



Dane County Health and Human Needs Committee – Opioid Settlement Subcommittee

2027 Annual Report and Recommendations to

Dane County Health and Human Needs Committee

August 20, 2026

- Provide annualized funding to continue opioid settlement funded programs 2027 to avoid disruption of services.
- Support the continued progress and timely completion of the comprehensive opioid needs assessment led by the OS coordinator Felicia Benke Shaw, and allocate up to \$10,000 for completion of the needs assessment and ensure that the needs of people who are unhoused and struggling with substance use are captured in the needs assessment.
- Reduce funding from 3 FTE to 1 FTE positions for Public Health Madison and Dane County for staffing 2 MDC offices offering syringe services.
- Reallocate the savings resulting from the reduction in funded FTE positions to syringe services programming and related harm reduction services.
- Defer contracting and associated expenditures of the opioid settlement funds budgeted for a drop-in center until completion of the opioid needs assessment.