

Staff Report

Subject: Resolution to approve the anticipated MOU for the New Opioid Settlements and participation in these settlements

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Item Description: Consideration to approve the resolution to approve the anticipated New Opioid Settlements MOU and agree to participate in these settlements

Summary Recommendation:

Staff is recommending approval of the resolution to accept the anticipated New Opioid Settlements MOU and participation in these settlements.

Executive Summary:

Five new national opioid settlements have been reached with Defendants Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens, and Wal-Mart. These New Opioid Settlements have overwhelming support nationwide and within the State of Georgia, including from Attorney General Chris Carr and attorneys representing other Georgia subdivisions. Blasingame, Burch, Garrard & Ashley, P.C. (BBGA), anticipate that the terms of the anticipated MOU will be materially identical to the previous opioid settlements that the County has participated in.

No MOU for the New Opioid Settlements has yet been finalized but with the participation deadline of April 18, 2023 approaching, BBGA strongly recommends that all Georgia subdivisions that wish to participate approve to do so as soon as possible.

Background:

1. The County has previously participated in the Janssen Settlement and National Distributor Settlement, both settlements stemming from the opioid crisis.
2. The attached resolution and participation forms were drafted by BBGA for Georgia subdivisions to enact in order to participate in the New Opioid Settlements.

Alternatives for Commission to Consider:

1. Approve the resolution to approve the anticipated New Opioid Settlements MOU and agree to participate in these settlements.
2. Do not approve the resolution to approve the anticipated New Opioid Settlements MOU and agree to participate in these settlements.
3. Provide staff with direction.

Recommended Alternative:

Staff recommends Alternative number 1 – Approve the resolution to approve the anticipated New Opioid Settlements MOU and agree to participate in these settlements.

Other Alternatives:

N/A

Department Review: *(list departments)*

Finance, County Attorney

Funding Source:

None

Attachments:

Letter from BBGA

Resolution to participate in the New Opioid Settlements and accept the anticipated MOU

Participation forms for the New Opioid Settlements