



## STEELE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSION AGENDA

Administration Center - 630 Florence Avenue – Owatonna, MN 55060

*Steele County's Mission:  
Driven to deliver quality services in a respectful and fiscally responsible way.*

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2024 AT 4:00 PM  
County Boardroom, Steele County Administration Center

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### Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Other Business

### Presentation

3. Opioid Settlement Update – Maddie Hessian, Public Health

### Adjourn

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# Opioid Settlement Progress Report 2023

STEELE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

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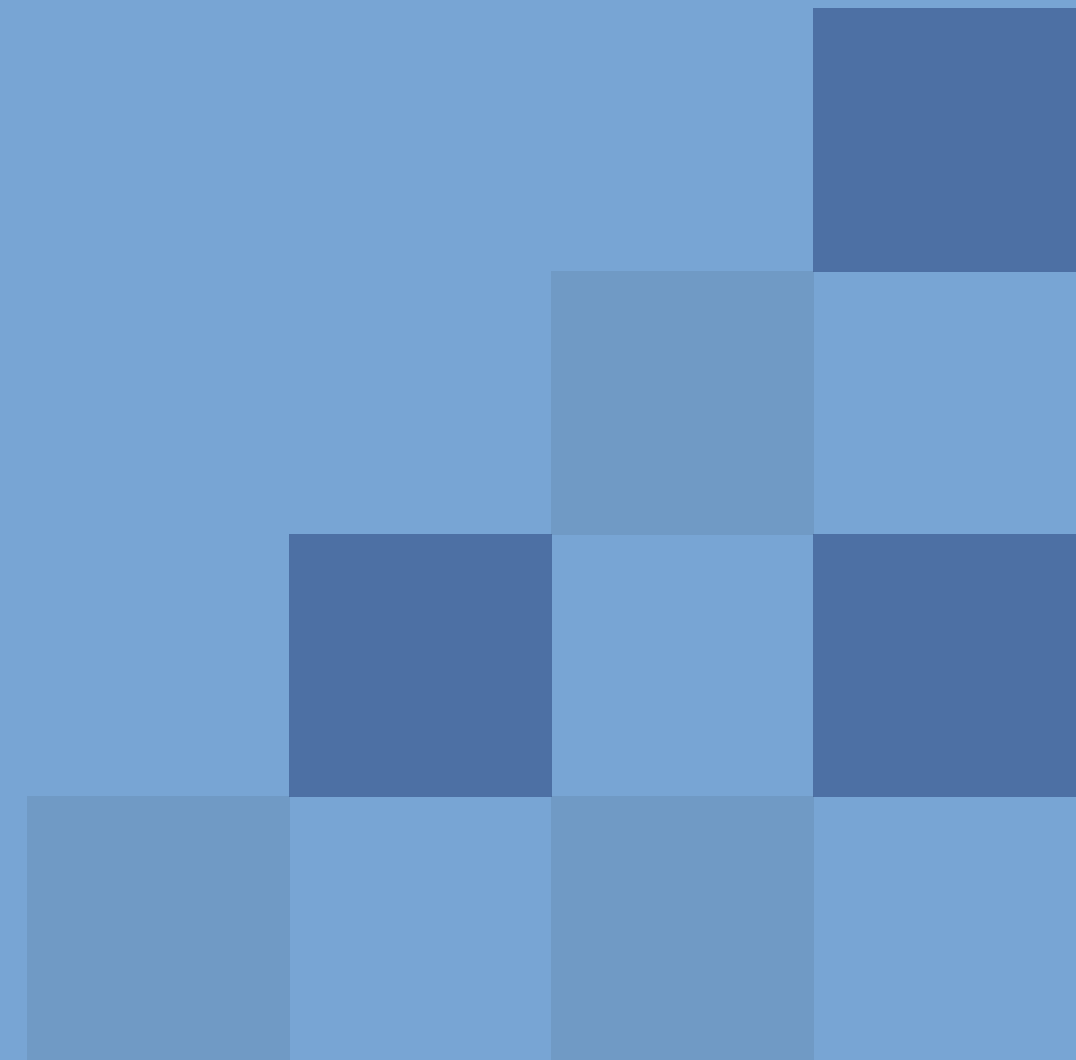
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# Background

- **First Wave - July 2021:** Office of the MN AG joined a \$26 billion multistate settlement agreement involving major opioid distributors and manufacturers
  - 75% of funding to counties/cities and 25% to state; 18 year payout (Funding may be carried over from year to year or invested. There is no deadline for spending the entire sum.)
- **Second Wave - December 2022:** 5 additional national settlements; MN share is approximately \$235 million over 15 years on top of \$300 million in initial funds
- Public Health Department deemed lead agency and chief strategist in the disbursement of funds
  - Convene multi-sector meetings and build on community health assessments



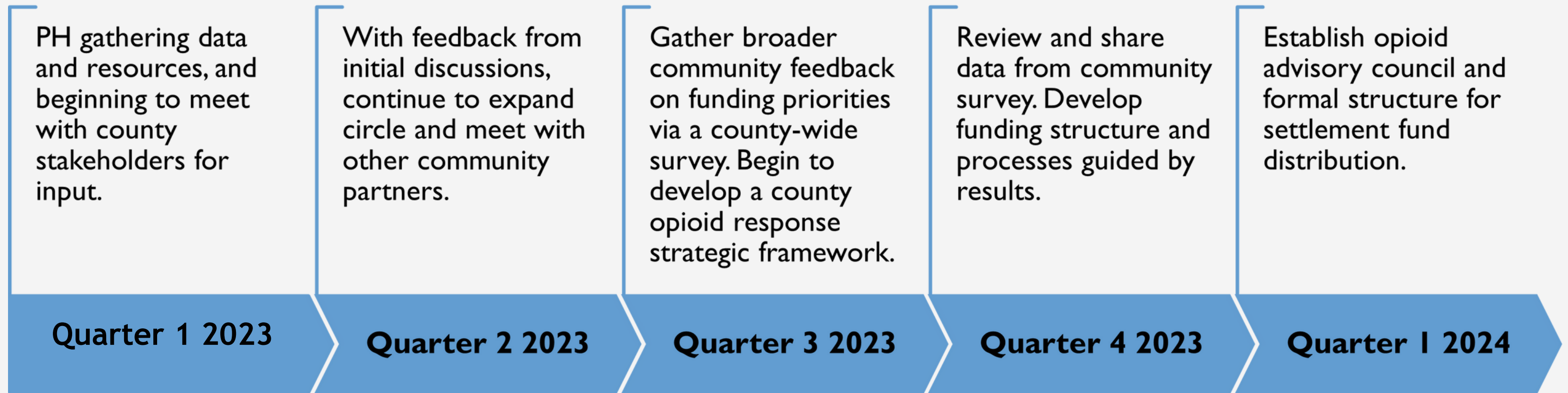
# Settlement Payments

- As of January 2024, Steele County has received 10 opioid settlement payments, totaling to **\$215,166.75**
- Based on projections provided by the MN attorney general, SCPH has developed a spreadsheet with the estimated payment schedule through 2038
- Breaks down funding by both settlement wave and year

| Distributor Settlement |                 |              |               |
|------------------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|
| Payment                | Date            | Amount       | Date Received |
| 1                      | Apr-22          | \$28,472.14  | 10/17/2022    |
| 2                      | Jul-22          | \$29,922.83  | 12/15/2022    |
| 3                      | Jul-23          | \$29,922.83  | 7/15/2023     |
| 4                      | Jul-24          | \$37,452.66  |               |
| 5                      | Jul-25          | \$37,452.66  |               |
| 6                      | Jul-26          | \$37,452.66  |               |
| 7                      | Jul-27          | \$37,452.66  |               |
| 8                      | Jul-28          | \$44,048.84  |               |
| 9                      | Jul-29          | \$44,048.84  |               |
| 10                     | Jul-30          | \$44,048.84  |               |
| 11                     | Jul-31          | \$37,027.49  |               |
| 12                     | Jul-32          | \$37,027.49  |               |
| 13                     | Jul-33          | \$37,027.49  |               |
| 14                     | Jul-34          | \$37,027.49  |               |
| 15                     | Jul-35          | \$37,027.49  |               |
| 16                     | Jul-36          | \$37,027.49  |               |
| 17                     | Jul-37          | \$37,027.49  |               |
| 18                     | Jul-38          | \$37,027.49  |               |
| Projected Total:       |                 | \$666,494.88 |               |
|                        |                 |              |               |
|                        |                 |              |               |
| Settlement             | Projected Total |              |               |
| Distributor            | \$666,494.88    |              |               |
| J & J                  | \$153,192.94    |              |               |
| Projected Total:       | \$819,687.82    |              |               |

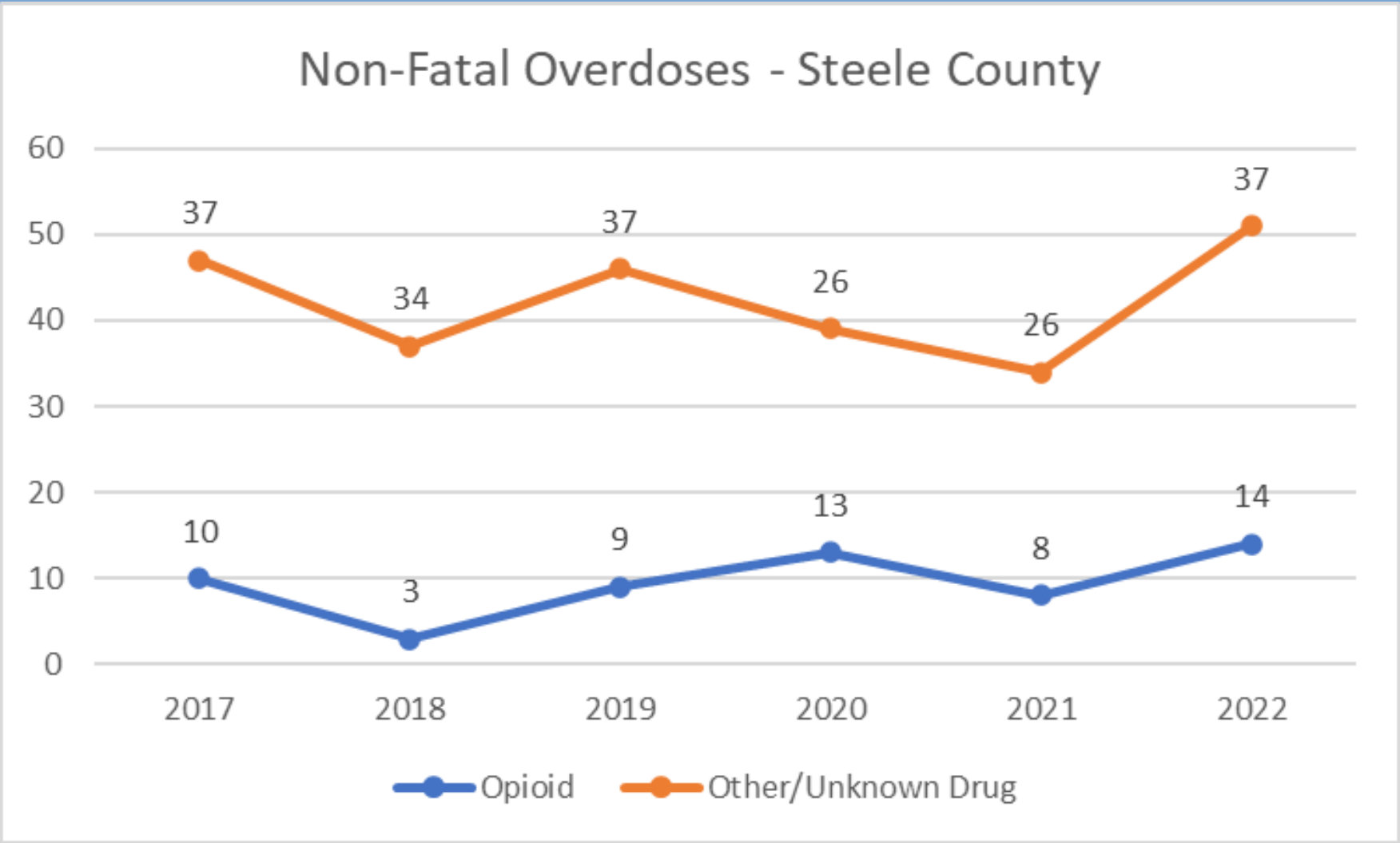
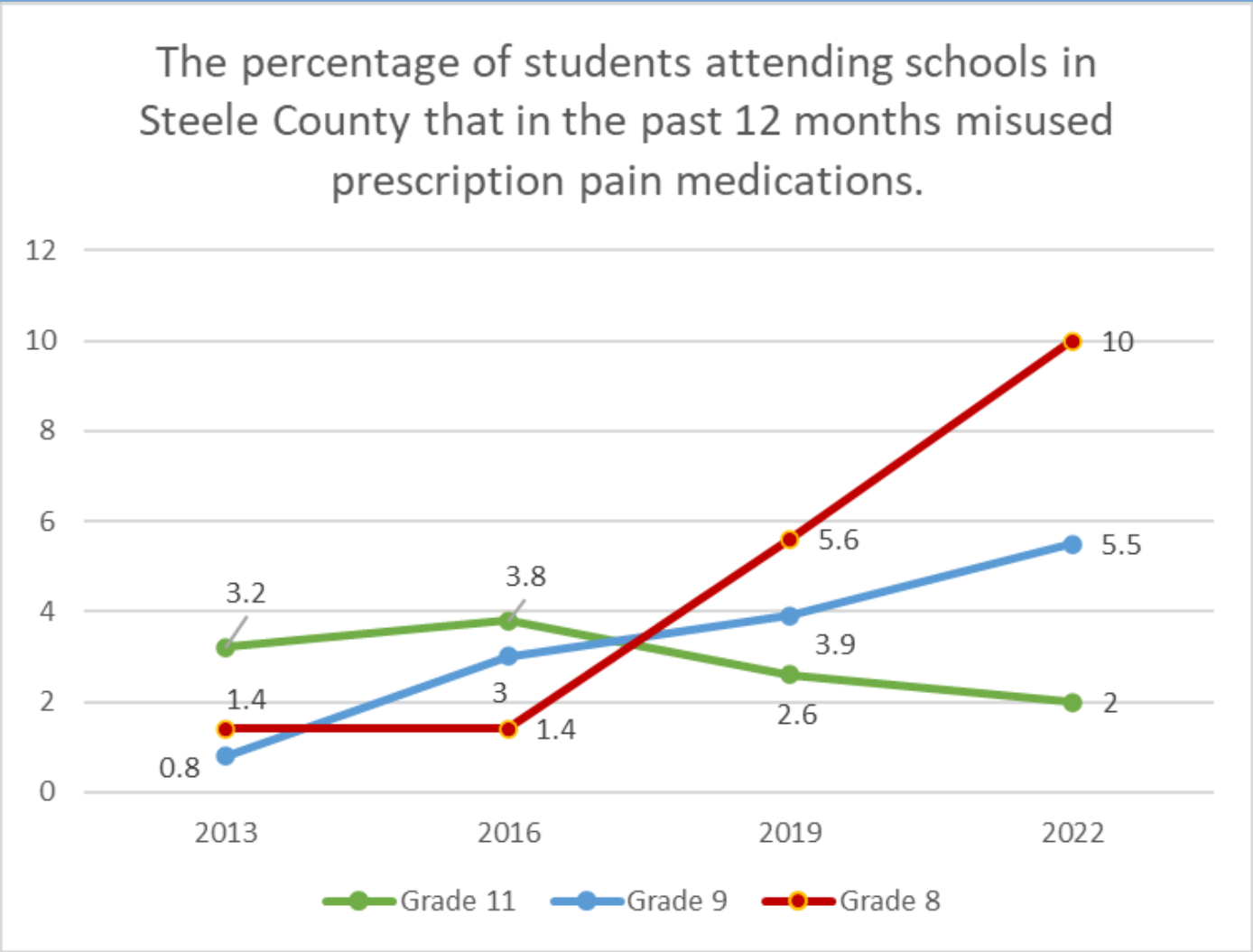
| 2022 Settlement Funds |             |              |               |
|-----------------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| Month                 | Settlement  | Amount       | Date Received |
| October               | Distributor | \$28,472.14  | 10/17/2022    |
| December              | Distributor | \$29,922.83  | 12/15/2022    |
| December              | J&J         | \$10,136.26  | 12/15/2022    |
| December              | J&J         | \$23,648.11  | 12/15/2022    |
| December              | J&J         | \$18,927.42  | 12/15/2022    |
| December              | J&J         | \$29,062.32  | 12/15/2022    |
| December              | J&J         | \$32,212.49  | 12/15/2022    |
| Total:                |             | \$143,909.43 |               |

