

TO: City Council  
FROM: Lisa Parks, City Administrator  
DATE: February 20, 2024  
SUBJECT: Thurston County Opioid Abatement Council Independent Subcommittee – Update

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1) Recommended Action:

This is an informational update only.

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2) Background:

The abuse of prescription opioids is a growing problem, not just in Tumwater, but in the State of Washington and nationwide. Individuals have been harmed by entities within the Pharmaceutical Supply Chain who manufacture, distribute, and dispense prescription opioids and the toll opioid abuse and overuse causes on our resources is significant.

In April 2022, the City Council authorized the Mayor to sign the One Washington Memorandum of Understanding, which outlined how the funds the State of Washington receives from the National Distributor Settlement would be divided between participating jurisdictions. In March 2023, the City Council authorized the Mayor to sign the National Opioid Settlement Allocation Agreement II and any future settlement agreements. The National Opioid Settlement Allocation Agreement II incorporated the settlements reached with Walmart, Teva, Allergan, CVS, and Walgreens.

The One WA Agreement required participating jurisdictions to establish regional Opioid Abatement Councils (OAC). Tumwater is part of the Cascade Pacific Action Alliance Region. In July 2023, the City Council authorized the Mayor to sign two interlocal agreements (ILA). One established the required regional OAC for the Cascade Pacific Action Alliance Region, and the other one created an independent subcommittee (as authorized by the regional ILA) comprised of Thurston County and the Cities of Lacey, Olympia, and Tumwater. Staff will provide an update on the work associated with the Thurston County OAC at the meeting.

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3) Policy Support:

Build a Community Recognized for Quality, Compassion and Humanity.

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4) Alternatives:

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5) Fiscal Notes:

Tumwater will receive 0.2065982350% of any national settlement funds.

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6) Attachments:

None.