

RESOLUTION NO. 218-22 5-24-22

LEG Opioid Settlement Funds

Commitment of the Cayuga County Opioid Settlement funds to the Treatment, Recovery and Prevention of Opioid Use Disorders and any co-occurring Substance Use Disorders or Mental Health conditions

BY: Elane Daly, Chairman of the Health & Human Service Committee

WHEREAS, Cayuga County is a named plaintiff to several lawsuits (“Actions”) brought against numerous defendants, including drug manufacturers, distributors, and chain pharmacies based on claims that they individually and collectively contributed to the opioid epidemic in New York State and created a public health crisis in violation of their obligations under federal and State law, and

WHEREAS, Cayuga County has heretofore resolved to settle some of these Actions and anticipates that additional Actions will be settled in similar fashion in the near future (collectively, “Opioid Settlements”); and

WHEREAS, as a result of these Opioid Settlements, it is anticipated that Cayuga County will receive direct payments from the named defendants some of which will be one-time payments and some paid over multiple years depending on the defendant, with payments beginning in 2022; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the terms of the various settlement agreements, the settlement funds that the County will receive are divided into two categories, “direct restricted funds” for approved uses and “direct unrestricted funds”; and

WHEREAS, the direct restricted funds must be used for certain approved uses, such as, prevention and treatment of opioid use disorders, co-occurring substance abuse disorders or mental health conditions; public education campaigns to reduce stigma and best practices for addressing substance abuse disorders; support of people in treatment for these disorders; connections to care for people who have or are at risk of these disorders, addressing the needs of people with these disorders who are involved in the criminal justice system, prevention of over prescribing of opioids, prevention of overdose deaths, and many other approved uses of these funds as prescribed in the Settlement Agreements and applicable State Law; and

WHEREAS, the direct unrestricted funds from the Opioid Settlements may be used by Cayuga County for any appropriate governmental purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Cayuga County Legislature believes it to be in the best interest of Cayuga County residents for the direct unrestricted funds to be pooled with the direct restricted funds to be used to combat the opioid epidemic and other substance abuse disorders and be invested in only approved uses as stipulated in the opioid settlement agreements and provided under State Law; and

WHEREAS, the Cayuga County Community Services Board is the agency responsible for developing and overseeing the provision of substance abuse prevention and treatment programs throughout the County and would be an appropriate agency to assess the specific needs within the County and to design, develop and recommend the programs to meet those needs which will comply with the approved uses of the Opioid Settlements; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Cayuga County Legislature hereby directs that direct payments received from the Opioid Settlements, beginning in 2022, shall be appropriated only for “approved uses” for direct restricted funds as defined by the Settlement Agreements and provided under applicable State Law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Community Services Board is hereby directed to develop the programming needed to enhance and improve the provision of prevention, treatment, public education, mental health treatment,

vocational services, housing services for people recovering from substance abuse, and related treatment, therapy and support services throughout Cayuga County and that the Community Services Board will bring their recommendations to the County Legislature for further approval and implementation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Finance Director is authorized to amend the 2022 budget and to process any journal entries to carry out the intent of this resolution.



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County of Cayuga }*

I do hereby certify, that I have compared the foregoing copy of a Resolution duly passed and adopted by the Cayuga County Legislature at a meeting held on the 24th day of May 2022 with the original Resolution, and that the same is a true and correct copy and transcript thereof, and the whole thereof.

Given under my hand and official seal May 25th, 2022

Shula P. Smith
CLERK, CAYUGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE