to implement prevention, education, and coordination efforts across the Panhandle.

Allocation decisions were made by the PPHD senior leadership team based on priorities identified in the regional strategic plan, ensuring alignment with long-term goals in treatment, prevention, justice initiatives, and recovery services. Expenditures are tracked and reviewed under PPHD's internal fiscal procedures to ensure transparency, accountability, and proper use of funds.

The additional opioid settlement funds have been legally obligated by the PPHD Board for 2026 through the annual budget approval process to continue supporting these prevention-focused positions and activities.

Outcome/Impact of Funds

Specify the effect of funding the organization, program, or activity and the results of the completed or ongoing activities, services, and/or strategies. Some questions to consider when answering the prompt are:

How effective were the activities, services, and/or strategies?

What were/are the results?

Would the target population have been reached without this program, activity, or event?

What would have occurred if funding was not provided for the organization, program, and/or activity?

How has this program, activity, and/or event impacted the community, region, and state?

The opioid settlement funds have been critical in supporting PPHD staff to implement prevention, education, and regional coordination efforts aligned with the Nebraska Panhandle opioid strategic plan. With these funds, PPHD has been able to sustain multiple prevention positions, allowing for ongoing coalition facilitation, community outreach, and cross-sector coordination that would not have been possible otherwise.

Activities supported by this funding have strengthened regional collaboration among health systems, law enforcement, schools, and behavioral health providers, ensuring that emerging trends, treatment gaps, and prevention needs are consistently addressed. These efforts have resulted in enhanced community awareness, improved access to prevention resources, and stronger alignment of services across the region.

Without this funding, the Panhandle would have faced gaps in staff capacity, limiting the ability to implement coordinated prevention strategies, provide education, and maintain momentum on initiatives identified in the regional strategic plan. By investing in these positions and activities, the settlement funds have enabled sustainable, region-wide impact, building a foundation for continued prevention, treatment, and recovery efforts across the Panhandle.

Other Updates/Comments (Optional)

Please provide any information, updates, and comments below.

Since 2018, PPHD has led regional opioid prevention efforts, building infrastructure, partnerships, and access to treatment, prevention, and recovery services across the Nebraska Panhandle. Insights from the Hazelden Betty Ford Behavioral Health Integration in Medical Care Report have guided our strategic priorities, identifying key gaps and opportunities.

During this reporting period, a little over \$5,000 of opioid settlement funds supported internal PPHD staff positions focused on prevention, education, and regional coordination aligned with the strategic plan. Additional funds have been legally obligated for 2026 through the Board-approved budget to continue sustaining these roles. Allocation decisions were made by the PPHD senior leadership team and tracked under internal fiscal procedures for transparency and accountability.

These funds have enabled PPHD to strengthen cross-sector collaboration, implement prevention initiatives, increase community awareness, and improve access to treatment and recovery resources. Without this funding, critical activities such as coalition facilitation, outreach, and strategic coordination would have been limited. Overall, the settlement funds have created sustainable, region-wide impact, advancing the Panhandle's ability to prevent opioid misuse and support recovery services.

Opioid Settlement Fund Report

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July 1st, 2024 – June 30th, 2025

This funding report is due on:

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Agency Name	Public Health Solutions
Funds Appropriated to Agency <u>Appropriated</u> : The past tense of 'appropriate.' Money which has been designated for a specific purpose or use. Appropriated funds refer to funds utilized to carry out provisions.	\$27,777.77
Funds Obligated from Agency <u>Obligated</u> : The past tense of "oblige." An action and/or action legally or morally bound. Funds that have been committed to a specific purpose or activity and are subject to a legal liability to be paid out.	\$27,777.77
Funds Spent by Agency	\$22,925.31
Opioid Settlement Funds Carried Over (Funds not spent in previous State Fiscal Year) Please provide this number by calculating the total \$ amount not spent in previous State Fiscal Year.	0
Contact Information (Email and Phone Number)	Kim Showalter 402-826-6680 kshowalter@phsneb.org

Purpose, Planning, and Priority Setting

Describe how and why the completed or ongoing activities, services, and/or strategies were prioritized to be funded. Some questions to consider when answering the prompt are:

How was the planning process created?

When did this take place?

Where did the activity and/or project take place?

What lead to the distribution of these funds?

What was the **intent** of the funding?

How was the planning process created?

When did this take place?

Planning was carried out through a comprehensive Community Health Assessment (CHA) and resulting Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). PHS maintains this plan as a "living document" and ties workplans and goals back to this plan when implementing programs and services. PHS also uses a district-wide Behavioral Health Improvement Plan (BHIP), developed and implemented in 2020, as part of a federal opioid prevention grant. Info and community input from this plan is also used in planning. The last full CHA/CHIP was completed in fall of 2024.

Where did the activity and/or project take place?

Community education events and classes took place across the PHS district, in the following counties: Jefferson, Gage, Fillmore, Saline, and Thayer.

What was the intent of the funding?

The intent of this funding was to provide community education on opioid abuse, provide resources for bystanders, family members, and friends to identify potential opioid addiction and provide resources, and to provide assistance should they find themselves in a crisis/overdose situation with an individual.

Funding Distribution Process

Describe how the funds were distributed. Some questions to consider when answering the prompt are:

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How did the entity decide to conduct this distribution?
When did the distribution occur?

Please note that specific information is needed in this section. This would include:

Agencies who have received funding.
The amount each agency received.
When the distribution occurred.

To whom did you direct the funding to?
How did the entity decide to conduct this distribution?
When did the distribution occur?
All funds were distributed to Public Health Solutions (PHS). There was no distribution beyond PHS.

Outcome/Impact of Funds

Specify the effect of funding the organization, program, or activity and the results of the completed or ongoing activities, services, and/or strategies. Some questions to consider when answering the prompt are:

How effective were the activities, services, and/or strategies?

What were/are the results?

Would the target population have been reached without this program, activity, or event?

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How has this program, activity, and/or event impacted the community, region, and state?

PHS provided community education in the following areas:

QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer). A community-based, short educational course to teach bystanders how to recognize a mental health crisis (including when substance abuse is involved), and teaching specific steps to intervene long enough to get the individual to the resources they need at the time. Over 100 people were trained in this curriculum.

WRAP (Wellness Recovery Action Plan) courses were provided to: Children in the 3rd and 4th grade after school programs at Crete Intermediate School, one senior center in Saline County, a children's "camp" for kids experiencing substance use in their homes, and group of Spanish-speaking individuals.

Narcan training and availability. PHS provided training to over 50 individuals across the district in the use of Narcan and provided Narcan as requested. Groups trained include law enforcement agencies, school personnel, public health professionals, and community members requesting the resource.

Included substance abuse info and prevention education to veterans' groups in the district.

Other Updates/Comments (Optional)

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Agency Name	Sarpy/Cass Health Department
Funds Appropriated to Agency <u>Appropriated</u> : The past tense of 'appropriate.' Money which has been designated for a specific purpose or use. Appropriated funds refer to funds utilized to carry out provisions.	\$27,777.77
Funds Obligated from Agency <u>Obligated</u> : The past tense of "oblige." An action and/or action legally or morally bound. Funds that have been committed to a specific purpose or activity and are subject to a legal liability to be paid out.	\$23,312.65
Funds Spent by Agency	\$4,465.12
Opioid Settlement Funds Carried Over (Funds not spent in previous State Fiscal Year) Please provide this number by calculating the total \$ amount not spent in previous State Fiscal Year.	0
Contact Information (Email and Phone Number)	sschram@schd.ne.gov 402-339-4334

Purpose, Planning, and Priority Setting

Describe how and why the completed or ongoing activities, services, and/or strategies were prioritized to be funded. Some questions to consider when answering the prompt are:

- How was the planning process created?
- When did this take place?
- Where did the activity and/or project take place?
- What lead to the distribution of these funds?
- What was the intent of the funding?

During the State Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2025, the Department focused primarily on planning and preparation for the implementation of opioid settlement–funded prevention and harm reduction strategies. Funds were not received until after December 2024, this delay largely limited program activities during the reporting period to administrative, coordination, and planning efforts to establish a strong foundation for implementation in FY2025–2026. A portion of the allocated FY2025 funds remained unexpended due to the delay in disbursement; these funds were incorporated into the Sarpy/Cass Health Department Board of Health Budget Hearing for FY2026 and formally approved by the Board for continued use consistent with the opioid settlement funds intent. A limited number of identified strategies were initiated prior to the end of the fiscal year.

The Department dedicated time and resources to planning, cross-system coordination, and budget development to support upcoming projects under the following priorities:

- Prevention: activities to prevent misuse of opioids, including media campaigns.
- Harm Reduction: preparation for community naloxone distribution and other overdose prevention measures.
- Leadership, Planning, and Coordination: investment in infrastructure and staffing to support collaborative and cross-sector efforts addressing opioid use and response.
- Research and Evaluation: planning for monitoring, surveillance, and data collection to evaluate future program impact.

Planning activities occurred between January and June 2025, involving internal staff and community partners across the district.

Funding Distribution Process

Describe how the funds were distributed. Some questions to consider when answering the prompt are:

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From January 1 through June 30, 2025, funds were allocated to support staff time dedicated to planning, cross-system coordination, and budget development activities. Additionally a very limited amount of staff time was allocated towards the initial implementation of identified strategies. In total, 30.5 hours of staff time were directed toward this work during the reporting period.

In late June, the Department initiated activation of several planned strategies. Fentanyl test strip wallet cards were purchased from QuickSeries Publishing at a cost of \$2,999.71. These educational materials will serve as key components of upcoming community education campaigns scheduled to launch in fiscal year 2026.

Outcome/Impact of Funds

Specify the effect of funding the organization, program, or activity and the results of the completed or ongoing activities, services, and/or strategies. Some questions to consider when answering the prompt are:

How effective were the activities, services, and/or strategies?

What were/are the results?

Would the target population have been reached without this program, activity, or event?

What would have occurred if funding was not provided for the organization, program, and/or activity?

How has this program, activity, and/or event impacted the community, region, and state?

During the State Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2025, the primary outcome of the opioid settlement funding was the establishment of internal priorities and goals to guide the effective use of funds. The late receipt of fund shifted the focus of this reporting period toward strategic preparation with minimal strategy implementation.

Other Updates/Comments (Optional)

Please provide any information, updates, and comments below.

The Department continues to engage with local partners, healthcare providers, and community organizations to expand collaboration with existing and new partners focused on opioid overdose prevention. The Department remains committed to advancing opioid prevention, harm reduction, and community support throughout the region. Building on planning and a limited number of preparation activities completed during FY2025, the upcoming fiscal year will focus on continuing to implement strategies that make a meaningful impact. Priority areas include both community wide and targeted prevention campaigns, naloxone distribution, and data collection to measure outcomes. We are dedicated to continuing to support our communities, strengthen local networks, and ensure that our efforts are both responsive and sustainable.

Through careful stewardship, opioid settlement funds will be leveraged strategically to maximize impact on opioid prevention and harm reduction, improving public health outcomes across the district and ensuring long-term benefits for our residents.

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November 1st, 2025, End of Day

Agency Name	South Heartland District Health Department
Funds Appropriated to Agency <u>Appropriated</u> : The past tense of 'appropriate.' Money which has been designated for a specific purpose or use. Appropriated funds refer to funds utilized to carry out provisions.	\$25,463
Funds Obligated from Agency <u>Obligated</u> : The past tense of "oblige." An action and/or action legally or morally bound. Funds that have been committed to a specific purpose or activity and are subject to a legal liability to be paid out.	\$25,463 SHDHD Board of Health approved Opioid Settlement funds in the budget for use in fiscal year 2026.
Funds Spent by Agency	\$0
Opioid Settlement Funds Carried Over (Funds not spent in previous State Fiscal Year) Please provide this number by calculating the total \$ amount not spent in previous State Fiscal Year.	\$0
Contact Information (Email and Phone Number)	michele.bever@shdhd.ne.gov and (402)462-6211

Purpose, Planning, and Priority Setting

Describe how and why the completed or ongoing activities, services, and/or strategies were prioritized to be funded. Some questions to consider when answering the prompt are:

- How was the planning process created?
- When did this take place?
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No funds were distributed during fiscal year 2025, however SHDHD's communities completed our most recent Community Health Assessment (CHA) and developed our Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) during the fiscal year 2025. Mental Wellbeing is one of the 3 CHIP priorities for the new 6-year plan (2025-2030) and there are 2 objectives: (1) improving access to mental health care and (2) decreasing prevalence of factors contributing to poor mental health outcomes. There are 6 strategies to address these 2 objectives. Opioid Settlement Funds will be utilized to support SHDHD and community partners to implement these strategy action plans, beginning in FY2026.

Funding Distribution Process

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Due to late receipt, no funds were distributed during fiscal year 2025.

Outcome/Impact of Funds

Specify the effect of funding the organization, program, or activity and the results of the completed or ongoing activities, services, and/or strategies. Some questions to consider when answering the prompt are:

How effective were the activities, services, and/or strategies?

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How has this program, activity, and/or event impacted the community, region, and state?

No Opioid Settlement Funds were distributed during fiscal year 2025, but funds were obligated for fiscal year 2026 and will be critical in supporting community-driven evidence-based strategies in the Community Health Improvement Plan over the next several years.

Other Updates/Comments (Optional)

Please provide any information, updates, and comments below.

