

**Dane County Health and Human Needs Committee –
Opioid Settlement Subcommittee**

Report to Dane County Health and Human Needs Committee

Presented: August 2026

Topic: 2027 Recommendation

Barushok proposed motions.

I move to recommend that the Health and Human Needs Committee and the County Board of Supervisors:

1. continue opioid settlement funding at the 2026 funding levels
2. support the continued progress and timely completion of the opioid needs assessment.
3. continue funding for syringe service programs.
4. fund one (1.0) FTE position rather than three (3.0) FTE.
5. reallocate the savings resulting from the reduction in funded FTE positions to syringe services and programming.
6. require recipients of opioid settlement funds to submit periodic reports on the use of settlement funds and program outcomes.
7. require recipients of opioid settlement funds to disclose all other funding sources supporting programs or services related to opioid prevention or harm reduction
8. defer expenditure of the opioid settlement funds previously budgeted for a drop-in center until completion of the opioid needs assessment, with the intent of reconsidering the project after the assessment is complete.

Discussion:

These motions are drafted according to my notes from our last two meetings. They aim to capture what I believe was a consensus emerging in our previous discussions. I offer these motions because I anticipate they will gain support, but of course I have no hard feelings should the subcommittee decide to amend or reject any of the motions.