# Timeline



# Opioid Data in Steele County - Data Dashboard

- Opioid overdoses in Steele County have remained at 1-2 fatal overdoses annually over the past 10 years, with increases in non-fatal overdoses over the past 5 years (note limitations of hospital data)
- Since 2017, each year 40+ residents have received opioid dependence and opioid abuse diagnosis codes at ED or inpatient hospital visits
- In 2022, 5.8% of Steele County students reported abusing prescription pain medications, the second most common type of drug use for students following marijuana - 15% of students reported perceiving that people who abuse prescription drugs do not put themselves at harm



# Gathering Community Feedback

Our goal is to ensure this is a process that is evidence-based and community driven, from beginning to end.



## Our Process:

1. COMMUNITY PARTNER MEETINGS
2. FUNDING PRIORITIZATION SURVEY
3. COMMUNITY ADVISORY TEAM

# Community Partner Meetings

Throughout 2023, SCPH conducted **26 opioid settlement meetings with community partners**, including public presentations at city council meetings for each municipality.

These meetings allowed us to discuss the settlement with relevant stakeholders and gather qualitative data on funding priorities.

Notes were recorded for each meeting, and the following are key trends identified:

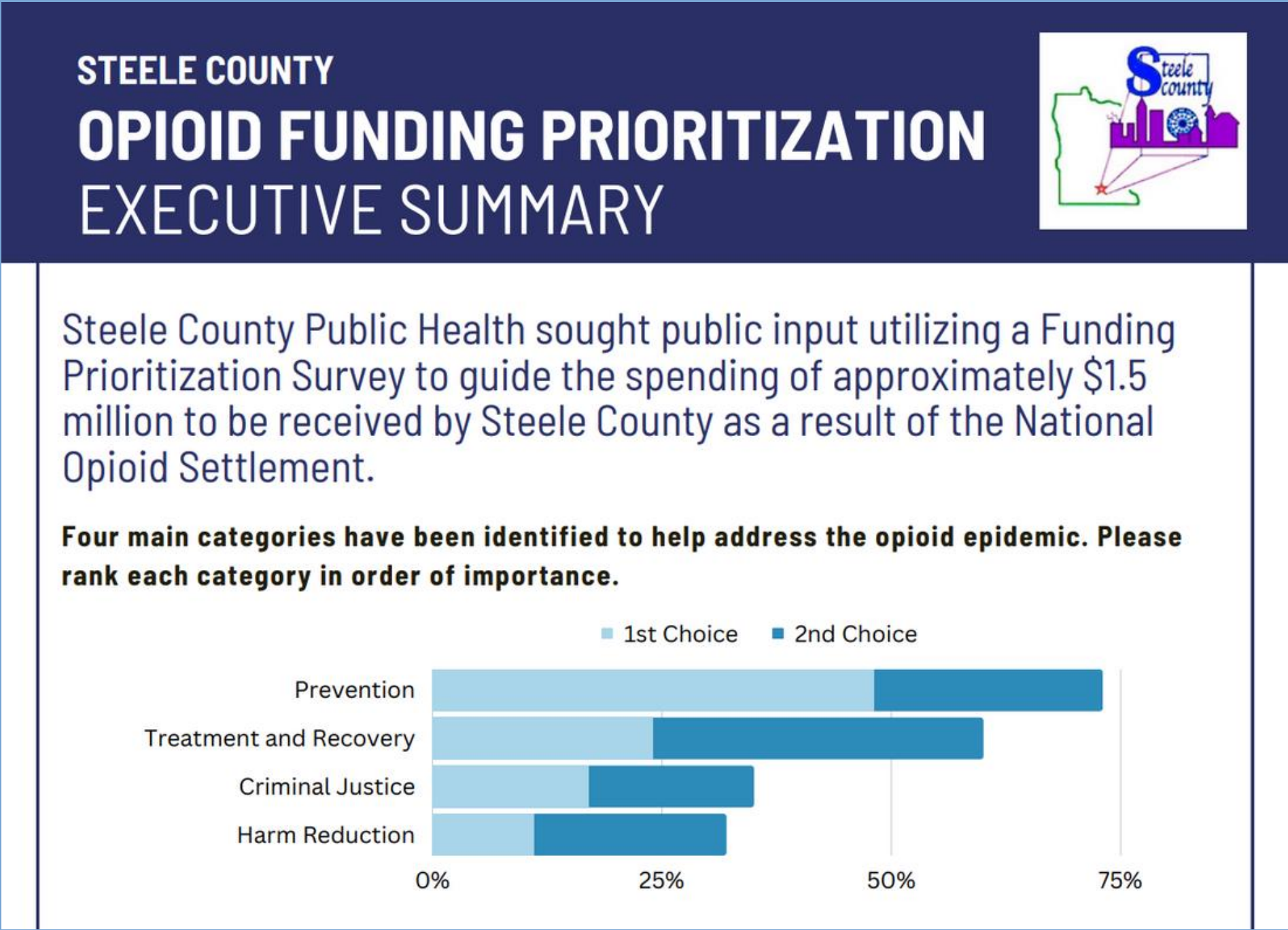
- Importance of upstream, primary prevention, utilizing lived experience
- Investing in treatment services, particularly MOUD and services for adolescents, is needed - beyond the treatment itself, addressing barriers such as transportation, cost of services, housing, etc. is essential
- Positions such as LADCs, peer recovery specialists, navigators/care coordinators are needed to help with linkage to services and warm handoffs between agencies
- Importance of building on current infrastructure and supporting entities already working on these issues