Some additional information about our Community Health Improvement Plan strategies for Mental Wellbeing (most of these are also considered opioid and general substance use prevention strategies):

Priority: Mental Wellbeing

Objective 1: Improve Access to Mental Health Care

Strategy 1.1: Coordinate communication efforts to reduce public stigma.

Strategy 1.2: Improve access by filling prioritized (by county & by population needs) mental health provider gaps.

Strategy 1.3: Build/Support/Implement a community-based referral & navigation system to support screening (including SDOH), wrap around care, peer support and provider collaboration.

Strategy 1.4: Explore pathways for providing access to behavioral health risk assessments and screenings for all South Heartland residents.

Objective 2: Decrease prevalence of factors contributing to poor mental health outcomes

Strategy 2.1: Promote evidence-based/community based trainings for lay community skills and interventions (Mental Health First Aid, QPR, healthy social media use).

Strategy 2.2: Implement "Connecting People" (evidence-based community engagement) to enhance community members' social networks and connections to improve their quality of life.

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Agency Name	Southeast District Health Department
Funds Appropriated to Agency <u>Appropriated</u> : The past tense of 'appropriate.' Money which has been designated for a specific purpose or use. Appropriated funds refer to funds utilized to carry out provisions.	\$27,777.77
Funds Obligated from Agency <u>Obligated</u> : The past tense of "oblige." An action and/or action legally or morally bound. Funds that have been committed to a specific purpose or activity and are subject to a legal liability to be paid out.	\$24,304.16
Funds Spent by Agency	\$3,473.16
Opioid Settlement Funds Carried Over (Funds not spent in previous State Fiscal Year) Please provide this number by calculating the total \$ amount not spent in previous State Fiscal Year.	N/A or \$0.00
Contact Information (Email and Phone Number)	grant@sedhd.org (402) 274-3993

Purpose, Planning, and Priority Setting

Describe how and why the completed or ongoing activities, services, and/or strategies were prioritized to be funded. Some questions to consider when answering the prompt are:

- How was the planning process created?
- When did this take place?
- Where did the activity and/or project take place?
- What lead to the distribution of these funds?
- What was the intent of the funding?

During the State Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2025, the Department's primary focus was on planning and preparing for the implementation of prevention and harm reduction strategies funded through the opioid settlement. Due to a delay in receiving funds until after December 2024, program activities during this reporting period were limited to administrative, coordination, and planning efforts necessary to ensure a strong foundation for implementation in FY2025–2026.

The Department dedicated time and resources to planning, cross-system coordination, and budget development to support upcoming projects under the following priorities:

- Support People in Treatment and Recovery: Support accessibility to treatment or recovery programs or services.
- Prevention: activities to prevent misuse of opioids, including media campaigns, school-based prevention efforts, and drug take-back initiatives.
- Harm Reduction: preparation for community naloxone distribution and other overdose prevention measures.
- Leadership, Planning, and Coordination: investment in infrastructure and staffing to support collaborative and cross-sector efforts addressing opioid use and response.
- Research and Evaluation: planning for monitoring, surveillance, and data collection to evaluate future program impact.

Planning activities occurred between January and June 2025, involving internal staff and community partners across the district. The intent of this initial funding period was to establish the operational, financial, and collaborative framework necessary for the effective rollout of direct prevention and harm reduction services in the next fiscal year.

Funding Distribution Process

Describe how the funds were distributed. Some questions to consider when answering the prompt are:

To whom did you direct the funding to?
How did the entity decide to conduct this distribution?
When did the distribution occur?

Please note that specific information is needed in this section. This would include:

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When the distribution occurred.

Funds were not distributed to other entities.

Outcome/Impact of Funds

Specify the effect of funding the organization, program, or activity and the results of the completed or ongoing activities, services, and/or strategies. Some questions to consider when answering the prompt are:

How effective were the activities, services, and/or strategies?

What were/are the results?

Would the target population have been reached without this program, activity, or event?

What would have occurred if funding was not provided for the organization, program, and/or activity?

How has this program, activity, and/or event impacted the community, region, and state?

During the State Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2025, the primary outcome of the opioid settlement funding was the establishment of internal priorities and goals to guide the effective use of funds. The late receipt of funds (after December 2024) shifted the focus of this reporting period toward strategic preparation rather than direct program implementation.

Through staff time and administrative support funded this year, the Department developed a framework and identified priority areas that align with the intent of the Opioid Prevention and Treatment Act. These internal efforts created the foundation for program delivery in FY2025–2026.

Key priorities established include:

- Support People in Treatment and Recovery: working with community partners to ensure individuals with OUD and SUD have access to treatment and recovery services.
- Prevention: launching community and school-based prevention efforts, developing educational and media campaigns, and supporting drug take-back initiatives.
- Harm Reduction: expanding access to naloxone and other overdose prevention strategies within the community.
- Leadership, Planning, and Coordination: strengthening internal infrastructure and cross-system collaboration to improve coordination of opioid prevention and treatment efforts.
- Research and Evaluation: building systems for ongoing data collection, monitoring, and evaluation to assess program impact and inform continuous improvement.

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While direct service outcomes were not achieved this fiscal year due to timing, the planning and priority-setting process significantly advanced the Department's capacity to address opioid misuse and overdose in the coming year. These efforts ensure that future investments will be strategically aligned, data-informed, and sustainable across the district.

Other Updates/Comments (Optional)

Please provide any information, updates, and comments below.

The Department remains committed to advancing opioid prevention, harm reduction, and community coordination throughout the region. With planning and priority-setting completed during FY2024–2025, the upcoming fiscal year will focus on implementing the strategies identified, including prevention campaigns, school-based programming, naloxone distribution, and data collection to evaluate impact.

The Department continues to engage with local partners, healthcare providers, and community organizations to strengthen collaboration and ensure that opioid settlement funds are used effectively and sustainably to improve public health outcomes across the district.

Opioid Settlement Fund Report

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November 1st, 2025, End of Day

Agency Name	Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department
Funds Appropriated to Agency <u>Appropriated</u> : The past tense of 'appropriate.' Money which has been designated for a specific purpose or use. Appropriated funds refer to funds utilized to carry out provisions.	\$27,000.00
Funds Obligated from Agency <u>Obligated</u> : The past tense of "oblige." An action and/or action legally or morally bound. Funds that have been committed to a specific purpose or activity and are subject to a legal liability to be paid out.	\$2,764.52
Funds Spent by Agency	\$24,235.48
Opioid Settlement Funds Carried Over (Funds not spent in previous State Fiscal Year) Please provide this number by calculating the total \$ amount not spent in previous State Fiscal Year.	\$0
Contact Information (Email and Phone Number)	director@swhealth.ne.gov 308-345-4223

Purpose, Planning, and Priority Setting

Describe how and why the completed or ongoing activities, services, and/or strategies were prioritized to be funded. Some questions to consider when answering the prompt are:

- How was the planning process created?
- When did this take place?
- Where did the activity and/or project take place?
- What lead to the distribution of these funds?
- What was the intent of the funding?

Program Overview and Impact

In October 2024, SWNPHD launched a strategic partnership with CredibleMind to expand access to mental health resources across its 9-county jurisdiction. This initiative now offers 24/7 access to more than 10,000 personalized, science-based mental wellbeing tools to over 38,000 residents.

The platform prioritizes early intervention and prevention, delivering confidential, user-friendly resources tailored to individual needs. As a scalable, non-clinical digital solution, it reinforces SWNPHD's commitment to improving mental health and overall wellbeing.

Key Objectives Achieved:

Increased awareness of the connection between substance use and mental health. Distributed accessible self-help tools, including mindfulness, stress management, and emotional regulation techniques.

Delivered targeted education campaigns on the link between opioid use and mental health challenges such as depression, anxiety, and trauma.

Facilitated broad community engagement through the distribution of materials and self-help items in diverse formats.

Delivered comprehensive education on overdose recognition and Narcan administration at community events and training sessions, enhancing preparedness and response capabilities.

Collaborative Community Engagement

In collaboration with Region II Human Services, SWNPHD revitalized a previously underperforming in-person forum by transitioning it into a quarterly virtual meeting series. These meetings now welcome a wide range of stakeholders, including:

Schools, Daycares, Pharmacies, Hospitals
Long-Term Care and Assisted Living Facilities
Emergency Management, Fire/EMS, Law Enforcement
Community Members, Local Businesses, Civic Organizations

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Goals of the Collaboration:

Expand access to integrated, culturally responsive mental health services

Promote early intervention and recovery support

Reduce stigma through education, peer support, and active engagement

This collaborative effort is fostering a more connected, informed, and resilient community—strengthening SWNPHD's role as a leader in public health innovation.

Funding Distribution Process

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Distribution of Funds Report

The total funding allocation of \$24,235.48 was distributed across several key areas to support a comprehensive implementation strategy. The breakdown is as follows:

Wages and Payroll

Amount: \$12,572.82

Recipient: Internal staff and contracted personnel

Purpose: Supported staffing for program implementation, including outreach and engagement activities.

License Fees – CredibleMind

Amount: \$9,710.00

Recipient: CredibleMind platform

Purpose: Enabled access to digital mental health resources and self-help tools for the community.

Community Outreach Efforts

Amount: \$866.25

Recipient: Local community partners and outreach teams

Purpose: Facilitated engagement events and distribution of educational materials.

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Mileage Reimbursement:

Amount: \$366.03

Recipient: Staff and volunteers

Purpose: Supported travel for outreach and program delivery.

Postage:

Amount: \$32.05

Purpose: Used for mailing educational materials and program information.

Printing and Copies:

Amount: \$687.88

Purpose: Produced flyers, brochures, and other printed resources for public distribution.

Distribution Timeline:

All funds were distributed between July 2024-June 2025

Outcome/Impact of Funds

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How effective were the activities, services, and/or strategies?

What were/are the results?

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How has this program, activity, and/or event impacted the community, region, and state?

Effectiveness of Activities, Services, and Strategies:

The funded CredibleMind platform has proven highly effective in engaging the Southwest Nebraska community in mental health and wellness education. Since its launch on January 6, 2025, the platform has attracted 1,366 users, with 1,613 sessions and 290 unique assessment users.

Key engagement metrics include:

29.34% of users completed assessments, exceeding the benchmark of 28.09% from similar platforms. Users actively explored 86 different topics, with high interest in depression (185 users), anxiety (46), and flourishing/languishing (39).

The average session duration was 6 minutes and 10 seconds, indicating meaningful engagement.

Results Achieved:

High engagement with mental health assessments: The most taken assessment, "Are Your 'Off Days' a Sign of Depression", was completed by 185 users, suggesting the platform is successfully identifying and addressing mental health concerns.

Diverse resource usage: Users accessed a wide range of content types including videos (33%), lists (16%), insights (15%), and articles (9%).

Demographic reach: The platform reached users across all age groups, with strong engagement from youth (13–17 years: 127 users) and adults (18–44 years: 164 users combined).

Language accessibility: While the majority of users were English-speaking (98.9%), the platform also served Spanish-speaking users (1.2%).

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Reach of Target Population Without the Program:

It is unlikely that the target population would have been reached as effectively without this program. The platform's digital accessibility, targeted outreach campaigns (e.g., Google Ads, email newsletters), and diverse content offerings created a centralized, stigma-free space for mental health exploration that did not previously exist in the region.

Impact of Funding Absence:

Without funding, the following would likely have occurred:

Limited access to mental health resources, especially for underserved or rural populations.

Reduced awareness and early identification of mental health issues such as depression, anxiety, and burnout.

Missed opportunities for community engagement, education, and prevention through assessments and curated content.

Community, Regional, and State Impact:

The program has had a measurable impact on the Southwest Nebraska region by:
Empowering individuals to take proactive steps in their mental health journey.

Connecting users to local services, such as Region 3 Behavioral Health Services and Domestic Abuse/Sexual Assault Services.

Promoting mental health literacy across age groups and demographics.

Supporting statewide health initiatives through data-driven insights and scalable outreach strategies.

Other Updates/Comments (Optional)

Please provide any information, updates, and comments below.

Opioid Settlement Fund Report

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Please report on funding appropriated, obligated, and spent during the state fiscal year below:

July 1st, 2024 – June 30th, 2025

This funding report is due on:

November 1st, 2025, End of Day

Agency Name	Three Rivers Public Health Department
Funds Appropriated to Agency <u>Appropriated</u> : The past tense of 'appropriate.' Money which has been designated for a specific purpose or use. Appropriated funds refer to funds utilized to carry out provisions.	\$27,777.77
Funds Obligated from Agency <u>Obligated</u> : The past tense of "oblige." An action and/or action legally or morally bound. Funds that have been committed to a specific purpose or activity and are subject to a legal liability to be paid out.	\$0.00
Funds Spent by Agency	\$27,777.77
Opioid Settlement Funds Carried Over (Funds not spent in previous State Fiscal Year) Please provide this number by calculating the total \$ amount not spent in previous State Fiscal Year.	\$0.00
Contact Information (Email and Phone Number)	terra@3rphd.ne.gov; 402-704-2254

Purpose, Planning, and Priority Setting

Describe how and why the completed or ongoing activities, services, and/or strategies were prioritized to be funded. Some questions to consider when answering the prompt are:

How was the planning process created?

When did this take place?

Where did the activity and/or project take place?

What lead to the distribution of these funds?

What was the intent of the funding?

Three Rivers Public Health Department (3RPHD) serves the residents of Dodge, Saunders, and Washington Counties in eastern Nebraska region with a combined population of approximately 80,000 residents. These large rural communities face unique challenges related to substance misuse, limited behavioral health access, and resource gaps across prevention and recovery efforts.

The department received its opioid general funds in December 2024. Recognizing the urgency to act, 3RPHD immediately began coordinated planning and implementation to ensure that the funds were distributed quickly yet strategically across all three counties.

The Executive Director led the planning and coordination process. Between December 2024 and January 2025, data was reviewed, service gaps were identified, and efforts were coordinated with local partners.

Key planning activities included:

- Reviewing Community Health Assessment (CHA) data, hospital reports, and law enforcement information to identify county-specific trends.
- Consulting with community coalitions, hospitals, and behavioral health providers to ensure alignment with ongoing local efforts.
- Mapping prevention and outreach resources to identify opportunities for immediate community impact.

Through this process, the leadership team determined that opioid funds would support prevention, education, and outreach activities across the district, emphasizing quick implementation, measurable impact, and sustainability through collaboration.

Across all three counties, 3RPHD staff provided education, outreach, and community engagement to promote safe medication disposal, reduce stigma, and connect residents to available resources.

Funding Distribution Process

Describe how the funds were distributed. Some questions to consider when answering the prompt are:

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After receiving Opioid General Funds in December 2024, Three Rivers Public Health Department (3RPHD) acted quickly to ensure the funding made an immediate impact across Dodge, Saunders, and Washington Counties. All funds were distributed internally in January 2025-June 30, 2025 to strengthen prevention, education, and response capacity within the department.

The funds supported three main priorities:

- Planning and Coordination: Covered limited staff time to plan opioid prevention and education efforts, collect data, and build partnerships that align with community needs.
- Narcan Procurement: Purchased Narcan (naloxone) to enhance overdose prevention, community readiness, and emergency response.
- Education and Outreach: Supported development of materials and community outreach to share information on opioid misuse, safe medication use, and local treatment resources.

Although received late in 2024, the funds were used intentionally to build readiness, expand education, and strengthen partnerships. As 3RPHD moves into FY2026, efforts will focus on expanding data analysis through MySidewalk and the Community Health Assessment, continuing work with the Dodge County Opioid Task Force, and broadening outreach across all three counties to promote awareness and community safety.

Outcome/Impact of Funds

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How effective were the activities, services, and/or strategies?

What were/are the results?

Would the target population have been reached without this program, activity, or event?

What would have occurred if funding was not provided for the organization, program, and/or activity?

How has this program, activity, and/or event impacted the community, region, and state?

Across the Three Rivers Public Health Department (3RPHD) service area, funding from Dodge, Saunders, and Washington Counties supported targeted prevention, education, and outreach efforts tailored to each community's needs.

In Dodge County, rising opioid-related emergency responses and growing community concern led 3RPHD to take an active role in the Dodge County Opioid Task Force, working with local leaders to address emerging issues and coordinate prevention strategies. The department also launched a community survey in 2025 to establish a baseline for opioid-related data, an essential first step, since no prior local system existed.

In Saunders County, efforts centered on education and prevention outreach, working with schools, civic groups, and community partners to raise awareness among youth and families about opioid risks and safe medication practices.

In Washington County, 3RPHD focused on community engagement and communication, ensuring residents and providers were aware of available treatment and recovery services. Outreach events and social media campaigns promoted prevention resources and strengthened local connections.

These coordinated county-level efforts have built a stronger foundation for prevention, awareness, and response across the region. While meaningful progress has been made, 3RPHD recognizes that much more work remains to address the ongoing impact of opioids and to continue supporting the health and safety of all residents.

Other Updates/Comments (Optional)

Please provide any information, updates, and comments below.

Three Rivers Public Health Department (3RPHD) continues to work closely with local partners, healthcare providers, schools, and community organizations to strengthen collaboration around opioid prevention and response. The department remains deeply committed to advancing opioid prevention, harm reduction, and community support throughout Dodge, Saunders, and Washington Counties.

Building on the planning and foundational activities completed during FY2025, the upcoming fiscal year will focus on implementing strategies that make a lasting difference. Priority areas include expanding community-wide and targeted prevention campaigns, continuing naloxone (Narcan) distribution, and enhancing data collection and evaluation to measure progress and outcomes.

Through careful stewardship, 3RPHD will continue to strategically leverage opioid settlement funds to maximize their impact. These efforts will strengthen local networks, expand education and outreach, and ensure that all activities are responsive, coordinated, and sustainable, improving public health outcomes and protecting the well-being of residents across the district.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve our communities.

Opioid Settlement Fund Report

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Agency Name	Two Rivers Public Health Department
Funds Appropriated to Agency <u>Appropriated</u> : The past tense of 'appropriate.' Money which has been designated for a specific purpose or use. Appropriated funds refer to funds utilized to carry out provisions.	\$27,777.76
Funds Obligated from Agency <u>Obligated</u> : The past tense of "oblige." An action and/or action legally or morally bound. Funds that have been committed to a specific purpose or activity and are subject to a legal liability to be paid out.	\$0
Funds Spent by Agency	\$27,251.90
Opioid Settlement Funds Carried Over (Funds not spent in previous State Fiscal Year) Please provide this number by calculating the total \$ amount not spent in previous State Fiscal Year.	\$525.86
Contact Information (Email and Phone Number)	Ashley Green (agreen@trphd.ne.gov)(308) 206-5859

Purpose, Planning, and Priority Setting

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How was the planning process created?

When did this take place?

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What lead to the distribution of these funds?

What was the intent of the funding?

At the time we first received notice of the Settlement Funds, TRPHD had already identified behavioral health, including drug-overdose prevention as a focus area in the Community Health Improvement priorities. Additionally, TRPHD was awarded other opioid funds to tackle local problems, such as drug-take back events and general outreach. We as an agency felt this was worthwhile for us to do. There were minimal areas in our district that were doing drug take back at pharmacies due to lack of funding. Drug take back events which included destroying drugs, giving out lock boxes, giving out Deterra and Narcan along with information and education about overdose, spotting paraphernalia and emerging drugs were completed. Utilizing braided funding from the Settlement funds and other grants, TRPHD completed takeback events at senior centers in the district. Peterson Center/ Lexington Senior Center 5/27/25 Cozad Senior Center 6/2/25 by the end of June TRPHD had 3 more arranged for new fiscal year. The three take back events before 6/30/25 destroyed 8540 pills gave out 57 lockboxes, 55 Deterra, 15 locking bottles and 134 Narcan's.

TRPHD also did community education at Gothenburg Library, ESU 11 counselors, Latina Conference, Kearney HS, UNK out of darkness walk, Beta Man Conference, Migrant Bus, Hanney Arram School, Blue and Gold UNK, Elwood Public Schools, Lexington Library and Lexington HS and UNK protect the herd.

Jail education was conducted by giving educational materials and Narcan packets to distribute to inmates upon discharge. Minden and Franklin police were given Narcan Packets to distribute when they encounter those that are at risk of using drugs.

TRPHD did bar outreach which included 37 plus bars in the district hanging education in the bathrooms and providing Narcan for behind the bars. Narcan cabinets were distributed in July of 2025.

Funding Distribution Process

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TRPHD was the sole grantee of the above funding. We did not have any subgrantees of this funding. TRPHD primarily utilized the funding for staff time Hayley Jelinek (Health Educator), Katherine Mulligan (Chief Operations Officer) to engage the community in opioid related topic areas, purchase relevant supplies, and print awareness posters for distribution across the district. The funding was braided with other similar grant funding to accomplish wide-reaching goals that couldn't be accomplished with just the Settlement funds alone.

Outcome/Impact of Funds

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What were/are the results?

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How has this program, activity, and/or event impacted the community, region, and state?

TRPHD had a 100% increase in how many schools were educated. 115 senior citizens were educated in the district, 5 jails in area were educated and distributing Narcan Packets. Two Police departments were handing out overdose education.

Because of the rural nature of the TRPHD district, it is unlikely many of these groups would not have ever received education around drug usage and drug overdose. Additionally, TRPHD is pioneering the way in targeting schools for primary preventative education- similar to what the DARE programs aimed to do. TRPHD staff have unique and impactful lived experience in this area, and we have received feedback that students are more engaged knowing that those experiences could be their siblings, friends, etc. Additionally, senior centers were already gathering places for education and learning, but have historically not had prescription medication/lockbox education. Funds from this Settlement and other related grants allowed TRPHD staff to implement and give away preventative measures (like lockboxes and locking pill bottles) to further engagement. Finally, TRPHD engaged with the local jails because folks coming out of jails are vulnerable, influential, and usually without many resources. Providing them with Narcan and overdose education allowed TRPHD and local law enforcement to prevent potential injury or re-entry into the criminal justice system via drug use.

Overall, these funding dollars helped support crucial staff time and additional program supply purchases to support overall opioid and overdose education throughout the district to citizens at every phase of life (and risk).

Other Updates/Comments (Optional)

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Opioid Settlement Fund Report

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Agency Name	West Central District Health Department
Funds Appropriated to Agency <u>Appropriated</u> : The past tense of 'appropriate.' Money which has been designated for a specific purpose or use. Appropriated funds refer to funds utilized to carry out provisions.	\$27,777.77
Funds Obligated from Agency <u>Obligated</u> : The past tense of "oblige." An action and/or action legally or morally bound. Funds that have been committed to a specific purpose or activity and are subject to a legal liability to be paid out.	\$24,054.05
Funds Spent by Agency	\$3,723.72
Opioid Settlement Funds Carried Over (Funds not spent in previous State Fiscal Year) Please provide this number by calculating the total \$ amount not spent in previous State Fiscal Year.	\$0.00
Contact Information (Email and Phone Number)	Meghan Trevino, Executive Director. trevinom@wcdhd.org , 308-221-6830

Purpose, Planning, and Priority Setting

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How was the planning process created?

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What lead to the distribution of these funds?

What was the intent of the funding?

The planning process for the opioid settlement funds began in late FY2024–2025, following the initial receipt of funds in December 2024. Because the funds were not received until halfway through the fiscal year, West Central District Health Department prioritized careful planning and collaboration over rapid expenditure to ensure resources were used strategically and sustainably.

To determine the most effective use of these funds, the department convened discussions with local partners, substance use prevention coalitions, and community organizations already engaged in prevention, treatment, and recovery support. These conversations allowed for a community-informed approach that aligns with local needs and complements existing efforts. Planning activities included assessing current service gaps, reviewing community overdose data, and identifying opportunities to enhance harm reduction and prevention infrastructure across the department's six-county service area.

Funds utilized during FY2024–2025 were directed primarily toward staff time dedicated to coordination and planning, as well as printing and distribution of opioid use prevention education materials. These initial expenditures supported the foundational work necessary to ensure that subsequent investments would be evidence-based, collaborative, and sustainable.

The remaining funds were carried forward to FY2025–2026 to support the implementation phase. Planned uses include expanding local harm reduction strategies such as supplying Narcan/Naloxone for a partner organization's personal needs vending machine, and supporting staff salaries, benefits, and indirect costs associated with outreach, education, training, and referral activities related to opioid use prevention.

The intent of the funding is to strengthen the community's capacity to prevent opioid misuse, reduce overdose risk, and connect individuals to resources through education and harm reduction efforts. This phased approach—from planning to implementation—ensures that funds are used deliberately to create lasting local impact and promote coordination among partners addressing substance use prevention and response.

Funding Distribution Process

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During FY2024–2025, opioid settlement funds were received beginning in December 2024, midway through the fiscal year. Because funds arrived later than anticipated, the West Central District Health Department (WCDHD) chose to retain and manage all funds internally rather than distributing them to outside agencies. This decision ensured that funds could be strategically planned and applied in alignment with community needs and departmental capacity.

All expenditures and activities were directed through WCDHD's internal budgeting and accounting processes. During FY2024–2025, funds were used to support:

- Staff time dedicated to strategic planning, coordination, and partnership development related to opioid use prevention and harm reduction.
- Printing and copy expenses for locally tailored opioid prevention education and awareness materials.

The total amount expended in FY2024–2025 was \$3,723.72 with the remaining balance of \$24,054.05 carried forward to FY2025–2026 for implementation activities.

The decision to manage all funds internally was made by WCDHD leadership and allows the department to maintain oversight, ensure compliance with settlement fund guidance, and directly support staffing and operational needs tied to outreach, education, training, and referral efforts.

In FY2025–2026, the remaining funds will continue to be managed and expended by WCDHD. Planned uses include supporting harm reduction initiatives (such as Narcan/Naloxone for a local partner's personal needs vending machine) and covering staff salaries, benefits, and indirect costs for employees leading opioid prevention and response activities across the six-county jurisdiction.

By keeping funds within the department, WCDHD can ensure efficient coordination, accountability, and sustainability of opioid prevention and harm reduction efforts throughout the region.

Outcome/Impact of Funds

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Although the majority of opioid settlement funds were carried forward to FY2025–2026, the initial allocation in FY2024–2025 allowed WCDHD to establish a strong foundation for a coordinated, community-driven approach to opioid use prevention and harm reduction.

The early planning activities funded during FY2024–2025 were highly effective in building partnerships, identifying service gaps, and preparing for sustainable implementation. Staff time supported through these funds allowed the department to coordinate with local coalitions, behavioral health partners, and community organizations to ensure alignment with existing prevention and response initiatives. These efforts resulted in a shared understanding of local priorities, improved communication among stakeholders, and the development of a clear strategy for deploying future funds in a targeted and impactful way.

