




## Interoffice Memorandum

**AGENDA ITEM**

May 12, 2023

TO: Mayor Jerry L. Demings  
-AND-  
County Commissioners

THRU: Raul Pino, M.D, Director  
Health Services Department 

FROM: Thomas Hall, Ph.D., Director  
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SUBJECT: Opioid Settlement Funds  
**Consent Agenda Item – June 6, 2023**

Orange County Government is responsible for administering the Opioid Settlement "Regional Funds" according to the State Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The County is responsible for providing all support services related to the disbursement of Opioid Settlement funding, including but not limited to legal services and contract management, program monitoring, and reporting required by the State MOU. The County is entitled to the maximum allowable administrative fee (5%) pursuant to the State MOU.

The Drug Free Office is designated to oversee Opioid Settlement funds designated as the Orange County Regional Opioid Settlement Fund. The state of Florida requires close monitoring and evaluation of funds distributed from the Opioid Settlement Regional account. Because of a significant increase in annual Opioid Settlement funding, the Drug Free Office requests Board approval to increase the manning table by four positions. Two Senior Monitoring and Evaluation Specialists and a Sr. Financial Analyst are needed to support the disbursement of \$7.9 million dollars in Opioid Settlement funding and the ongoing settlement funds projected over the next 15 years.

In addition, the Corrections Health Services Division is requesting a Senior Community Services Worker to assist with implementing programming funded through the Opioid Settlement funding.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Approval to increase the Health Services Department Manning table by four positions; two Senior Monitoring and Evaluation Specialists and a Sr. Financial Analyst will allow Orange County's Drug Free Office to oversee the County and Region's annual Opioid settlement fund award and one additional Senior Community Services Worker is needed to assist with implementing services funded by the Opioid Settlement (**Health Services Department**).

Attachment

C: Danny Banks, Deputy County Administrator, County Administrator's Office