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# Adams County Opioid Council

**Presentation to Adams County  
Health Department**  
April 13, 2023



# What We Will Cover

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- **Data on the opioid overdose epidemic in Adams County**
- **Overview of the Effort**
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- **Q&A**







# The Current State: What Does the Data Say?

**Rocky Mountain Partnership has launched an interactive data and information dashboard** to support the region to have a comprehensive and holistic understanding of the opioid crisis, and measure progress and impact of regional work to address it. This Dashboard:

- Illustrates data that helps paint the picture of the Opioid Crisis in Adams County and the surrounding region
- Includes qualitative and quantitative data
- Includes community resources that currently exist
- Will track Key Performance Indicators that ladder up to the ultimate impact the Regional Council is working towards





## Overview of the Effort





## Overview of the Effort: How it Came to Be

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- In August 2021, after announcing several historic settlements with major drug manufacturers and distributors, the **Attorney General's office announced a groundbreaking framework for distributing opioid settlement funds.**
- To date, **more than \$700 million in opioid settlement dollars has been secured for addiction treatment, recovery, and prevention programs around the state.**
- The joint framework's three core principles are to **maximize settlement funds for Colorado communities, utilize existing infrastructure to the extent possible, and ensure regions hardest hit by the crisis get adequate funding.**
- These dollars are being distributed to 19 regions, local governments, the state, and infrastructure needs.
- **Adams County is its own Region (Region 8)**



## Overview of the Effort: Available Funding

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- Total of **\$46,043,747.99** over 18 years
  - This number is anticipated to grow as additional litigation settlements are made
  - Most recently, settlement agreements have been reached with Allergan, CVS, Teva, Walgreens, and Walmart. Local governments are in the process of signing on to receive these funds
- **\$3,480,373** received for 2023 awards
  - Will not be the same available amount each year for the full 18 years



# Overview of the Effort: Overall Impact

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- The Adams County Opioid Council is committed to reducing the impacts of the opioid epidemic in Adams County, especially for those community members who are disproportionately impacted.
- Through the Dashboard we are not only monitoring the following outcomes, but tracking how dollars being spent ladder up to impacting them through a tool called a [Key Driver](#):
  - **Opioid-Related Overdose Deaths** (*Source: Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment*)
  - **Opioid-Related Overdose Hospitalizations** (*Source: Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment*)
  - **Opioid-Related Overdose Emergency Department Visits** (*Source: Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment*)
  - **Narcan/Naloxone Use by EMS** (*Source: Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment*)
  - **Substance Use Needs** (specific to Coloradans engaged in the judicial system) (*Source: Colorado Department of Corrections*)
  - **Substance Exposure** (specific to pregnant peoples and newborns) (*Source: Colorado Evaluation and Action Lab at the University of Denver*)
  - **Dependency and Neglect Cases** (*Source: Colorado Judicial Branch*)
  - **Workforce Lost due to Opioid Related Issues** (*Source: American Action Forum*)
  - **Economic Impact of Opioid Related Overdose Deaths** (*Source: Common Sense Institute*)
- A subcommittee is convening to recommend a measurable goal(s) for the Council to adopt that all of their efforts will ladder up to (including but not exclusive to the allocation of litigation settlement dollars)





## Roles in this Effort





# Roles: Rocky Mountain Partnership



The Rocky Mountain Partnership (RMP) Team, which supports the overall RMP network, has been contracted by Adams County Government to facilitate and serve as the backbone to this regional effort. This includes:

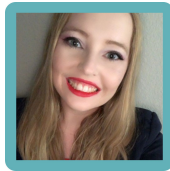
- Supporting the Regional Council to convene
- Facilitating the work of Regional Council
- Dedicated project management for the effort overall
- Ensuring alignment with the state-wide joint framework
- Ensuring funding is invested in the region in a way that will have the most impact
- Development and maintenance of data dashboard
- Supporting with Impact Assessments
- Ensuring those most impacted by the work are engaged in projects



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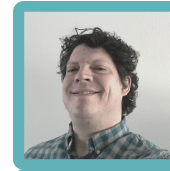
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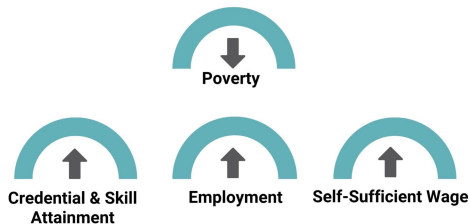


## Roles: Rocky Mountain Partnership

This team supports the RMP network, a group of **cross-sector community members and community partners, to work together to solve difficult problems that stand in the way of economic and social mobility.**

**Vision:** An inclusive and prosperous region where every community member, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, age, zip code or circumstance, has the opportunity to earn an income that allows them to take care of themselves and their families, and thrive from cradle to career

- For individuals and families, economic and social mobility is the opportunity to advance within society and reach their true potential in terms of: education, employment, income, and social status.
- In turn, having a skilled workforce helps us attract, retain, and grow business and industry, which supports an economically prosperous region.
- **We've done the work of identifying the overarching data points that we track over time help hold us accountable to improving this:**



We monitor these, and other key data, in the Rocky Mountain Partnership [Scorecard](#) and through hubs of data, information, and resources for each of our shared goals.



# Roles: Adams County Opioid Council

- The Adams County Opioid Council is comprised of nine voting members, with each sector or department having an alternate.
- The Council is responsible for determining how to allocate the regional funding and is committed to making a measurable and lasting impact in Adams County.
- To this end, they have formed two Sub-Committees:
  - **Target Setting Subcommittee:** Will draft the initial target(s) that the Regional Council will be working towards and all efforts will ladder up to.
  - **Capital Projects Subcommittee:** Will explore capital projects that fill major gaps in services and strategize how to access funding from multiple sources to support them. They will first focus on the need for a youth residential treatment center in the region.





# Adams County Opioid Council Voting Members



Adams County  
**Commissioner Eva  
Henry**



Adams County  
**Commissioner  
Steve O'Dorisio**



**Council Member  
Peter Padilla**  
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**Don Quick**  
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## Roles: Colorado Opioid Abatement Council (COAC)

- The Colorado Opioid Abatement Council (COAC) was created by the Department of Law in agreement with local governments to **provide oversight of the opioid funds and to ensure the distribution of those funds complies with the terms of any settlement and the Colorado Opioid Settlement Memorandum of Understanding.**
- Is specifically **responsible for oversight of opioid funds from the regional share** and for developing processes and procedures for the statewide infrastructure share.
- **Works with the 19 Regional Opioid Abatement Councils to distribute opioid settlement funds for substance use disorder treatment, recovery, harm reduction, law enforcement, and prevention/education programs.** The COAC consists of seven members appointed by the State and six members appointed by local governments. [Click here to view the full roster.](#)



## Roles: The Attorney General's Office

- Leading a historic joint framework to share future opioid settlements with local regions around the state.
- Colorado Department of Law Opioid Response Unit Team



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# Adams County Opioid Abatement Grant







# The Process

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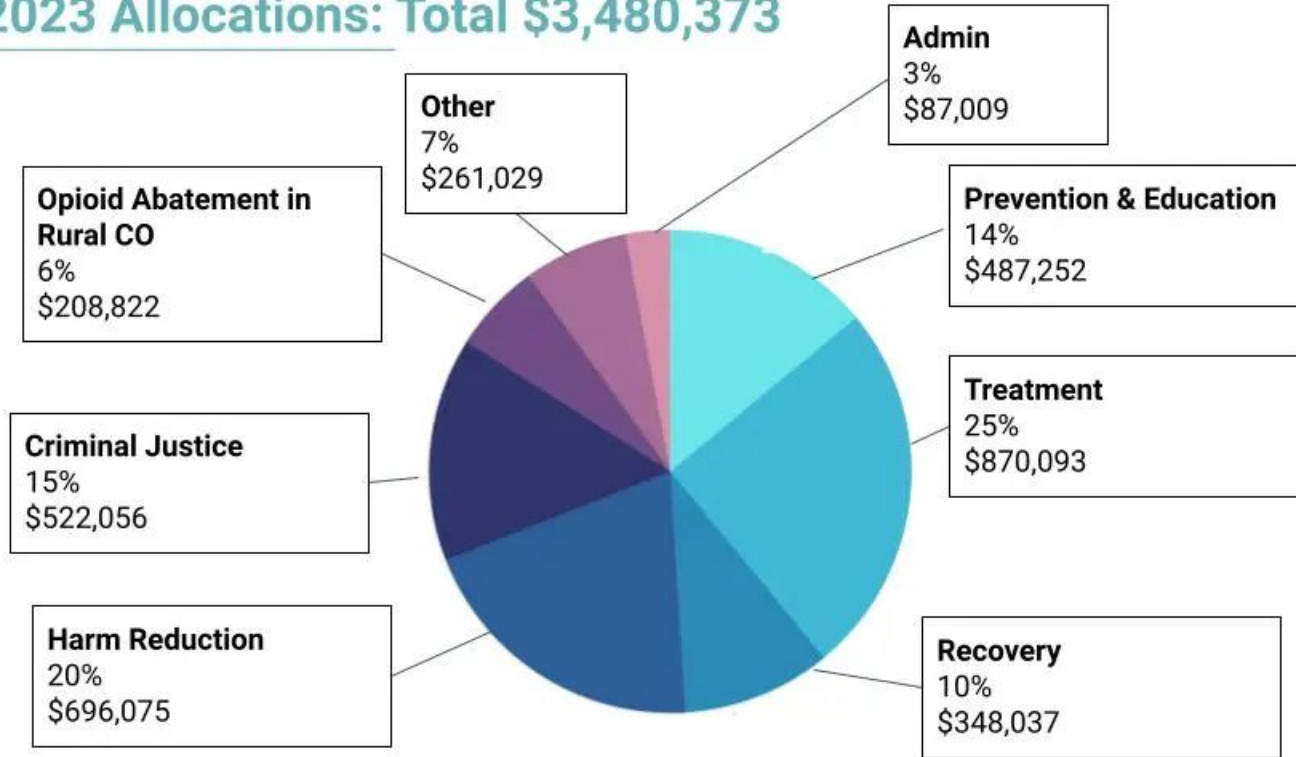


