



**RESOLUTION TITLE: A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNTY OF GASTON TO DIRECT THE EXPENDITURE OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS**

WHEREAS, Gaston County has joined national settlement agreements with companies engaged in the manufacturing, distribution, and dispensing of opioids, including settlements with drug distributors Cardinal, McKesson, and AmerisourceBergen, and the drug maker Johnson & Johnson and its subsidiary Janssen Pharmaceuticals; and,

WHEREAS, the allocation, use, and reporting of funds stemming from these national settlement agreements and certain bankruptcy resolutions ("Opioid Settlement Funds") are governed by the Memorandum of Agreement Between the State of North Carolina and Local Governments on Proceeds Relating to the Settlement of Opioid Litigation ("MOA"); and,

WHEREAS, Gaston County has received Opioid Settlement Funds pursuant to these national settlement agreements and deposited the Opioid Settlement Funds in a separate special revenue fund as required by section D of the MOA; and,

WHEREAS, section E.6 of the MOA states:

E.6. Process for drawing from special revenue funds.

- a. Budget item or resolution required. Opioid Settlement Funds can be used for a purpose when the Governing Body includes in its budget or passes a separate resolution authorizing the expenditure of a stated amount of Opioid Settlement Funds for that purpose or those purposes during a specified period of time.
- b. Budget item or resolution details. The budget or resolution should (i) indicate that it is an authorization for expenditure of opioid settlement funds; (ii) state the specific strategy or strategies the county or municipality intends to fund pursuant to Option A or Option B, using the item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to identify each funded strategy, and (iii) state the amount dedicated to each strategy for a stated period of time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in alignment with the NC MOA, Gaston County authorizes the expenditure of opioid settlement funds as follows:

1. First strategy authorized
  - a. Name of strategy: Early Intervention
  - b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
  - c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: Exhibit A, Strategy 6

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I, Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the County Commission, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of action taken by the Board of Commissioners as follows:

NO.	DATE	M1	M2	CBrown	CCloninger	AFrale	BHovis	KJohnson	TKeigher	RWorley	Vote
2024-220	06/25/2024	TK	BH	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	U

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- d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$420,093.00
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:  
Start date July 1, 2024 through End date June 30, 2026
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Kintegra Gaston County Early Intervention Youth Program

This Resolution appropriates \$420,093.00 in Opioid Settlement funds for the implementation of an Early Intervention program within three Gaston County Schools.

Currently, the only full-time school-based behavioral healthcare services available in GCS are through Kintegra Health licensed mental health providers embedded in 18 of 55 individual schools. The proposed establishment of services via the Kintegra Health Early Intervention Youth Program will be available to students of allocated schools. Youth referred to this program should have suspicion or concern of substance use and can include co-occurring mental health needs, as well as be a resident of Gaston County. Continuing education, focusing on evidence-based training models such as Youth Mental Health First Aid, will support family, staff, and community residents of Gaston County and GCS.

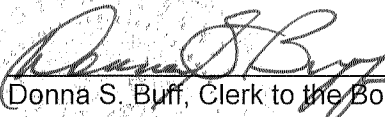
- g. Provider: Kintegra Health

The total dollar amount of Opioid Settlement Funds appropriated across the above named and authorized strategies is \$420,093.00.

Adopted this the 25th day of June, 2024.

  
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Chad Brown, Chairman  
Gaston County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

  
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Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the Board

SEAL

<p>This Board Action appropriates Year 1 \$142,071/Project Total \$420,093 in Opioid Settlement funds for the implementation of an Early Intervention program within three Gaston County Schools. Currently, the only full-time school-based behavioral healthcare services available in GCS are through Kintegra Health licensed mental health providers embedded in 18 of 55 individual schools. The proposed establishment of services via the Kintegra Health Early Intervention Youth Program will be available to students of allocated schools. Youth referred to this program should have suspicion or concern of substance use and can include co-occurring mental health needs, as well as be a resident of Gaston County. Continuing education, focusing on evidence-based training models such as Youth Mental Health First Aid, will support family, staff, and community residents of Gaston County and GCS.</p>
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**GASTON COUNTY**  
**BUDGET CHANGE REQUEST (BCR)**