Additionally, the creation and distribution of opioid prevention education materials improved local awareness of opioid risks and community resources. These materials were used across multiple outreach settings and incorporated into presentations and prevention education activities, helping to establish consistent messaging throughout the region.

Without this funding, the department would have faced significant challenges in dedicating staff capacity toward planning, coordination, and educational outreach specific to opioid prevention. Local efforts would have remained fragmented, and opportunities to leverage partnerships for broader harm reduction strategies—such as expanding access to Narcan/naloxone—would have been delayed or limited.

While direct service outcomes are expected to be more visible during FY2025–2026 as implementation begins, the early investment in planning has already strengthened local infrastructure, increased readiness for coordinated harm reduction strategies, and enhanced collaboration among community partners. This groundwork ensures that future settlement funds will be applied effectively to reduce opioid-related harms, expand prevention efforts, and improve public health outcomes across WCDHD's

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six-county service area and, by extension, contribute to Nebraska's statewide response to the opioid crisis.

Other Updates/Comments (Optional)

Please provide any information, updates, and comments below.

The West Central District Health Department remains committed to using opioid settlement funds strategically and transparently to strengthen prevention, education, and harm reduction efforts throughout our six-county service area. While FY2024–2025 primarily focused on planning and coordination, this phase was essential for building the foundation needed for sustainable impact.

During this period, the department established strong communication channels with local coalitions, behavioral health partners, and community organizations to ensure alignment and avoid duplication of efforts. These discussions identified key needs related to community education, Narcan/naloxone education and availability, and staff capacity to conduct outreach and provide referrals.

As the department transitions into FY2025–2026, implementation activities will expand to include harm reduction efforts such as Narcan/Naloxone support for a community partner's personal needs vending machine, continued community education, and staff-led outreach and training activities. The department's goal is to continue building a comprehensive local response that reduces opioid misuse, prevents overdoses, and connects individuals and families to needed services.

WCDHD is grateful for the opportunity to manage these funds locally and is committed to ongoing collaboration with community partners and state agencies to ensure these resources result in measurable and lasting improvements in community health and safety.

Opioid Settlement Fund Report

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July 1st, 2024 – June 30th, 2025

This funding report is due on:

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Agency Name	Region 1
Funds Appropriated to Agency <u>Appropriated</u> : The past tense of 'appropriate.' Money which has been designated for a specific purpose or use. Appropriated funds refer to funds utilized to carry out provisions.	\$164,302.65
Funds Obligated from Agency <u>Obligated</u> : The past tense of "oblige." An action and/or action legally or morally bound. Funds that have been committed to a specific purpose or activity and are subject to a legal liability to be paid out.	\$164,302.65
Funds Spent by Agency	\$164,302.65
Opioid Settlement Funds Carried Over (Funds not spent in previous State Fiscal Year) Please provide this number by calculating the total \$ amount not spent in previous State Fiscal Year.	0
Contact Information (Email and Phone Number)	hbrandt@region1bhs.net 308-635-3173

Purpose, Planning, and Priority Setting

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- What was the intent of the funding?

Region 1 partnered with Panhandle Public Health Department to host strategic planning sessions for the Opioid settlement monies. These planning sessions included community members and stakeholders across the Region 1 service area. There was representation from Law Enforcement, EMS, colleges, probation, mental health and substance abuse service providers, advisory board members, governing board members, and consumers. The planning process identified needs and gaps within our system along with priority areas for our community. Once priorities were established committees met regarding each priority area to identify services to address the needs and gaps. Four areas were identified as priorities for this first round of funding. Those areas are as follows, Crisis Stabilization, Detox, Restorative Justice, and Justice. On-going strategic planning has continued with the community stakeholder with the most recent meetings being held on 2/25/25, 2/27/25, 3/12/25, 4/3/25, 5/15/25, and 6/12/25. The next meeting is scheduled for 9/23/25.

The intent of the funding was to address the four priority areas established through the community strategic planning process. The priority areas are Crisis Stabilization, Detox, Restorative Justice, and Justice.

Funding Distribution Process

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Region 1 developed a grant application and scoring metrics. Region 1's grant application went live on March 18, 2024. Applicants could apply for grant funding in the following four priority areas: Crisis Stabilization, Detox, Justice, and Restorative Justice. Region 1 received 8 applications requesting funding. The applications were reviewed by our Opioid Settlement committee, and 5 grant applications were recommended for funding. Grant award notifications were sent on June 27, 2024, to the following agencies: Mediation West \$52,000.0 for Restorative Justice, Scotts Bluff County Detention Center \$140,500.00 to purchase a drug/contraband scanner, Legal Aide \$52,000.00 for Restorative Justice, Lutheran Family Services \$20,650.37 for Law Enforcement training, and NJJA \$11,083.24 to provide a one day training on opioid effects on mental health. In July of 2025, Region 1 received a grant application from NECPA to place Narcan lock boxes on college campuses in the Region 1 service area. This grant was reviewed by the Opioid Settlement committee and was approved. NECPA was awarded \$24,225.00 to place Narcan lock boxes on Chadron State College campus and WNCC campus. The award also includes monies for education on how to administer NARCAN and prevention of opioid use.

Outcome/Impact of Funds

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NJJA: On 10/29/24 NJJA held a successful in person training at the Gering Civic Center. The training covered mental and behavioral health needs related to opioid use. A national speaker was along with four local speakers for the day long training.

Outcomes for the training were for attendees to expand their knowledge to address mental health and behavioral health concerns related to opioid use and for attendees to walk away with three coping strategies to deal with daily stressors. 51 people attended the training. A survey was completed at the end of the training and 93% of the participants reported strongly agree or agree to being able to use the knowledge gained from the training in their daily professions. 86% of participants strongly agree or agree to walking away from the training with at least 3 coping strategies to deal with daily stressors and 93% of trainees rated the overall training as very good or excellent. This grant has been completed, and all funds are expended.

Lutheran Family Services: The purpose of this grant is to host CIT training for Region 1 Law Enforcement agencies. This training is scheduled for 11/17-11/21 in Alliance, Nebraska.

Mediation West: The purpose of this grant is to expand adult victim-offender conferencing. Mediation West has been working on curriculum development and research of re-entry programs across the country. As of July of 2025 protocols, dialog, interview guides, and Matrixes have been finalized. This grant is on-going with funds remaining.

Legal Aide of Nebraska: The purpose of this grant is to increase awareness among individuals affected by opioid use about their eligibility for pardons, set asides and record sealing. To facilitated clinics and assistance and screen individuals for eligibility for pardons, set asides or record sealing services through pro bono clean slate clinics or individual assistance. Legal Aide has provided 11 events to increase awareness, reaching 163 individuals. Legal Aide has held 4 clinics and screened 36 individuals for assistance. They have worked with 8 individuals' clients and had court hearings for set asides on 22 different convictions. This grant is on-going.

Other Updates/Comments (Optional)

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Scottsbluff Detention Center used their grant funding to purchase a contraband scanner for their Detention Center. All staff have been trained on the use of the scanner, and the scanner has been in operation since 9/27/2024. Since that time 3553 inmates have been scanned. Implementation of this contraband scanner has deterred inmates from bringing contraband into the detention center and has reduced inmates overdosing on opioid in the detention center. It has also increased staff morale and staff feel safer while they work. This grant has been completed, and all funds have been expended. NJJA: On 10/29/24 NJJA held a successful in person training at the Gering Civic Center. The training covered mental and behavioral health needs related to opioid use. A national speaker was along with four local speakers for the day long training. Outcomes for the training were for attendees to expand their knowledge to address mental health and behavioral health concerns related to opioid use and for attendees to walk away with three coping strategies to deal with daily stressors. 51 people attended the training. A survey was completed at the end of the training and 93% of the participants reported strongly agree or agree to being able to use the knowledge gained from the training in their daily professions. 86% of participants strongly agree or agree to walking away from the training with at least 3 coping strategies to deal with daily stressors and 93% of trainees rated the overall training as very good or excellent. This grant has been completed, and all funds are expended. Lutheran Family Services: The purpose of this grant is to host CIT training for Region 1 Law Enforcement agencies. This training is scheduled for 11/17-11/21 in Alliance, Nebraska. Mediation West: The purpose of this grant is to expand adult victim-offender conferencing. Mediation West has been working on curriculum development and research of re-entry programs across the country. As of July of 2025 protocols, dialog, interview guides, and Matrixes have been finalized. This grant is on-going with funds remaining. Legal Aide of Nebraska: The purpose of this grant is to increase awareness among individuals affected by opioid use about their eligibility for pardons, set asides and record sealing. To facilitated clinics and assistance and screen individuals for eligibility for pardons, set asides or record sealing services through pro bono clean slate clinics or individual assistance. Legal Aide has provided 11 events to increase awareness, reaching 163 individuals. Legal Aide has held 4 clinics and screened 36 individuals for assistance. They have worked with 8 individuals' clients and had court hearings for set asides on 22 different convictions. This grant is on-going.

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Agency Name	Region II Human Services
Funds Appropriated to Agency <u>Appropriated</u> : The past tense of 'appropriate.' Money which has been designated for a specific purpose or use. Appropriated funds refer to funds utilized to carry out provisions.	\$153,376.04
Funds Obligated from Agency <u>Obligated</u> : The past tense of "oblige." An action and/or action legally or morally bound. Funds that have been committed to a specific purpose or activity and are subject to a legal liability to be paid out.	\$153,376.04
Funds Spent by Agency	\$119,109.00
Opioid Settlement Funds Carried Over (Funds not spent in previous State Fiscal Year) Please provide this number by calculating the total \$ amount not spent in previous State Fiscal Year.	\$34,267.04
Contact Information (Email and Phone Number)	Katie McCarthy, Regional Administrator, katiemccarthy@r2hs.com , 308-534-0440

Purpose, Planning, and Priority Setting

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The prioritization of Region II's opioid settlement-funded activities was guided by a regional planning process initiated in mid-2023, led by a consultant working with the Regional Behavioral Health Authority, Governing Board, and community partners. Through meetings with local leaders, hospitals, and justice and recovery programs, the process identified critical gaps—most notably the need for a crisis or detox center. Initial funds supported consultation, planning, and the hiring of a Clinical Director of Opioid Services and a Family/System Navigator to build infrastructure and coordinate care.

The Family/System Navigator plays a key role in Region II's opioid response by providing education, support, and care coordination for individuals and families affected by substance use disorders. This position assists families in understanding treatment options, including Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT), connects them with recovery and crisis resources, and facilitates two substance use support groups—a structured recovery wellness group and an open drop-in contingency management group. The Navigator's work focuses on improving access to services, supporting sustained recovery, and building family and community capacity to manage and overcome the effects of addiction.

Activities have taken place throughout southwest Nebraska, including participation in the Southwest Nebraska Opioid and Stimulant Summit in McCook. In February 2025, Region II Human Services released an RFP for mini-grants to build community capacity through partnerships that support and sustain opioid and substance use prevention efforts in West Central Nebraska. The RFP closed May 31 (after an extension from April 30 due to limited applications), and an internal committee reviewed and awarded the grants. All projects must align with one of the abatement strategies identified in the national opioid settlement agreements. The overall intent of the funding is to strengthen treatment capacity, enhance coordination of care, and foster sustainable, community-based responses to substance use across the region.

Funding Distribution Process

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Region II Human Services distributed opioid settlement funds through a structured and transparent process designed to support community-based prevention, treatment, and recovery efforts across West Central Nebraska. Following the regional planning process initiated in 2023, Region II released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for mini-grants in February 2025, originally closing April 30, 2025, and later extended to May 31, 2025 due to limited initial applications. An internal review committee evaluated all applications and determined which agencies would be awarded funding. Award letters were issued at the end of June 2025, and, upon receiving payment information, funds were distributed after June 30, 2025 to the following agencies:

- Deborah's Legacy

Program Description: Expansion of Warm Hand-off Programs & Recovery Services: 1) Provide Comprehensive wrap-around services to individuals in recovery, including housing, transportation, job placement/training 2) Supports for SUD &/or mental health conditions 3) Expansion of DLegacy studio space (housing both our outreach and social enterprise/workforce development) will be a continuation of the mission and vision of Deborah's Legacy. Our goals are to provide 8-10 women safe-haven housing with programming over the course of the 12 month period of time.

- West Central District Health Department

Program Description: The Neighbors Helping Neighbors: Rural Opioid Prevention Initiative focuses on two major activities: 1) Naloxone Distribution and Overdose Response Training 2) Language-Accessible Recovery Support Expansion

- Lutheran Family Services

Program Description: This would be the first harm reduction vending machine in North Platte and would fill a gap in our community by providing harm reduction supplies in a practical and compassionate manner. The vending machine would be stocked with tobacco cessation supplies from Community Connections, Narcan and Fentanyl test strips to address drug prevention, and many other harm reduction items to address safe sex practices and alcohol use.

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- University of Nebraska–Lincoln

Program Description: Installation of Narcan lockboxes in accessible campus areas at Mid-Plains Community College in North Platte and at Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture in Curtis; Educational workshops for staff and students on opioid response, Narcan administration, and Good Samaritan laws; and a stigma-reduction media campaign with brochures, posters, and digital outreach.

- Community Connections

Program Description: This program is a continuation and expansion of our existing opioid efforts within Substance Abuse Prevention System in Lincoln County. This program will focus on educating youth and families about the dangers of opioid use, while working to shift community perceptions and behaviors surrounding these substances. Additionally, an expansion of current initiatives will occur, for example the Drug Take-Back events being expanded to outlying communities quarterly and increased distribution of Deterra Pouches to outlying communities.

