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SUBJECT: Opioid Settlement Update
DATE: April 13, 2023

PRESENTATION TYPE:
Informational Briefing

SUMMARY:

Tacoma is a party to recent settlements regarding Opioid abatement. This presentation will brief Council on the background of these settlements, the implications for Tacoma, and next steps in advancing Council’s priorities using these funds.

BACKGROUND:

In 2022, the first Opioid Settlement from WA State was reached with opioid distributors, with allocations to Tacoma estimated at roughly \$7M over the course of 17 years. In order to receive these dollars, Tacoma, along with all other parties to the settlement, must sign on to a Regional Opioid Abatement Council (OAC).

Together, jurisdictions from around Pierce County have begun working together to form the regional OAC and begin discussing plans for regional pooling of funds and coordinated spending plans.

ISSUE:

The immediate issue at hand is the June 30 deadline for all parties to the initial settlement to sign on to the OAC. Council is being briefed on this effort to ensure they have all relevant information in advance of final negotiations and agreement around the OAC.

The second issue is the question of spending plans and regional agreements. Tacoma is committed to achieving Council’s policy goals related to this effort through partnership and coordination, knowing that these problems do not respect jurisdictional borders and that services are needed throughout the County. Council will continue to be consulted throughout the process of agreement development to ensure uses of funds meet the goals and intentions of Council direction.

ALTERNATIVES:

This is an information briefing only. There are no alternatives presented.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This is an information briefing only.



Fund Number & Name	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	Cost Element	Total Amount
TOTAL			

RECOMMENDATION:

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