*These meetings opened up lines of communication and began resource and knowledge sharing between agencies.*

# Funding Prioritization Survey

Steele County Public Health sought public input utilizing a Funding Prioritization Survey from May 10th, 2023-October 1st, 2023. We received **270 responses**. The data is presented in a public report and executive summary on the SCPH website and will be used to inform decision-making on funding distribution.



- **PREVENTION**

- **Primary Prevention:** Programs and strategies shown to prevent drug use.
- **Community:** Funding for schools, childcare, family services, and job training to prevent drug use.

- 2. **TREATMENT & RECOVERY**

- **Recovery Supports:** Programs that promote recovery, like access to housing and job training.
- **Rural/Underserved Treatment Programs:** Expand treatment options, including mobile and telehealth programs.

- 3. **CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

- **Community Corrections:** Develop or expand drug or family courts and other law enforcement programs.
- **Post-Incarceration Social Programs:** Programs that help people with SUDs reenter their communities following jail/prison time.

- 4. **HARM REDUCTION:**

- **Family Support:** Support services for children and families affected by SUDs.
- **Overdose Reversal:** Increase naloxone availability and training.

# Funding Prioritization

## Survey Results

For each category, respondents were then asked to rank a list of 4-6 programs in order of importance. Participants were also asked various demographic questions.



had personal lived experience with the opioid crisis

100%

had a relationship to Steele County (living, working, providing/receiving services, etc.)



"We need to focus on prevention and helping people recover"

# Other Opioid Initiatives

Work to expand harm reduction efforts in Steele County and raise community awareness of the opioid epidemic. We have conducted interviews with the media, worked to transparently make local data accessible, and have developed educational materials for schools and community events on the topic. See the Opioid Response Initiative page on our website for more information.

## Sharps Disposal



## Take it to the Box



## Naloxone Access Point



## Naloxone Training and Policies



# Looking Forward - Examples from Other Counties

- Majority of counties following a similar model of a RFP process guided by an advisory team
- Separate from the RFP, many are setting aside some funding for administrative purposes, hiring an opioid project coordinator or related position, or other county spending related to opioids, with input from an advisory committee
- Some additional examples of uses for funding set aside at the county level include buying naloxone/Narcan, naloxone training for employees, trainings for law enforcement, etc.

# Example of Opioid Settlement RFP

- Wright County provides an example of a first round of awards through their RFP - \$500,000 total awarded for first round
- Additional funding also awarded to:
  - Buffalo Police Department
  - Recovery housing support
  - MN Jobs and Training (Peer Recovery Specialists)
  - Parkside Elementary



# Next Steps

Building on the foundation established in 2023 of gathering data and expanding relationships between partners, in 2024 we plan to convene a group of those partners and utilize our combined expertise to begin funding distribution in a transparent, equitable, and community-based manner.

## COMMUNITY ADVISORY TEAM

Maintain lines of communication and ensure continued community input with a multi-disciplinary team to assist us moving forward.

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## RFP DEVELOPMENT AND RELEASE

With the help of our advisory team, Public Health will develop a RFP, widely distributing the application across Steele County.

## PROPOSAL REVIEW AND FUNDING RECCOMENDATIONS

Advisory team members and public health staff will score proposals and make recommendations to the county board on funding allocations.

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# Thank You!

- For more detailed information, data, and access to the survey report, please see the Opioid Response Initiative page on the Steele County Public Health website
- Opportunity for feedback on work thus far or on our priorities moving forward, as well as on the question of setting aside a portion of the funding to remain at the county level
- Additional questions?