The remaining opioid settlement funds were expended on consultation fees and personnel and fringe costs associated with the Family/System Navigator position, as well as a small percentage of time allocated for the Clinical Director of Opioid Services. These expenditures supported the coordination and implementation of regional opioid response initiatives. Additionally, under the Family/System Navigator role, funds covered expenses incurred in connection with two substance use support groups—one open drop-in group and one structured participant group—as well as related costs to support participant engagement and recovery.

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The opioid settlement funding has strengthened Region II Human Services' capacity to respond to opioid and other substance use disorders across West Central Nebraska. Funds supported the creation of a key position—a Family/System Navigator—which helps to improve coordination, access, and education throughout the region.

The Family/System Navigator provides direct assistance to individuals and families affected by substance use, including guidance on Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT), education on recovery strategies, and facilitation of two ongoing support groups: a structured recovery wellness group and an open drop-in contingency management group. These services have increased engagement, built peer and family support, and filled critical gaps in community-based recovery resources. The Clinical Director has expanded outreach to medical providers and justice partners.

In 2025, Region II extended its reach through a mini-grant initiative that funded Deborah's Legacy, West Central District Health Department, Lutheran Family Services, University of Nebraska–Lincoln, and Community Connections to build prevention, treatment, and recovery capacity throughout the region.

Without this funding, the region would have lacked the staff, partnerships, and infrastructure to implement a coordinated opioid response. As a result of this investment, Region II has enhanced sustainable systems of care, improved collaboration across providers and community organizations, and begun laying the groundwork for a future regional crisis and detox center. These efforts have collectively strengthened prevention, treatment, and recovery supports—enhancing the health and resilience of individuals, families, and communities throughout West Central Nebraska.

Other Updates/Comments (Optional)

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Region II Human Services collaborated with the City of North Platte, Great Plains Health, the West Central District Health Department, and other local agencies and partners to develop a proposal for the State Opioid Infrastructure Funds to establish a Detox Center in North Platte. The project sought to address a critical regional need for withdrawal management and stabilization services. Although the application was not selected for funding during this cycle, the collaboration strengthened community partnerships and laid important groundwork for future funding and service expansion opportunities.

Opioid Settlement Fund Report

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Agency Name	Region 3 Behavioral Health Services
Funds Appropriated to Agency <u>Appropriated</u> : The past tense of 'appropriate.' Money which has been designated for a specific purpose or use. Appropriated funds refer to funds utilized to carry out provisions.	\$326,946.56
Funds Obligated from Agency <u>Obligated</u> : The past tense of "oblige." An action and/or action legally or morally bound. Funds that have been committed to a specific purpose or activity and are subject to a legal liability to be paid out.	\$326,946.56
Funds Spent by Agency	\$326,946.56
Opioid Settlement Funds Carried Over (Funds not spent in previous State Fiscal Year) Please provide this number by calculating the total \$ amount not spent in previous State Fiscal Year.	\$0
Contact Information (Email and Phone Number)	Tiffany Gressley: tgressley@region3.net 308-237-5113 x237

Purpose, Planning, and Priority Setting

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Region 3 Behavioral Health Services recently hosted a two-day Opioid and Stimulant Summit for stakeholders and system partners within its service area. The event was organized in collaboration with the Opioid Response Network (ORN), a federally funded provider of training and technical assistance, which supported the recruitment of facilitators and presenters.

During the summit, participants reviewed statewide data on substance use and overdose trends. Key data sources included:

- Nebraska Risk & Protective Factors Student Survey
- National Survey on Drug Use and Health
- Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System
- Drug Overdose Surveillance and Epidemiology System
- Office of National Drug Control Policy Non-Fatal Opioid Overdose Tracker
- Medicare Part D Opioid Prescribing Mapping Tool
- CDC Opioid Prescribing Data
- CDC Provisional Multiple Cause of Death Data

Planning and prioritization took place on the second day of the summit, with a focus on assessing current resources and identifying gaps in prevention, treatment, and recovery services, as highlighted by summit participants.

Key prevention priorities identified included:

- Implementing prevention programs in schools
- Providing education for medical providers and hospitals
- Engaging first responders in prevention efforts
- Expanding prescription drug take-back events

Top treatment priorities included:

- Increasing the number of Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) providers
- Establishing a detoxification center
- Expanding access to Intensive Outpatient Programs (IOPs)
- Offering more treatment services within jails

Funding Distribution Process

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List of Agencies that were Awarded Opioid Grant Funding - September 2024-August 2025:

1. Buffalo County Community Partners: \$13,500.00 (Prevention, Recovery)
2. Central District Health Department: \$27,000.00 (Prevention, Other)
3. Central Nebraska Council on Alcoholism and Addictions: \$54,981.00 (Prevention)
4. Hastings Fire-Rescue: \$4,000.00 (Other)
5. Loup Basin Public Health Department: \$30,089.00 (Prevention)
6. Lutheran Family Services: \$15,430.00 (Prevention)
7. Mid-Plains Center: \$159,114.00 (Treatment, Recovery)
8. Physicians Laboratory P.C.: \$32,300.00 (Other)
9. Revive Inc.: \$187,581.00 (Treatment, Recovery)
10. Two Rivers Public Health Department: \$76,005.00 (Prevention)

Total awarded: \$600,000.00

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Quarter 4 reports are due by October 31, 2025, and will provide a final summary of outcomes achieved by opioid grant recipients.

Reducing Access to Opioids

Completed activities through the third quarter include:

*176 lock boxes purchased and made available to individuals and families at Richard Young Hospital.

*Prescription take-back events held at senior citizen community centers resulted in:

5,830 unused or unneeded pills collected

46 Deterra drug deactivation packets distributed

26 Narcan nasal spray kits dispensed

10 locking pill storage bottles provided

Increasing Community Awareness and Preventing Opioid Misuse

*Educational presentations conducted at middle and high schools reached 785 students and educators.

*Community outreach included distribution of Narcan, Deterra packets, and educational materials at libraries, post offices, bars, and laundromats:

372 boxes of Narcan distributed

166 educational posters displayed throughout the community

91 Deterra packets handed out.

Expanding Access to Opioid Treatment Services

*Renovations and infrastructure upgrades have enhanced the availability of short-term residential treatment and detoxification services, enabling more individuals to receive timely care in a supportive environment.

Supporting First Responders Experiencing Secondary Trauma

*Hastings Fire and Rescue professionals have confidential, on-demand access to wellness resources through the Cordico app. In addition, nine first responders will be trained as peer support specialists, strengthening internal support networks within their department.

Other Updates/Comments (Optional)

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Funds Spent by Agency	\$82,742.41
Opioid Settlement Funds Carried Over (Funds not spent in previous State Fiscal Year) Please provide this number by calculating the total \$ amount not spent in previous State Fiscal Year.	0
Contact Information (Email and Phone Number)	dsonnenfelt@region4bhs.org 402-860-9913

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Region 4 Behavioral Health System prioritized opioid-settlement investments through a structured, data-informed planning process that balanced urgent local needs with the allowable uses in Exhibit E of the National Opioid Settlement Agreement, emphasizing projects with the most immediate impact on prevention, treatment, crisis response, and recovery. Beginning in mid-2024, Region 4 convened working meetings to assess regional needs, coordinate application practices with other Nebraska regions, and review successful approaches to distributing opioid settlement funds. To ensure fairness and compliance, Region 4 established a competitive application process and a multidisciplinary Review Committee with a defined scoring rubric; cost was not the sole determinant. Proposals were evaluated for alignment with Exhibit E, demonstrated need, community impact, feasibility/readiness, sustainability, efficiency, and innovation.

The Request for Grant Applications was released on October 28, 2024, with applications due November 29, 2024, by 4:00 p.m. CST. The Review Committee met in early December 2024 and presented recommendations to the Regional Governing Board on December 18, 2024; written allocation announcements were issued on December 27, 2024, followed by contract negotiations. Selected entities were required to enter into contract to obligate funds by June 30, 2025. All funded activities were required to occur within Region 4's 22-county service area; Region 4 received applications from organizations across the region and ultimately funded projects located in Dakota, Madison, and Holt counties.

Distribution decisions were driven by Region 4's regional needs analysis and the guardrails of Exhibit E, which identified four cross-cutting priority areas: Awareness, Prevention & Education; Community Connection & Recovery Support; Crisis System Enhancements; and Expanded Access to Treatment. Given these findings—and approximately \$400,000 available for allocation—Region 4 prioritized proposals that most strongly aligned with these areas and demonstrated the capacity to deliver immediate, measurable results in reducing substance misuse and opioid-related harms across our communities. The intent of the funding was to invest, through an outcomes-focused competitive process, in evidence-based strategies that expand access to effective care, strengthen crisis and post-overdose linkage, build prevention infrastructure and recovery supports, and ensure equitable reach across all 22 counties.

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Region 4 Behavioral Health System used a competitive, scored process (alignment with Exhibit E, demonstrated need, feasibility/readiness, equity of reach across the 22-county service area, sustainability, and efficiency) to select projects for award.

Distribution timeline:

Applications due: November 29, 2024 (4:00 p.m. CST)

Review Committee meetings: Early December 2024

Board Review: December 18, 2024

Written allocations issued: Late December 2024

Contracts executed/obligation deadline: By June 30, 2025

Agency: Heartland Counseling Services, Inc.

Project/ Purpose: Establish a 12-bed Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) expanding access to MOUD, crisis stabilization, detox support, peer services, and care transitions

Primary Service Location: South Sioux City (Dakota County), serving all 22 counties

Awarded Amount: \$200,000

Agency: The Connection Project, Inc.

Project/ Purpose: Recovery & Wellness Program expansion to North-Central Nebraska; establish an office in O'Neill, NE with peer support, classes, and navigation

Primary Service Location: O'Neill (Holt County) with organizational base in Norfolk (Madison County)

Awarded Amount: \$66,000

Agency: The Connection Project, Inc.

Project/ Purpose: Support the operational costs of a Warming Shelter tied to recovery housing and connections to care permitted in Exhibit E

Primary Service Location: Norfolk (Madison County) and surrounding communities

Awarded Amount: \$17,000

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Region 4 awarded \$200,000 to Heartland Counseling Services for architectural services to develop a Crisis Stabilization Unit in Dakota County, serving all 22 counties.

Effectiveness: Funding completed key design milestones (programming → construction documents) and facilitated bid/permit readiness—removing the main pre-construction bottleneck.

Results to date: The project is advancing on schedule. Stamped plans allowed the contractor to move forward with permitting, secure construction contracts, and obtain additional funding, which has strengthened the capital stack and helped control cost escalation.

Reach without this award: Unlikely in the near term; services would have been delayed, leaving rural residents reliant on distant facilities, EDs, and law-enforcement transports.

If funding hadn't been provided: Likely 12–18 months of delay, higher costs, reduced funder confidence, and continued strain on EDs and public safety.

Community/Regional impact: Establishes a credible, fundable pathway to 24/7 crisis stabilization with MOUD access and post-overdose linkage, enabling timelier access to services for community members.

Region 4 awarded \$66,000 to The Connection Project to support Recovery & Wellness Program expansion to North-Central Nebraska.

Effectiveness: Enabled establishment of a peer-run Wellness Center in O'Neill, NE (launched mid-2025 after brief staffing-related delay), securing space, furnishings, and initial staffing to operate three days/week for six hours/day with low-barrier, recovery-focused services.

Results to date: The site is offering 12-Step and All-Pathways meetings, SMART Recovery groups, open peer support, creative recovery activities, and 1:1 peer sessions aligned to the eight dimensions of wellness—mirroring Norfolk's model while adapting to local needs. Early feedback from courts, probation, hospitals, and community health centers highlights the center's value in filling a long-standing service gap.

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Reach without this award: Unlikely. Prior to the expansion, only two providers in the broader region offered peer/community support; the O'Neill center effectively doubled access to recovery supports in North-Central Nebraska.

If funding hadn't been provided: The program likely would not exist in this period. Lack of start-up resources (lease, utilities, furnishings, initial staffing) would have delayed or prevented launch, perpetuating limited recovery options and missed linkages from courts, probation, and healthcare partners.

Community/Regional impact: Established a new hub for recovery and cross-agency coordination across Holt and Antelope Counties. The open house engaged 20+ stakeholders, strengthening referral pathways and collaboration. In an area with scarce behavioral-health infrastructure, the center provides a low-barrier, inclusive access point—bringing hope, practical support, and sustained connection for rural residents pursuing recovery.

Region 4 awarded \$17,000 to The Connection Project to support operational costs (wages, utilities, rent, insurance, supplies) for the community Warming Shelter.

Effectiveness: Funding maintained core staffing and essential operating expenses, ensuring reliable hours and safe facility operations during high-risk cold weather.

Results to date: The Shelter remained open and service-ready, providing immediate safety, basic needs, and navigation to services (e.g., case management, benefits, treatment referrals) for individuals at risk of exposure.

Reach without this award: Unlikely; the Shelter reports it could not have operated without Region 4's support and would have needed to secure additional funds, risking closures or reduced hours.

If funding hadn't been provided: Likely service interruptions, increased exposure risk for unsheltered residents, higher strain on law enforcement and emergency departments, and lost opportunities for linkage to treatment and recovery supports.

Community/Regional impact: Stabilizes a critical cold-weather safety net, mitigates preventable injuries/overdoses associated with exposure, supports public safety and EMS capacity, and strengthens pathways to treatment and recovery across the region.

