



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: April 13, 2023

REQUESTER: Kathryn Walker

PRESENTER: Kathryn Walker, City Attorney

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, OR POSTPONEMENT OF ELECTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2022 GLOBAL OPIOID SETTLEMENTS WITH CVS, WAL-MART, WALGREENS, ALLERGAN, AND TEVA, INCLUDING AGREEING TO THE TERMS OF THE GLOBAL SETTLEMENTS, THE RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS AGAINST THESE ENTITIES, AND THE PERMISSIBLE USES OF MONIES RECEIVED PURSUANT TO THE SETTLEMENTS FOR OPIOID ABATEMENT; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE PARTICIPATION FORMS FOR EACH SETTLEMENT ON THE CITY OF NORMAN'S BEHALF.

BACKGROUND:

The Oklahoma Office of the Attorney General recently agreed to five settlements related to the State's litigation against manufacturers, distributors, and retailers for their role in the Oklahoma opioid crisis. The five entities involved in the latest settlements are Allergan Pharmaceuticals, CVS, Walgreens, Teva, and Walmart. Although not involved in the litigation, the City of Norman is eligible to receive funding from the more than \$220 million in Settlement Proceeds to be allocated in accordance with distribution rules developed by the Oklahoma Attorney General's office and approved by the Oklahoma Opioid Abatement Board.

DISCUSSION:

In order to participate and receive funds from the Settlement Proceeds, the City needs to sign the attached participation form, which binds the City to the terms of the Settlement and releases the four entities mentioned above from any claims the City has against them related to the State's opioid litigation. If the City does not sign, it will not receive any monies from the settlement. Funds received by the City can be used for a variety of efforts to prevent and treat opioid misuse.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends Council elect to participate in the 2022 global opioid settlements with CVS, Wal-mart, Walgreens, Allergan, and Teva, including agreeing to the terms of the global settlements, the release of all claims against these entities, and the permissible uses of monies

received pursuant to the settlements for opioid abatement; and authorizing the city manager to execute the participation forms for each settlement on the City of Norman's behalf.