

MICHIGAN OPIOID ADVISORY COMMISSION 2023 ANNUAL REPORT



Key Takeaways for Tribal Partners

Consideration of Tribal communities and Indigenous populations is a priority of the OAC. While Tribes may be receiving funds through the Tribal Opioid Settlements, the OAC believes that Tribal inclusion in planning and implementation of state opioid settlement funds is needed

Tribal partnership is necessary

Intentional efforts for collaboration with Tribal communities and Indigenous populations is necessary for Tribal inclusion in settlement planning and implementation

OAC Priorities

- Ensure Tribal representation on the Opioid Advisory Commission: Opioid Planning Collaborative
- Identify sustainable pathways for information sharing with Tribal partners
- Increase and maintain engagement efforts with Tribal partners and representative organizations
- Establish and maintain strategic partnerships with Tribal leaders and representative organizations to help inform the OAC's awareness of Tribal priorities, community needs and funding gaps

The OAC recommends funding to support Tribal planning incentives

OAC recommendations for fiscal year 2024 include planning incentives funded by state opioid settlement dollars, for participating federally recognized Tribes

Recommendation Specifics

- Planning incentives are recommended in the amount of \$25,000 for each participating federally recognized Tribe
- Requirements of the planning incentives are to be developed by the Opioid Advisory Commission: Opioid Planning Collaborative
- At a minimum, two (2) of fifteen (15) members of the Opioid Advisory Commission: Opioid Planning Collaborative are reserved for designated Tribal representatives
- The OAC is **awaiting determination from the state legislature** on adoption of its recommendations, including Tribal planning incentives

The OAC prioritizes health equity and culturally competent practices in prevention, treatment, recovery and harm reduction for substance use disorders, mental health conditions and co-occurring disorders

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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.