Other Updates/Comments (Optional)

Please provide any information, updates, and comments below.

In addition to the \$283,000 Region 4 obligated last fiscal year, \$201,500 was obligated under contracts that could not be fulfilled due to unforeseen barriers in the grantees' proposals. To maintain fairness and fidelity to the competitive process, those contracts were terminated rather than materially altered, and the organizations were encouraged to apply for future rounds funding. Since fiscal year-end, funded organizations have continued to advance their approved initiatives. As of the time of this report, \$226,525 of the obligated \$283,000 has been spent. Funded organizations continue to utilize funds in accordance with the National Opioid Settlement (Exhibit E) allowable uses, ensuring alignment with evidence-based opioid abatement strategies across prevention, treatment, crisis response, and recovery.

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Funds Appropriated to Agency <u>Appropriated</u> : The past tense of 'appropriate.' Money which has been designated for a specific purpose or use. Appropriated funds refer to funds utilized to carry out provisions.	\$772,265.84
Funds Obligated from Agency <u>Obligated</u> : The past tense of "oblige." An action and/or action legally or morally bound. Funds that have been committed to a specific purpose or activity and are subject to a legal liability to be paid out.	\$772,265.84
Funds Spent by Agency	772,265.84
Opioid Settlement Funds Carried Over (Funds not spent in previous State Fiscal Year) Please provide this number by calculating the total \$ amount not spent in previous State Fiscal Year.	0
Contact Information (Email and Phone Number)	Trina Janis, Opioid Project Manager, tjanis@region5systems.net 402-441-4391

Purpose, Planning, and Priority Setting

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- What lead to the distribution of these funds?
- What was the intent of the funding?

In March of 2024, Region 5 Systems hosted the 2-day "Region 5 Systems Nebraska Opioid Settlement Funds Summit" with over 100 participants. During this summit Exhibit E from the opioid settlement was reviewed by attendees and 24 abatement strategies were prioritized for funding within Region 5 Systems catchment area.

In January of 2025 a needs assessment of the catchment area of Region 5 Systems was completed by Partners for Insightful Evaluation. On January 22, 2025 following completion of the needs assessment, Region 5 Systems hosted a community review of the data and 9 of the original 24 priorities were identified to receive weighted priority for Region 5 Systems' second grant application, released June of 2025.

Please see attached Priority Abatement Strategies document. Strategies in blue are the 9 strategies that were identified during the community review of the needs assessment.

Funding Distribution Process

Describe how the funds were distributed. Some questions to consider when answering the prompt are:

To whom did you direct the funding to?
How did the entity decide to conduct this distribution?
When did the distribution occur?

Please note that specific information is needed in this section. This would include:

Agencies who have received funding.
The amount each agency received.
When the distribution occurred.

Region 5 Systems' Opioid Project has two ways that an agency can receive funding.

The first is through the grant process which occurs annually. The first grant opportunity was announced in April 2024 and our goal was to award \$625,000 to a minimum of 2 projects. Upon review of submitted proposal, 5 projects for a total of \$576,006 were funding in grant cycle 1.

Our second round of grants opened in June of 2025 and contracts with the grants chosen will begin in FY26.

All grant applications go through an internal risk review, those that pass the risk review are then forwarded to Region 5 Systems Grant Review Committee. The Grant Review Committee review all applicants and make a recommendation regarding funding to the Behavioral Health Advisory Committee and the Regional Governing Board for final approval.

The second way that an entity can access funding is through an obvious expenditure request. This request is submitted to the Opioid Steering Committee(OSC) with an outline of the project, budget, SMART goals, and any supporting documents. The OSC will vote whether to recommend the project for funding. Recommended projects must be reviewed and approved by the Behavioral Health Advisory Committee and the Regional Governing Board.

Please see attached Obligated Funds Chart that outlines agencies who have received funding during this reporting period, the amount of the funding, and the Fiscal Year that project was funded. Projects that are in green are obvious expenditures and projects in blue represent that grants.

Outcome/Impact of Funds

Specify the effect of funding the organization, program, or activity and the results of the completed or ongoing activities, services, and/or strategies. Some questions to consider when answering the prompt are:

- How effective were the activities, services, and/or strategies?**
- What were/are the results?**
- Would the target population have been reached without this program, activity, or event?**
- What would have occurred if funding was not provided for the organization, program, and/or activity?**
- How has this program, activity, and/or event impacted the community, region, and state?**

Please see attached Outcomes Report for FY 24-25

Other Updates/Comments (Optional)

Please provide any information, updates, and comments below.

No additional updates at this time.

Region 5 Systems Priority Opioid Abatement Strategies

March 2025

Direct Care for Substance Use Disorder / Mental Health Conditions

A: TREATMENT

1. Expand availability of and access to treatment and continuum of care for those that are uninsured/underinsured and experiencing Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and any other co-occurring Substance Use Disorder (SUD)/Mental Health (MH) conditions. Focus on targeting high impact, low-capacity rural areas and adolescent treatment services.
2. Support workforce development for addiction professionals to include training, scholarships, fellowship, incentives, and support for those providing direct care addressing OUD and other SUD/MH conditions. Target rural and underserved areas.
3. Expand mobile interventions, treatment, and recovery services for persons with OUD and other SUD/MH conditions who have experienced an overdose. *Expanding MAT/MOUD and mobile interventions.*

B: RECOVERY

1. Provide full continuum of care (comprehensive wraparound services) for adults and adolescents, to include but not limited to, housing, peer support services, transportation, education, job training/placement, childcare and connection to culturally appropriate community-based services. *Continuum of Care Support.*
2. Support or Expand Peer Recovery Services which may include but are not limited to: support groups, social events, computer access, yoga, etc.
3. Expand the recovery eco-system while targeting recovery resources to high impact, low-capacity geographical areas (rural).

C: HARM REDUCTION

1. Targeted Naloxone/Narcan distribution - increase availability and distribution.
2. Support Mobile Units that offer or provide referrals to harm reduction services, treatment, recovery supports, healthcare or other appropriate services. *Support mobile units with referrals to care.*
3. Expand social setting detoxification services.

D: CONNECTIONS TO CARE

1. Provide training/support for emergency room and hospital personnel treating overdose patients on post discharge planning, including community referrals to MAT/MOUD, recovery case management or peer support.
2. Provide funding for peer support specialists and warm handoffs in emergency detox facilities, recovery centers or recovery housing.
3. Support crisis stabilization centers that serve as an alternative to hospital emergency departments. *Support Crisis Stabilization and increase Peer Support.*

E: CRIMINAL JUSTICE INVOLVED

1. Implement training and standardized SUD/MH screening, treatment, care coordination, and continuity services into the criminal justice system.
2. Provide treatment, including MAT/MOUD, recovery support, and harm reduction to those who are leaving jail, prison, or are on probation/parole, are under community corrections or are in re-entry programs. *Provide harm reduction, treatment and recovery support to criminal justice involved.*
3. Support pre-arrest diversion, pre-trial services, treatment and recovery court and provide treatment (including MAT/MOUD) for persons with SUD/MH conditions.

Community Outreach and Prevention

F: PREVENTION

1. Support greater access to mental health services and supports for young people, including services and supports provided by school nurses, behavioral health workers or other school staff, to address mental health needs in young people that (when not properly addressed) increase the risk of opioid or other drug misuse. *Increase access to prevention programs for youth.*
2. Prevent over-prescribing and ensure appropriate prescribing and dispensing of opioids by: providing medical provider education and outreach regarding best prescribing practices, dosing and tapering patients off opioids and supporting non-opioid pain management alternatives.
3. Support stigma reduction efforts regarding treatment and support for persons with OUD, including reducing the stigma on effective treatment. *Expand public awareness.*

G: PROVIDERS AND HEALTH SYSTEMS

1. Increase the number of providers treating MAT/MOUD patients; increase access to MOUD treatment through training and education. *Increase number of providers offering MAT/MOUD.*
2. Provide support for Children Services, additional positions and services, including supportive housing and other residential services, relating to children being removed from the home and/or placed in foster care due to custodial substance use.
3. Support the work of Emergency Medical Systems, including peer support specialists to connect individuals to treatment or other appropriate services following an overdose or other SUD adverse event.

H: PUBLIC SAFETY / FIRST RESPONDERS

1. Increase capacity of law enforcement and first responders to effectively respond to individuals with SUD/MH conditions.
2. Provide wellness and support services for first responders and others who experience secondary trauma associated with opioid related emergency events.
3. Expand mental health and drug courts.
4. *Enhance public safety collaborations.*

Obligated Funds Chart

June 30, 2025

Agency	Description of Project	FY Funding Obligated	Time Frame	Number of Years	Counties Served	Amount Obligated	Opioid Abatement Strategy Addressed
Nebraska Pharmacists Association	Narcan Grab and Go Sites within all of Region 5 Systems' catchment area and pilot a harm reduction vending machine project in Lancaster county.	FY 23-24	04/01/24 - 03/31/26	2 years	All 16 Counties	\$159,615.00	C-1
MyLink	Share in the annual cost of MyLink a free phone app providing access to resources from over 400 organizations within Region 5 Systems' catchment area.	FY 24-25	07/01/24 - 06/30/25	1 year	Statewide	\$6,000.00	Exhibit E
KidGlov	To promote the opioid video series created to assist in addressing the opioid epidemic.	FY 24-25			Statewide	\$6,000.00	F-3
Opioid Flex Funds	Funds to meet treatment & rehabilitation needs not covered by other funding sources.	FY 24-25	Ongoing	Ongoing	All 16 Counties	\$125,000.00	A-1
Partners for Insightful Evaluation	Region V Systems opioid needs assessment.	FY 23-24	05/10/24 - 05/09/25	1 year	All 16 Counties	\$114,575.00	Exhibit E
Lincoln Lancaster County Health Department	To assess, monitor, and evaluate substance exposure trends by analyzing wastewater surveillance samples from the City of Lincoln's wastewater treatment plants.	FY 24-25	10/01/24 - 09/30/25	1 year	Lancaster	\$25,000.00	H-1 G-3
DetectaChem Spectrometers	A pilot project to work with five law enforcement agencies (Seward Police Department, Lincoln Police Department, Beatrice Police Department, Richardson County Sheriff's Office, and Nebraska City Police Department) to provide Apex R7 Spectrometers and training to allow officers to quickly and accurately analyze and identify 3,500 different substances, including fentanyl, methamphetamine, cocaine, and synthetic drugs.	FY 24-25	One-time (purchase)	One-time	Lancaster, Richardson, Seward, Otoe, Gage	\$149,385.00	H-1
BayMark Health Services/Lincoln Treatment Center/BAART	To address gaps in the current behavioral healthcare systems by enhancing the availability and accessibility of evidence-based treatment options and support services for individuals struggling with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD).	FY 24-25	07/01/24 - 06/30/26	2 years	All 16 Counties	\$471,998.00	A-1 B-2

Obligated Funds Chart

June 30, 2025

Jefferson Co. Diversion Services	To support youth and their families to prevent further involvement with the justice system and development of a substance use disorder.	FY 24-25	07/01/24 - 06/30/25	1 year	Jefferson	\$9,999.00	E-3 F-1
Physicians Laboratory	To increase data regarding overdose deaths within Region 5 Systems' catchment area by providing funding to counties for transportation services for completion of an autopsy on suspected overdose death cases.	FY 24-25	07/01/24 - 06/30/27	3 years	All 16 Counties	\$51,000.00	H-1
Whispering Acres Trails and Treasures	To provide employees for Camp G.R.I.T, a camp designed to break the intergenerational cycle of addiction by providing targeted support and mentorship to youth ages 9-15 who have been affected by a substance use disorder of a family member.	FY 24-25	07/01/24 - 06/30/25	1 year	Gage, Jefferson, Thayer, Saline	\$9,559.00	F-1
Nebraska Pharmacists Association	To increase access to and education about Narcan among University of Nebraska-Lincoln students and vulnerable populations at or below the poverty level who participate in Project Connect.	FY 24-25	07/01/24 - 06/30/25	1 year	Lancaster	\$33,450.00	C-1
Grantees and Obvious Expenditures	Obligated Funds for Future Grant Cycles and Obvious Expenditures				To be determined.	\$1,241,779.31	To be determined, as prioritized by the community.
TOTAL AMOUNT OBLIGATED						\$2,403,360.31	

