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Subject: Georgia Opioid Settlement - Next Steps for Participating Local Governments

Good afternoon!

The State of Georgia entered a Settlement Agreement with manufacturers and distributors of opioids that will bring payments of \$638 million to Georgia over 18 years. Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities Commissioner Kevin Tanner is the Trustee of these funds. The State's share of the settlement funds is 75% (\$479 million) and will be put into a state-administered trust. Forty percent of the State's share of funds (\$191.6 million) must be spent on a regional basis. Commissioner Tanner asked the Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) to coordinate the role that Participating Local Governments will play with respect to the distribution of these regional funds.

The Memorandum of Understanding between the State of Georgia and Participating Local Governments requires the creation of the Georgia Opioid Settlement Advisory Commission (GOSAC) and Regional Advisory Councils (RACs), which will help to direct regional funding allocations. Three GOSAC members, representing local interests, and the RAC members for each region must be approved by the Participating Local Governments, which are defined as the litigating and non-litigating parties listed in the nationwide settlement agreements. Your organization is considered a Participating Local Government, and is hereby being notified of the pending process to form the RACs.

Following are important next steps for Participating Local Governments:

1. **PROCESS OVERVIEW:** If you missed today's webinar that outlined the process for approving the GOSAC and RAC members, you can [watch it by clicking here](#). If it asks for a passcode, enter: S7%r5rWB

The presentation from the webinar also is attached.

2. **VOTING DELEGATE FORM:** Please complete and return the attached voting delegate form by **March 15, 2024** to Beth Brown at bbrown@accg.org. Be sure to check the date for the regional meeting in your area to ensure your voting delegate can be present in person to vote on behalf of your Participating Local Government. The regional map is located on the second page of the voting delegate form. Additional information on the regional meetings will be provided to the voting delegates closer to the meeting dates.

Regional Meetings:

Region 1

March 21 @ 10 a.m.

Dawson County Government Center/Courthouse
BOC Assembly Room (2nd Floor)
25 Justice Way
Dawsonville, GA 30534

Region 2

March 25 @ 2 p.m.

Greene County Administration Building
1034 Silver Drive
Greensboro, GA 30642

Region 3

March 20 @ 10 a.m.

Rockdale County CE Steele Community Center
1040 Oakland Avenue
Conyers, GA 30012

Region 4

March 26 @ 2 p.m.

Colquitt County Administration Building
101 East Central Avenue
Moultrie, GA 31678

Region 5

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Appling County Courthouse Annex
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69 Tippins Street
Baxley, GA 31513

Region 6

March 27 @ 10 a.m.

Harris County Library
7511 SR 116
Hamilton, GA 31811

If you have any questions, please reach out to me. My contact information is listed below.



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TO: Participating Local Governments to Georgia’s Opioid Distributor Settlement, including Cities, Counties, Sheriffs, Community Service Boards, Hospitals and Hospital Authorities, Etc.
FROM: Dave Wills, ACCG Executive Director & Larry Hanson, GMA Executive Director
DATE: February 15, 2024
SUBJECT: Identification of Voting Delegate for Consideration of Three Statewide Georgia Opioid Settlement Advisory Commission Members (GOSAC) and Regional Advisory Council (RAC) Members

The Memorandum of Understanding between the State of Georgia and Participating Local Governments as part of Georgia’s participation in the national Opioid Distributor and Janssen Settlements requires the creation of the Georgia Opioid Settlement Advisory Commission (GOSAC) and Regional Advisory Councils (RACs) to assess grant applications and recommend funding for the regional portion of the opioid settlement funds. As part of the settlement, Participating Local Governments are required to vote on three GOSAC representatives and the RAC members for their respective regions.

Each Participating Local Government will receive one vote as part of this process. This vote will be held at regional, in-person meetings (see the attached list), and the voting delegate must be present to cast his or her vote on behalf of the Participating Local Government. The slate will be approved if the majority of the voting delegates present vote in favor of it. Additional information on the regional meetings will be emailed to the voting delegates.

Please complete and return this form no later than **March 15, 2024** to ACCG Administration & Operations Director Beth Brown at bbrown@accg.org as a scanned email attachment or photo. If you choose to send it as a photo, please make sure the information provided below is clear and easy to read. Your prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

PARTICIPATING LOCAL GOVERNMENT VOTING DELEGATE FOR GOSAC AND RAC SLATE CONSIDERATION

Name

Participating Local Government

Date

Title

Email

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