**TO:** Dr. Kim S. Eagle, County Manager

**FROM:**

CSS

Community Support Services

Dept. Code

Department Name

Gregory Grier  
Department Director

6/6/2024  
Date

Gregory Grier	6/6/2024
Department Director	Date

<b>REQUEST TYPE:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Line-Item Transfer Within Department & Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> Line-Item Transfer Between Funds*
	<input type="checkbox"/> Project Transfer Within Department & Fund	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Additional Appropriation of Funds*
	<input type="checkbox"/> Line-Item Transfer Between Departments	*Requires resolution by the Board of Commissioners

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\*\* Decreases in expenditures and increases in revenue accounts require brackets. Increases in expenditures and decreases in revenue do not require brackets. Please note that transfers between funds require inter-fund transfer accounts.

This Board Action appropriates Year 2 \$278,022/Project Total \$420,093 in Opioid Settlement funds for the implementation of an Early Intervention program within three Gaston County Schools. Currently, the only full-time school-based behavioral healthcare services available in GCS are through Kintegra Health licensed mental health providers embedded in 18 of 55 individual schools. The proposed establishment of services via the Kintegra Health Early Intervention Youth Program will be available to students of three allocated schools. Youth referred to this program should have suspicion or concern of substance use and can include co-occurring mental health needs, as well as be a resident of Gaston County. Continuing education, focusing on evidence-based training models such as Youth Mental Health First Aid, will support family, staff, and community residents of Gaston County and GCS.



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## DHHS - Community Support Services Division

### Board Action

File #: 24-287

Commissioner Hovis - DHHS - Community Support Services - To Approve a Resolution to Direct the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds for Kintegra Gaston County Early Intervention Youth Program (**Year 1 - FY25: \$142,071 / Year 2 - FY25: \$278,022 / Total Program: \$420,093**)

#### STAFF CONTACT

Gregory Grier - Community Support Services - 704-862-6735

#### BUDGET IMPACT

Increase revenue and expenses in the Opioid Settlement Funds by the following:

Year 1 (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025): \$142,071.00

Year 2 (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026): \$278,022.00

Total opioid settlement funds: \$420,093.00. No additional County funds.

#### BUDGET ORDINANCE IMPACT

Minimal impact to the budget ordinance.

#### BACKGROUND

The State of NC joined in the national litigation against pharmaceutical supply chain participants who engaged in the manufacture, marketing, promotion, distribution, or dispensing of opioid medications that has harmed the public. On June 8, 2021, the Board of Commissioners approved the Memorandum of Agreement Between the State of North Carolina and Local Governments on Proceeds Relating to the Settlement of Opioid Litigation (Res 2021-172) joining in the national litigation. Gaston County will receive a projected \$40,000,000 in settlement funds to be received over a period of 18 years. To date, the County has received \$9,065,809 in settlement funds. To date, \$3,858,518 has been allocated by the Board of Commissioners.

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This request, if approved, appropriates \$420,093 in Opioid Settlement funds for the creation of an Early Intervention Youth program in three Gaston County Schools (GCS). Through this funding opportunity, Kintegra Health will begin providing early intervention assessment, working collaboratively with GCS and community referrals, for students served by GCS. Early intervention assessment through school-based behavioral health services will be available for face-to-face and virtual services provided 5 days per week at GCS access points.

Kintegra Health will facilitate Mental Health Youth First Aid, working collaboratively with GCS to support staff, families, and community residents' opportunities to attend training offered 3 times annually. Youth Mental Health First Aid teaches how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among children and adolescents ages 12-18. Additional focus on staff education surrounding early intervention, substance and mental health will be offered. Kintegra Health will support care coordination for identified students and families, as well as aid in supporting improved pathways for all students needing access to mental health/behavioral health/substance abuse services. These services will be supported by funding, as well as the robust Kintegra behavioral health department.

#### **POLICY IMPACT**

N/A

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Spending Authorization Resolution; Budget Change Request (BCR)