Obvious Expenditures \$585,575.00

Grants \$576,006.00

Obvious Expenditures + Grants \$1,161,581.00



Opioid Settlement Fund Outcomes Report

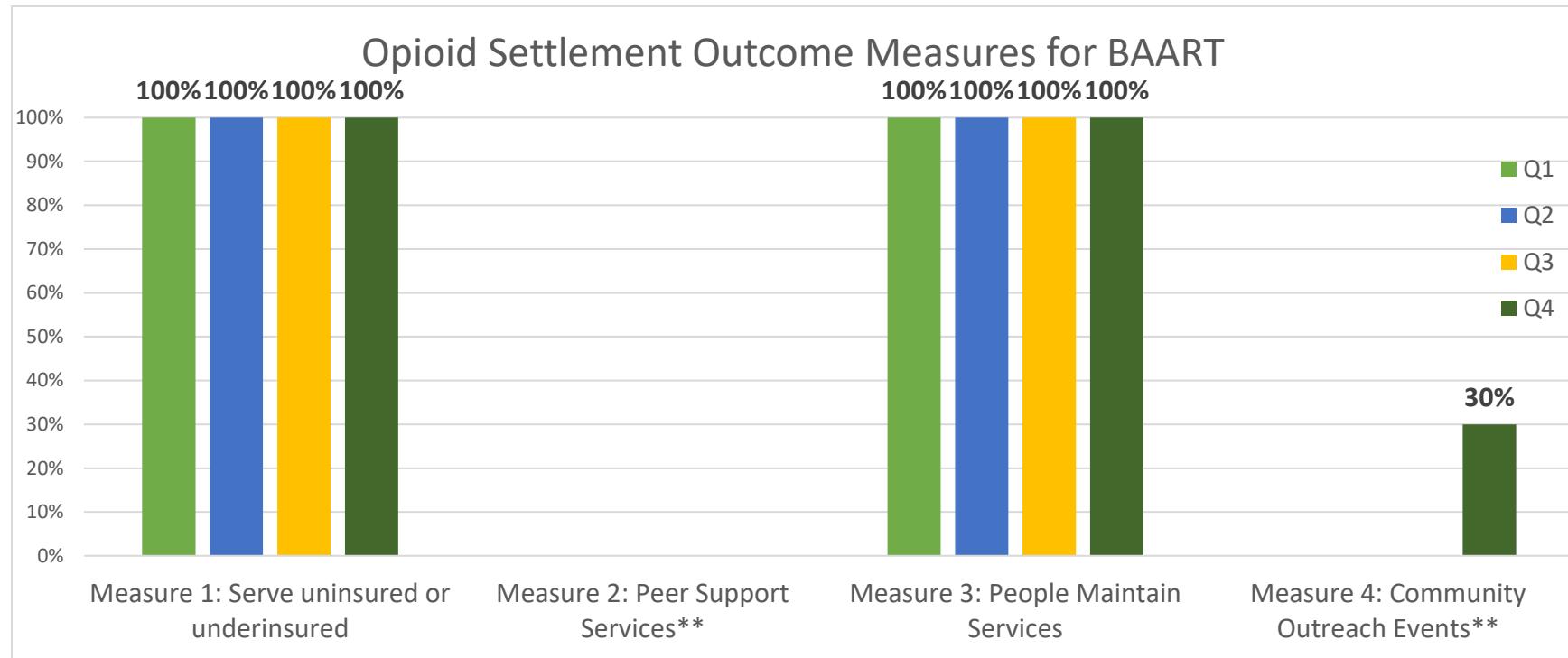
FY 24-25

BAART

Measure	Format	Target	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
1. Improve access to healthcare services for uninsured and underinsured individuals with OUD.	Numerator: Number of uninsured or underinsured persons served through this contract. Denominator: Capacity available (10 slots) for uninsured or underinsured persons.	90%	100% (10/10)	100% (12/12)*	100% (10/10)	110% (11/10)
2. Increase engagement in Peer Support Services to enhance recovery outcomes.	Numerator: Number of persons served who engaged in peer support services. Denominator: Total number of persons served by organization.	50%	Position not yet filled			
3. Evaluate the effectiveness of the program through data collection and analysis.	Numerator: Number of persons served who maintained services through the quarter. Denominator: Total number of persons served.	70% Weighted Average	100% (10/10) remained in the program			

4. Enhance community engagement and awareness of available addiction treatment resources.	Number of community outreach events with description conducted quarterly. Note: This is a cumulative measure based on each fiscal year (July to June).	20	Position not yet filled	Position not yet filled	Position not yet filled	Position not yet filled; 6 outreach events completed
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*Quarter 2 made up for lower # in Q1. This is a point in time measure.

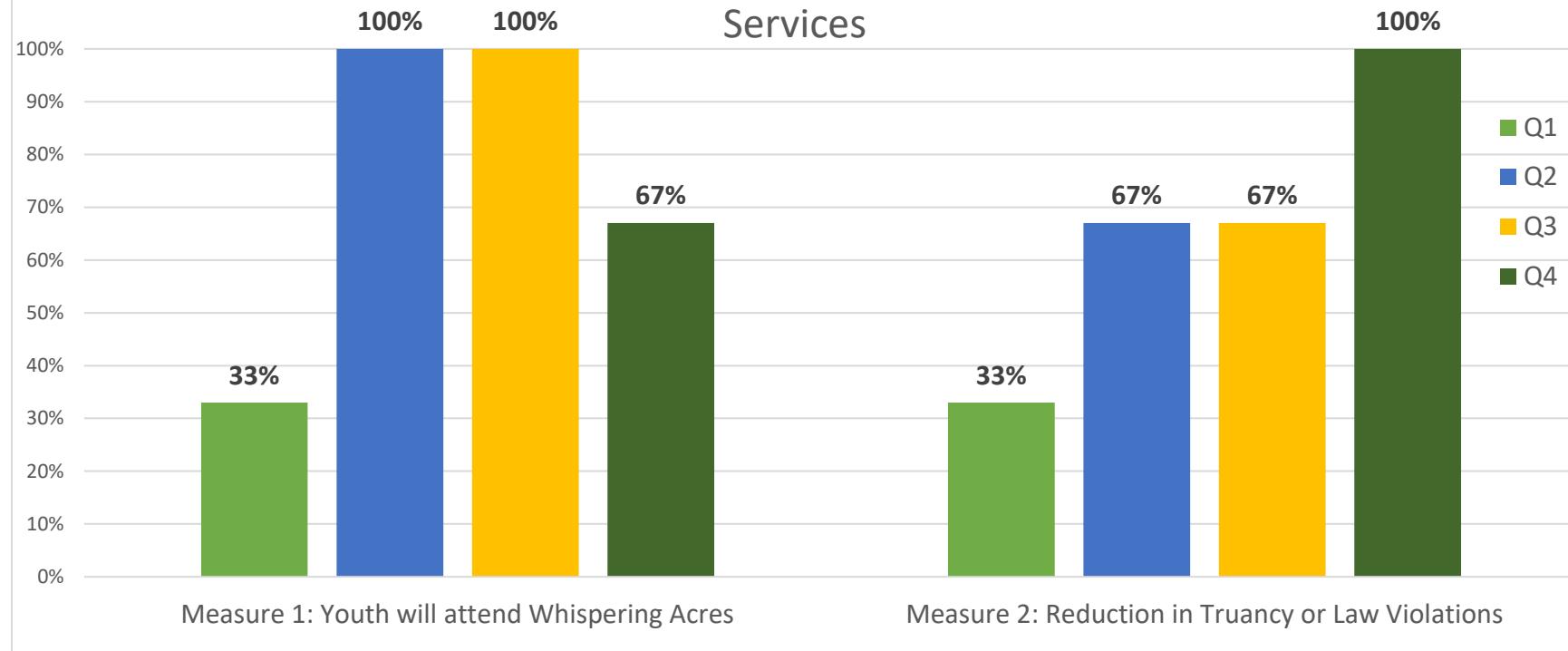


**Position for this measure is not yet filled.

Jefferson County Diversion Services

Measure	Format	Target	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
1. Youth will attend Equine Assisted Learning (EAL) sessions at Whispering Acres.	Numerator: Number of youth who attended EAL sessions at Whispering Acres after referral through this funding.	80%	33% (1/3)	100% (4/4)	100% (4/4)	67% (6/9)
	Denominator: Number of youth referred to Whispering Acres through this project.			2 youth chose to discontinue EAL		
2. Youth will have a reduction in either law violations or truancy.	Numerator: The number of youth, who were part of this project, who had a reduction in truancy or law violations	75%	33% (1/3)	67% (2/3) - One youth began homeschooling	67% (2/3) - One youth began homeschooling	100% (3/3) - 3 youth began homeschooling; 3 did not attend
	Denominator: Number of youth referred to Whispering Acres through this project.					
	Note: This is a cumulative measure. This measure compares the prior school year to the quarter after the 10th session at Whispering Acres.					

Opioid Settlement Outcome Measures for Jefferson County Diversion Services



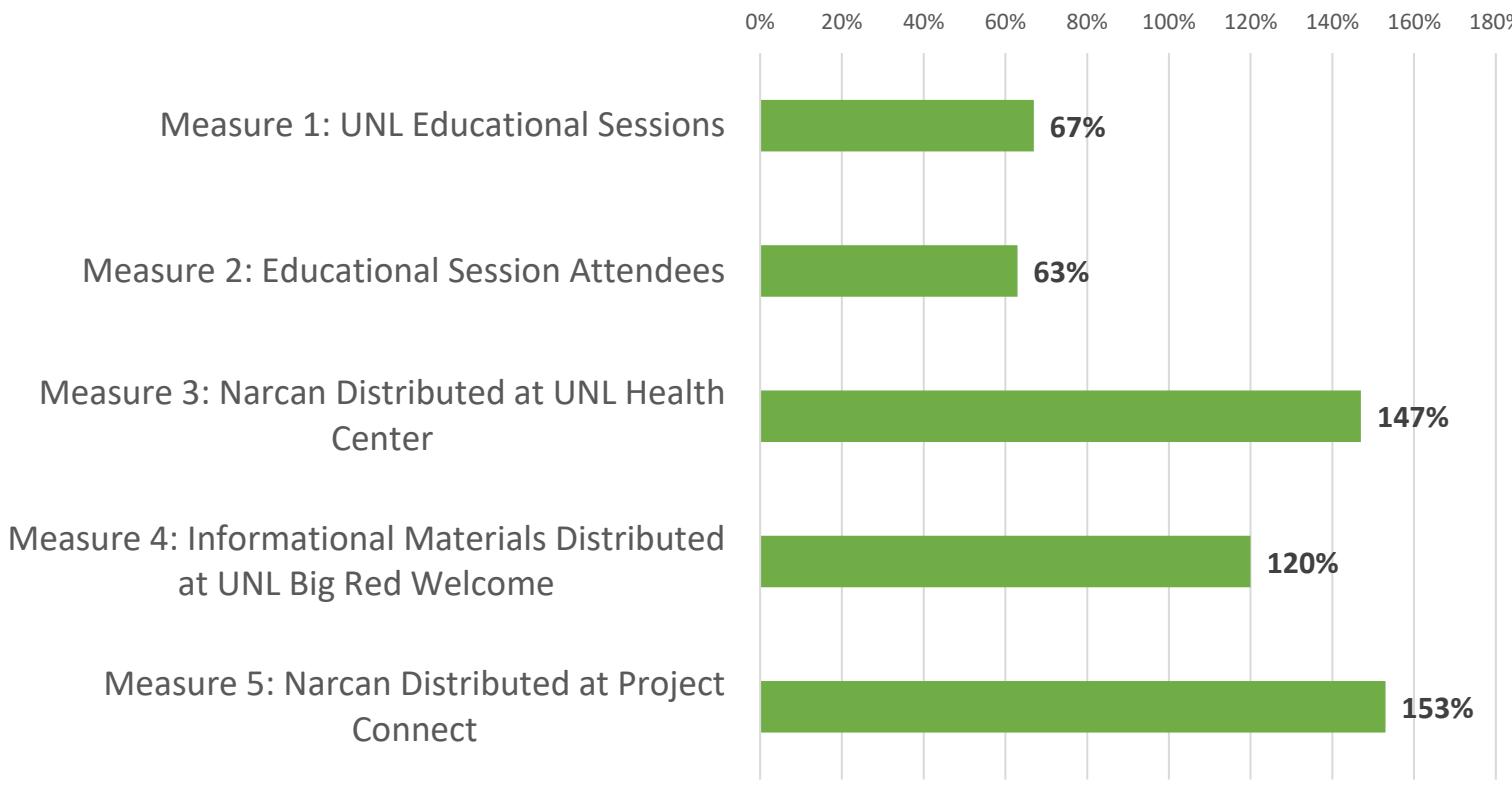
Nebraska Pharmacy Association

Measure	Format	Target	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Fiscal Year Total
1. Number of educational sessions held at University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL).	Number of educational sessions with description that occurred in the quarter.	6 educational sessions	2 educational sessions	1 educational session	0 educational sessions	1 educational session	4 educational sessions
2. The number of attendees at the UNL educational sessions.	Number of attendees at each educational session that occurred in the quarter.	150 attendees	21 attendees	23 attendees	0 attendees	50 attendees	94 attendees
3. The number of Narcan units distributed from the UNL Health Center.	Number of Narcan units distributed from the UNL Health Center in the quarter.	15 units	3 units	7 units	2 units	10 units	22 units
4. Number of Narcan informational materials distributed at UNL Big Red Welcome.	Number of informational materials distributed.	1000 items	1200 units distributed				
5. Narcan units distributed at Project Connect.	The number of Narcan units distributed (demographic information will be collected at this time).	200 units	305 Units				

Vending Machine Distribution Information:

Total Distribution for Q3		403
Age	10 to 19	10
	20 to 29	71
	30 to 45	147
	46 to 64	115
	65+	10
	Not disclosed	50

