



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: Evidence - Based Addiction Treatment
 - b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A of the NC MOA

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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	JBailey	CBrown	CCloninger	AFralely	BHovis	TKeigher	SShehan	Vote
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- c. Item letter and/ or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the NC MOA: Exhibit A, Strategy 2
- d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$614,829.12
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date July 1, 2025, through End date June 30, 2027.
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Expanded MAT for uninsured and underinsured Gaston County residents.

Funds will enable Kintegra Health to continue services through funded staff members and cover costs of medications and required labs to support the growth of their existing Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) program. Staff funded will include a part-time community resource advocate, full-time behavioral health provider, part-time behavioral health provider, and part-time medical assistant. These staff will provide ongoing medical care and medication services to uninsured and underinsured Gaston County residents. The behavioral health providers will provide substance use counseling services and expansion of telehealth services. This provider will ensure individuals needing mental health or substance use treatment can have same-day, convenient, and affordable access.


- g. Provider: Kintegra Health

The total dollar amount of Opioid Settlement Funds appropriated for the above named and authorized strategies is \$614,829.12.

Adopted this the 27th day of May, 2025.


Chad Brown, Chairman
Gaston County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:


Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the Board

SEAL

GASTON COUNTY BUDGET CHANGE REQUEST (BCR)

TO: Matthew Rhoten, County Manager

FROM: HLT Health
Dept. Code Department Name

Brittain Kenney 05/27/2025
Department Director Date

REQUEST TYPE:

- ☐ Line-Item Transfer Within Department & Fund ☐ Line-Item Transfer Between Funds*
- ☐ Project Transfer Within Department & Fund ☒ Additional Appropriation of Funds*
- ☐ Line-Item Transfer Between Departments

* Requires resolution by the Board of Commissioners

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JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST:

Gaston County joined the State in the National Opioid Settlement. This BCR appropriates Year 1 \$307,414.56 /Project Total \$614,829.12 of our allotment for Evidence-Based Addiction Treatment through expansion Medication Assisted Treatment for uninsured and underinsured Gaston County residents at Kintegra Health. Funds will enable Kintegra Health to continue services and cover the cost of medications and required labs. In addition to medication for the treatment of opioid use disorder, Kintegra Health will ensure individuals needing mental health or substance use treatment can have same-day, convenient, and affordable access (either virtually or face to face) to behavioral health consultation and intervention services. Year 1 \$307,414.56 (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026)

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JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST:

Gaston County joined the State in the National Opioid Settlement. This BCR appropriates Year 2 \$307,414.56 /Project Total \$614,829.12 of our allotment for Evidence-Based Addiction Treatment through expansion Medication Assisted Treatment for uninsured and underinsured Gaston County residents at Kintegra Health. Funds will enable Kintegra Health to continue services and cover the cost of medications and required labs. In addition to medication for the treatment of opioid use disorder, Kintegra Health will ensure individuals needing mental health or substance use treatment can have same-day, convenient, and affordable access (either virtually or face to face) to behavioral health consultation and intervention services. Year 2 \$307,414.56 (July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027)

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DHHS - Public Health Division Board Action

File #: 25-288

Commissioner Keigher - DHHS - Health Division - To Approve a Resolution to Direct the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds and Appropriate \$614,829.12 (**Year 1: \$307,414.56, Year 2: \$307,414.56, Total: \$614,829.12**)

STAFF CONTACT

Abigail Newton - Assistant Public Health Director - DHHS - Public Health Division - 704-853-5103

BUDGET IMPACT

Increase revenue and expenses in the Opioid Settlement Funds by \$614,829.12. No additional County funds.

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 have 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 was awarded \$40,520,354.00 in settlement funds to be received over a period of 18 years. To date the County has received \$11,845,106.51 in settlement funds.

This Board Action, if approved, appropriates \$614,829.12 in Opioid Settlement Funds for continuation of the existing Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) program implemented by Kintegra Health. Funds will cover costs of staff members, medications and required labs to support the growth of the existing Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) program. Staff funded will include a part-time community resource advocate, full-time behavioral health provider, part-time behavioral health provider, and part-time medical assistant. These staff will provide ongoing medical care and medication services to uninsured and underinsured Gaston County residents. The behavioral health providers will provide substance use counseling services and expansion of telehealth services. This provider will ensure individuals needing mental health or substance use treatment can have same-day, convenient, and affordable access.

Year 1 (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026): \$307,414.56

Year 2 (July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027): \$307,414.56

POLICY IMPACT

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Spending Authorization Resolution and Budget Change Request (BCR)

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