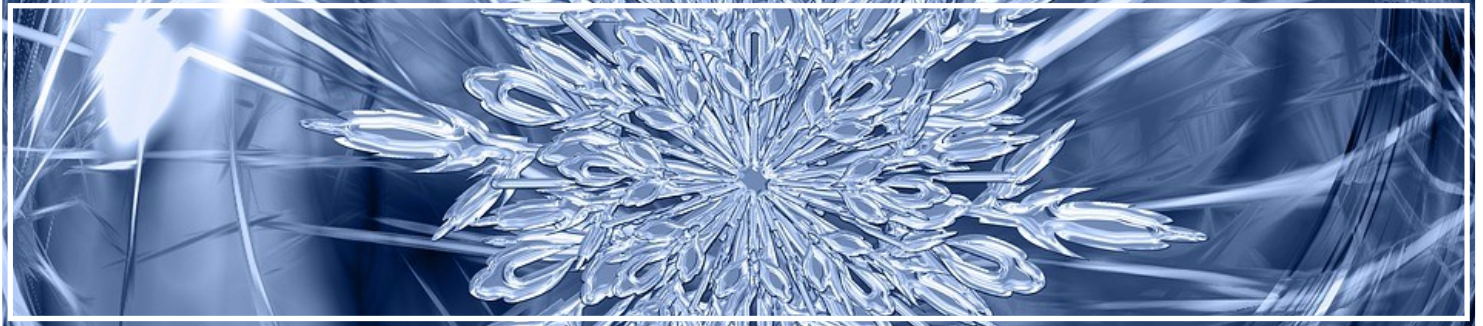


PUBLIC HEALTH CONNECTION



Opiod Settlement Funds

Overdose deaths from opioids are an ongoing public health crisis in the United States. During the last two decades, more than 500,000 people have died from opioid overdoses.¹ In 2021, 60% of overdose deaths in Iowa involved opioids.²

As a result of litigation brought against opioid manufacturers, distributors, and dispensers, states, territories, and thousands of local governments across the country have started to receive funds from the settlement for approved uses for opioid remediation.

Strategic Planning Process in Scott County

As directed by the Scott County Board of Supervisors, the Scott County Health Department and Community Services have assembled a Steering Committee of local partners and experts to assist with a needs assessment of opioid use in Scott County and prioritization of strategies for the use of funds. As part of the needs assessment, several focus groups were held with a variety of subpopulations, including the faith sector, healthcare providers, individuals with lived experience, jail programming and reentry services, youth, older adults, and individuals experiencing homelessness / housing insecurity.

Information from the focus groups plus additional community data sources will help the Steering Committee to identify what's working well in our community to prevent, treat, and support those in recovery from opioid use, what's not working well, and gaps that could be addressed with these funds. The Steering Committee will provide recommendations for the use of funds to the Board of Supervisors in early 2024. Since money will be received over several years, this strategic planning process will likely take place every 3-5 years to see how the needs of our community have changed.



OUR MISSION:

The Scott County Health Department promotes, protects, and preserves health through leadership, services, education, and partnerships.

OUR VISION:

Scott County—
A safe and healthy
community.



SPECIAL EVENTS

- *Scott County Board of Health Meeting, Scott County Administrative Center, 1st Floor Boardroom, 12:00 PM, Thursday, December 21, 2023*
- *SCHD will be closed Monday, December 25, 2023 and Tuesday, December 26, 2023 in observation of Christmas.*

Links

- Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health—Principles for the Use of Funds from the Opioid Litigation:
<https://opioidprinciples.jhsph.edu>
- Iowa Public Health Tracking Portal:
<https://tracking.idph.iowa.gov/Health>
- #WORLD AIDS DAY
<https://www.worldaidsday.org/>



World AIDS Day

World AIDS Day takes place each year on December 1st. Globally, there are an estimated 38 million people living with HIV. More than 35 million people have died of HIV or AIDS related illnesses, making it one of the most destructive pandemics in history. People living with HIV are more likely to experience poverty, hardship and inequalities. There is still much discrimination and stigma related to this condition. World AIDS Day is Important because it reminds us that HIV has not gone away – there is still a vital need to raise money, increase awareness, fight prejudice and improve education. Getting tested is the only way to find out if you have HIV. Those living with HIV/AIDS can live full, healthy and productive lives!

Did you know?

First observed in 1988, World AIDS Day is a day to unite to help end HIV and remember those lost to AIDS-related illnesses.

SCHD offers HIV testing. Find more information at: <https://www.scottcountyiowa.gov/health/hiv-testing>,



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