

MICHIGAN OPIOID ADVISORY COMMISSION

Key Takeaways from the 2023 Annual Report



Increase public transparency around planning, use, and management of “State Share” opioid settlement funds



Expand community engagement and inclusion in all planning and implementation efforts for opioid settlement funds



Enhance collaboration across branches, departments, jurisdictions, and communities to support meaningful strategies and innovative solutions for opioid remediation



Increase legislative oversight to improve alignment with national guidance for use of opioid settlement funds

Findings

1

Michigan’s advisory structure presents strengths for balanced and effective oversight, but statutory changes and appropriations oversight are needed to compel cross-branch collaboration, public transparency, and responsible management of the Michigan Opioid Healing and Recovery Fund.

2

The state must make deliberate efforts to facilitate community engagement and collaborative strategic planning to identify gaps in our state's opioid response activities and avoid redundancies in programming.

3

Existing sources of data are not being adequately leveraged to understand whether vulnerable, priority populations are receiving optimized care for co-occurring substance use disorders and mental health conditions.

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Recommendations for the State Legislature Fiscal Year 2024



Support the OAC's FY 2023-2025 Strategic Plan

Dedicate appropriations not to exceed **\$5 million** for a statewide needs assessment, county/tribal planning incentives, community engagement activities and a public dashboard

Section 5, Recommendations 1.6; 2.1-2.2; pages 43-44

1. Fund county and tribal planning incentives; incentive requirements to be determined by the OAC Opioid Planning Collaborative.
2. Fund a statewide needs assessment, as steered by the OAC Opioid Planning Collaborative.
3. Support ongoing community engagement activities, as directed by the OAC Opioid Planning Collaborative. Upon request of the OAC Opioid Planning Collaborative, ensure funding availability for community engagement activities.
4. Ensure creation of a consolidated, public dashboard specific to opioid settlement funds. Upon request of the OAC Opioid Planning Collaborative, ensure funding availability for development of a public dashboard.
5. Promote collaboration between legislators, the OAC and various state departments in the development of boilerplate language for the FY 2024 budget. Include language specific to "planning incentives", "statewide needs assessment", "community engagement activities" and a "public dashboard".



Implement detailed, public reporting requirements for state departments administering opioid settlement funds

Develop boilerplate language that ensures submission of annual settlement spend plans and regular reporting on use of opioid settlement funds to the OAC and public

Section 5, Recommendations 1.1-1.5; pages 40-42

1. Promote collaboration between legislators, the OAC and various state departments in the development of boilerplate language for the FY 2024 budget. Include language specific to "opioid settlement spend plans", "quarterly reports", "annual reports" and "data sharing agreements".
2. Establish reasonable statutory limits on annual legislative appropriations of monies from the Michigan Opioid Healing and Recovery Fund.
3. Compel the creation of "sub-funds" within the Michigan Opioid Healing and Recovery Fund.



Compel the Department of Health and Human Services to collect and report data on co-occurring substance use disorders and mental health conditions

Section 5, Recommendation 3.1; page 44