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# Funding Priorities

**2023 Allocations: Total \$3,480,373**





# The Process

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- Prioritized categories to fund based on what currently exists, needs of the region, and what is likely to impact the opioid epidemic
- Developed robust and objective Scoring Matrix to vet proposals with
- Convened a vetting committee of content experts to do the initial screening and provide recommendations on scoring and rationale to the Council
- Council reviewed recommendations, identified clarifying questions for applicants
- After allowing time for applicants to provide additional information, reconvened and made final recommendations on awards (for BOCC to approve as fiscal agent)
- The Council will be requiring grantees to measure key performance indicators that ladder up to outcomes and report to RMP Team to visualize on Interactive Data Dashboard



# 2023 Funding Recommendations (1 of 2)

Entity	Name of Program	Amount	Contingencies
Adams 12 Five Star Schools	Student Supports through Expelled and At-Risk Student Services (EARSS) and Wraparound Facilitation	<b>\$893,640</b>	None
Adams County Health Department	Increasing Access to Harm Reduction Supplies and Prevention Programming in Adams County	<b>\$747,661</b>	None
Aurora Comprehensive Community Mental Health Center Inc	Bringing Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) and Harm Reduction to the Community	<b>\$191,406</b>	Co-location in Adams County (to coordinate with Adams County Health Department)
The Link	Group Therapy for Young People Who Have Lost Someone to Opioids	<b>\$23,118</b>	None
University of Colorado School of Medicine	Harm Reduction Kits for Patients	<b>\$26,603</b>	None





## 2023 Funding Recommendations (2 of 2)

Entity	Name of Program	Amount	Contingencies
University of Colorado Hospital	Increase the Number of People Accessing and Remaining in Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) Programming	<b>\$233,847</b>	None
Young People in Recovery	Peer Recovery Support Services for Youth and Young Adults	<b>\$99,705</b>	None
Creative Treatment Options	Bringing American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Level 2.1 Intensive Outpatient Program to Adams County	<b>\$92,664</b>	None
Klare Recovery	Increasing Access to MAT, Recovery Supports, and Referrals to Wraparound Services	<b>\$400,000</b>	Disclosure and approval of operating budget and revenue streams
Thornton Police Department	Criminal Justice Diversion and Navigation to Care	<b>\$260,000</b>	Work on metrics for replication with Adams County Health Dept



# Timeline and Next Steps



✓	1/31/23	Proposals Due
✓	2/22/23	Regional Council scores proposals and identifies clarifying questions needed to determine awards
✓	2/27/23 - 3/3/23	Community Input Open on which proposals to fund (via survey)
✓	3/8/23	Regional Council determines which proposals to fund
✓	4/4/23	Regional Council formally requested and received support on the following of the Board of County Commissioners in Study Session: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Allocate \$2,960,196</b> in Q2 2023 spending for Opioid Abatement Awards</li><li>• Reserve the option to return to the BOCC should programs this year warrant a request for the <b>remaining \$520,177</b></li></ul>
⊙	April-May	Awardees will work with Adams County Government to work out the details of each contract
	Tentative May	BOCC Public Hearing to officially confirm grant awards and sign contracts
⊙	By 6/1/23	Awardees will have 1:1 meetings with the RMP Team to confirm the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The outcome(s) outlined in the RMP Interactive Data Dashboard the project intends to impact</li><li>• Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) that ladder up to the outcome(s)</li><li>• The cadence of reporting the KPI data to the RMP Team so that it can be visualized on the Interactive Dashboard</li></ul>



# Questions

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