Opioid Settlement Outcome Measures Nebraska Pharmacy Association



Physician's Laboratory

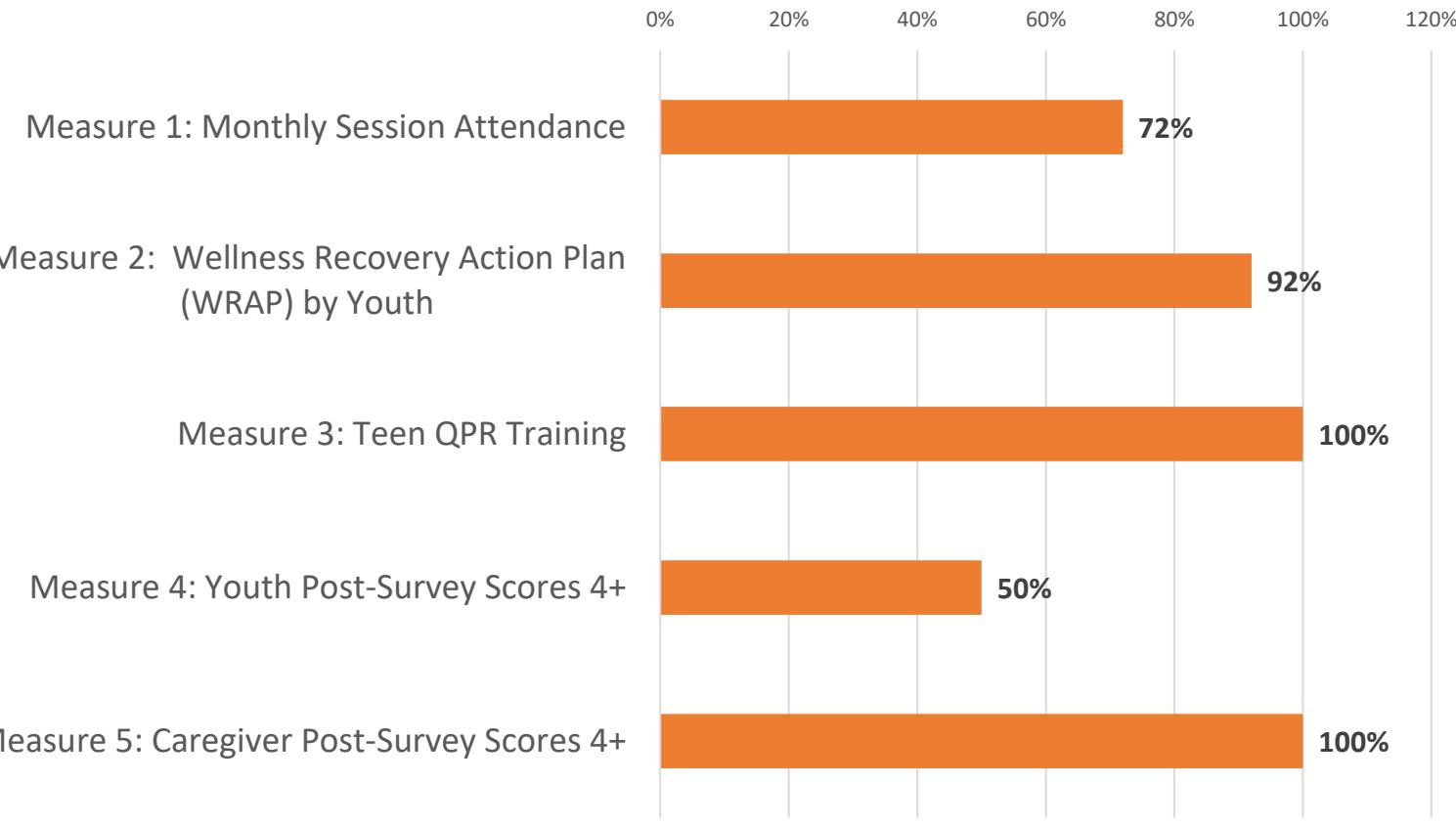
Measure	Format	Target	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Fiscal Year Total
1. Increase the number of autopsies referred for suspected overdoses by 2% annually. For CY 24, an increase to 30 from 24 (CY23).	The cumulative number of suspected overdose autopsies quarterly by county and whether transportation reimbursement was requested	30 autopsies	5 autopsies	2 autopsies	2 autopsies	1 autopsy	10 autopsies

Whispering Acres

Measure	Format	Target	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Fiscal Year Total
1. Youth will attend monthly sessions.	<p>Numerator: Number of youth who attended monthly sessions.</p> <p>Denominator: Total number of enrolled youth each month.</p>	70%	<p>23/39: 59% monthly average</p> <p><u>Attendance:</u> July: 9 youth, August: 10 youth, Sept: 4 Youth</p>	<p>27/39: 69% monthly average</p> <p><u>Attendance:</u> Oct:11 youth, Nov: 6 youth, Dec: 10 Youth</p>	<p>26/39: 67% monthly average</p> <p><u>Attendance:</u> Jan:12 youth, Feb: 6 youth, Mar: 8 Youth</p>	<p>36/39: 92% monthly average</p> <p><u>Attendance:</u> Apr:12 youth, May: 14 youth, June: 10 Youth</p>	<p>112/156: 72% monthly average</p>
2. Youth will complete a Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP).	<p>Numerator: Number of youth who have completed a personal WRAP plan during contract period.</p> <p>Denominator: Total number of youth enrolled at Camp G.R.I.T.</p> <p>Note: This is a cumulative measure (1 completed plan per youth per year).</p>	90%	10 youth started, 0 completed	10 youth started, 0 completed	12 youth started, 0 completed	92% (12/13)	92% (12/13)

3. Youth will complete the Teen Question-Persuade-Refer (QPR) training.	Numerator: Number of youth who completed the Teen QPR training during contract period. Denominator: Total number of youth enrolled at Camp G.R.I.T.	90%	100% (13/13)
4. Youth will score a 4 and above on the post Camp G.R.I.T. Survey.	Numerator: The number of youth who scored an average of 4 or above on the post Camp G.R.I.T. Survey. Denominator: Total number of youth who completed the post Camp G.R.I.T. Survey.	80%	50% (5/10)
5. Caregivers will score a 4 and above on the Camp G.R.I.T. Caregiver Survey.	Numerator: The number of caregivers who scored an average of 4 or above on the Camp G.R.I.T. Caregiver Survey. Denominator: Total number of caregivers who completed the Camp G.R.I.T. Caregiver Survey.	80%	100% (10/10)

Opioid Settlement Outcome Measures Whispering Acres



Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department

Measure	Format	Target	FY 24 – 25
Review weekly data to create a summary report for each quarter outlining data trends.	Quarterly summary data will be provided to the Steering Committee.	100% of quarter summary data will be provided.	See accompanying BIOBOT charts

Opioid Settlement Fund Report

Purpose

The purpose of this report, as stated in the Opioid Prevention and Treatment Act, is to gather information on the use and outcomes achieved from the distribution of the opioid settlement funds. Please fill out the fields below with detailed descriptions for each prompt. Three (3) of the four (4) prompts are required in this report. If there are any questions related to the document, please reach out to DHHS.DBHPrevention@Nebraska.Gov.

Please report on funding appropriated, obligated, and spent during the state fiscal year below:

July 1st, 2024 – June 30th, 2025

This funding report is due on:

November 1st, 2025, End of Day

Agency Name	Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare
Funds Appropriated to Agency <u>Appropriated</u> : The past tense of 'appropriate.' Money which has been designated for a specific purpose or use. Appropriated funds refer to funds utilized to carry out provisions.	\$1,325,609.85
Funds Obligated from Agency <u>Obligated</u> : The past tense of "oblige." An action and/or action legally or morally bound. Funds that have been committed to a specific purpose or activity and are subject to a legal liability to be paid out.	\$1,325,609.85
Funds Spent by Agency	\$319,549.66
Opioid Settlement Funds Carried Over (Funds not spent in previous State Fiscal Year) Please provide this number by calculating the total \$ amount not spent in previous State Fiscal Year.	0
Contact Information (Email and Phone Number)	Tad Spencer: tspencer@regionsix.com; 402-996-8428

Purpose, Planning, and Priority Setting

Describe how and why the completed or ongoing activities, services, and/or strategies were prioritized to be funded. Some questions to consider when answering the prompt are:

- How was the planning process created?
- When did this take place?
- Where did the activity and/or project take place?
- What lead to the distribution of these funds?
- What was the intent of the funding?

In May 2024, Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare hosted a summit and strategic planning session aimed at shaping the allocation and prioritization of opioid settlement funds. The strategic planning session was conducted during the summit to establish funding priorities.

Following the summit, Region 6 convened a smaller group of stakeholders who participated in the May summit. This committee was tasked with further refining the nine priority categories identified at the summit for Region 6's use in preparing and issuing a grant application process for the Opioid Settlement Funds. The committee prioritized the following four categories as being the most feasible and effective for this first round of applications: Awareness, Education, and Prevention; Community Connection and Support; Enhanced Crisis Response; Expanded Access to Treatment Services.

Region 6 released an RFP on September 27, 2024 and received 21 applications. A review committee consisting of consumers, content experts, behavioral health advisory committee members, and Region 6 staff met on November 14, 2024. Ultimately nine organizations were recommended for funding. Broken down by priority area, three focus on Awareness, Education and Prevention; one focuses on Community Connection and Support; one focuses on Enhanced Crisis Response; and four focus on Expanded Access to Treatment Services.

Funding Distribution Process

Describe how the funds were distributed. Some questions to consider when answering the prompt are:

To whom did you direct the funding to?

How did the entity decide to conduct this distribution?

When did the distribution occur?

Please note that specific information is needed in this section. This would include:

Agencies who have received funding.

The amount each agency received.

When the distribution occurred.

Region 6 grants are issued on a reimbursement basis where the contracted organization bills monthly. These grant recipients were awarded contracts through a competitive RFP process with a selection committee comprised of behavioral health professionals and consumers. The following organizations were under contract at some point during the 7/1/24 - 6/30/25. The amount distributed to each is listed.

Bonsai Health: Medication Assisted Treatment for those with opioid use disorder.

Distributed \$100,285.80 out of \$479,591.40. Reimbursement for expenses from 5/1/25 - 6/30/25.

Community Alliance: Implement a program linking individuals with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) to a peer navigator. The peer navigators will provide outreach, care coordination, warm hand-offs, and recovery support services to individuals. Distributed \$26,375.37 out of \$273,695.00.

Reimbursement for expenses from 4/1/25 - 6/30/25.

Goldfinch Health, Inc.: Partnerships with hospitals to reduce need for opioids post-surgery.

Distributed \$58,797.14 out of \$212,825.02. Reimbursement for expenses from 4/10/25 - 6/30/25.

Methodist Fremont Health: Increase its outpatient pain management clinic capacity and services.

Distributed \$19,653.85 out of \$287,776.00. Reimbursement for expenses from 4/1/25 - 6/30/25.

Sarpy County Corrections: Implementation of an information-sharing system facilitating communication between multiple agencies. This is a one-time fee. Distributed \$97,307.50 out of \$97,307.50.

These organizations' contracts began 7/1/25: Nebraska Collegiate Prevention Alliance (\$186,674.00); OneWorld Health (\$321,536.00); Three Rivers Public Health Department (\$93,995.20). University of Nebraska Omaha's contract started 9/1/25 (\$115,996.50).

Outcome/Impact of Funds

Specify the effect of funding the organization, program, or activity and the results of the completed or ongoing activities, services, and/or strategies. Some questions to consider when answering the prompt are:

How effective were the activities, services, and/or strategies?

What were/are the results?

Would the target population have been reached without this program, activity, or event?

What would have occurred if funding was not provided for the organization, program, and/or activity?

How has this program, activity, and/or event impacted the community, region, and state?

Only five of the organizations receiving funds began their grant term by June 30, 2025. Because of this, outcomes are minimal, and it is premature to draw broad conclusions about the effectiveness of these projects.

Community Alliance (start date: 4/1/25): Program linking individuals with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) to a peer navigator. The peer navigators will provide outreach, care coordination, warm hand-offs, and recovery support services to individuals.

Outcomes summary through June 30: 16 consumers enrolled; 30 service referrals made; zero arrests; zero hospitalizations; 1:1 peer support provided and attendance at recovery meetings; 100% enrolled within 24 hours; transportation provided as needed.

Goldfinch Health (start date: 4/9/25): Implementation of the Billion Pill Pledge, focused on collaborating with hospitals on non-opioid pain management strategies, ensuring minimal use of opioids with the utilization of nurse navigators and pre-surgery toolkits for patients.

Outcomes summary through June 30: 40% decrease in average prescribed quantity of opioids post-surgery; 13.7 pills used on average post-discharge; zero refills reported post-discharge; ten pills disposed; 4% readmission rate.

Bonsai Health (start date: 5/1/25): Provision of Medication Assisted Treatment and start-up costs. Outcomes summary through June 30: 38 unique patients received 737 doses; five inmates initiated on MAT while incarcerated; four visits made to correctional facilities; 165 units of Narcan distributed; 277 patients received MAT.

Methodist Fremont Health (start date: 4/1/25): Increase its outpatient pain management clinic services through the hiring of additional staff members.

Outcomes summary through June 30: Worked on hiring therapist, patient navigator, and data coordinator. Individuals have been hired and onboarded. Staff are now working on enrolling program participants.

Sarpy County Corrections (start date: 5/1/25) developed a plan for purchasing the multi-agency coordination software. Implementation will take place in FY26.

Other Updates/Comments (Optional)

Please provide any information, updates, and comments below.

Region 6 released a second RFP on September 29, 2025. This will incorporate the previous focus areas, while adding Access to Recovery Housing and Access to Transportation. These revisions were made as a result of feedback we heard from partners and stakeholders.

To help clarify priority areas and considerations for this round of funding, Region 6 hosted a representative from the Opioid Response Network on September 15. He facilitated a listening session with 16 organization representatives from the region. In addition, we initiated a survey to measure current needs, challenges, and attitudes related to opioid use. Twenty-six people completed the survey.