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Lincoln County Opioid Expenditure Report December 31, 2023

As of December 31, 2021, Lincoln County has received \$41,498.97 in funding received on behalf of the Distributors opioid litigation settlement. This total is made up of three years of allocations from that settlement.

Lincoln County has not utilized these funds at this time towards any opioid prevention programs.

Lincoln County has been working with county departments and county partners to evaluate the opioid epidemic and its impact on our residents and our communities. We are facilitating a workgroup to identify gaps in services and prevention activities to develop prevention strategies that will be most impactful.

While strategies have not been finalized at this time, some strategies being evaluated include:

- 1) Making naloxone available in the community to reduce the potential of death from potential overdoses. This includes individuals and family members/friends at risk of overdoses, schools, first responders, and large community facilities.
- 2) Making MAT services available in Lincoln County for those individuals seeking assistance from addiction. There are currently no MAT service providers in Lincoln County.
- 3) Providing social service support to individuals seeking treatment for addiction. This could include employment assistance, housing, clothing, financial assistance so that individuals can be successful in their treatment and recovery.
- 4) Dealing with food insecurity for those in treatment
- 5) Providing test strips, allowing individuals to test drugs to assure they are fentanyl free.
- 6) Providing community education to reduce the stigma of addiction and create positive social norms that support drug free living.
- 7) Evaluating the possibility of supporting drug court in Lincoln County to provide addicts with sentencing alternatives and support services in lieu of jail sentencing.

The workgroup will be meeting in the first part of January to further the conversation and identify positive preventive strategies to move forward with as well as allocate available funding to support this work.

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