

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-04

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT TO THE ONE OHIO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING PERTAINING TO THE PENDING OPIOID LITIGATION SETTLEMENT FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio, through its Attorney General, and certain Local Governments, through their elected representatives and counsel, are separately engaged in litigation (hereinafter “Opioid Litigation”) seeking to hold those entities responsible for excessive distribution of opioids (hereinafter “Opioid Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participants”) accountable for the damage caused by their misfeasance, nonfeasance and malfeasance; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio, through its Governor and Attorney General, and its Local Governments share a common desire to abate and alleviate the impacts of that misfeasance, nonfeasance and malfeasance throughout the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the State and its Local Governments, subject to completing formal documents effectuating the settlement agreements, have drafted a One Ohio Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) relating to the allocation and the use of the proceeds of any potential settlements described; and

WHEREAS, any resolution under the MOU will require acceptance by the State of Ohio and the Local Governments; and

WHEREAS, Council understands that the purpose of the MOU is to permit collaboration between the State of Ohio and Local Governments to explore and potentially effectuate earlier resolution of the Opioid Litigation against Opioid Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participants; and

WHEREAS, Council understands that an additional purpose is to create an effective means of distributing any potential settlement funds obtained under the MOU between the State of Ohio and Local Governments in a manner and means that would promote an effective and meaningful use of the funds in abating the opioid epidemic throughout Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Council wishes to agree to the non-binding Memorandum of Understanding.

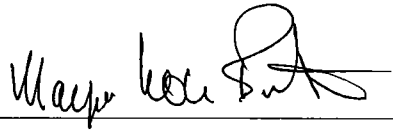
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Hiram, County of Portage, State of Ohio, two thirds or more of its members thereto concurring that:

SECTION 1. That the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer are authorized to accept and execute the One Ohio Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the Village of Hiram, substantially in conformity with the attached Exhibit "A".

SECTION 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that the deliberations of the Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code of the State of Ohio.

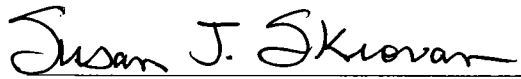
SECTION 3. This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary to preserve the public health, safety, morals and general welfare of the inhabitants of the Village and for the further reason that it is essential that the Village Council authorize the One Ohio memorandum of Understanding before the deadline of March 6, 2020 for which reason this Resolution shall go into full force and effect immediately upon its passage by two-thirds (2/3's) of the members of Council.

PASSED BY COUNCIL this 3rd day of March 2020.




Mayor Lou Bertrand

ATTEST:

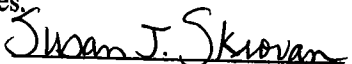


Fiscal Officer Susan J. Skrovan

Approved as to Form:



Village Solicitor Thomas Reitz

I SUSAN SKROVAN, Fiscal Officer of the Village of Hiram, Ohio, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution ~~or Ordinance~~ No. 2020-04 has been duly posted in the required 5 places.
3/11/2020 
Date Fiscal Officer, Village of Hiram

ONE OHIO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Whereas, the people of the State of Ohio and its communities have been harmed by misfeasance, nonfeasance and malfeasance committed by certain entities within the Pharmaceutical Supply Chain; and,

Whereas, the State of Ohio, though its Attorney General, and certain Local Governments, through their elected representatives and counsel, are separately engaged in litigation seeking to hold Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participants accountable for the damage caused by their misfeasance, nonfeasance and malfeasance; and,

Whereas, the State of Ohio, through its Governor and Attorney General, and its Local Governments share a common desire to abate and alleviate the impacts of that misfeasance, nonfeasance and malfeasance throughout the State of Ohio;

Now therefore, the State and its Local Governments, subject to completing formal documents effectuating the Parties' agreements, enter into this Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") relating to the allocation and use of the proceeds of Settlements described.

A. Definitions

As used in this MOU:

1. "The State" shall mean the State of Ohio acting through its Governor and Attorney General.
2. "Local Government(s)" shall mean all counties, townships, cities and villages within the geographic boundaries of the State of Ohio.
3. "The Parties" shall mean the State of Ohio, the Local Governments and the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee of the National Prescription Opiate Multidistrict Litigation.
4. "Negotiating Committee" shall mean a three-member group comprising one representative for each of (1) the State; (2) the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee of the National Prescription Opiate Multidistrict Litigation ("PEC"); and (3) Ohio Local Governments (collectively, "Members"). The State shall be represented by the Ohio Attorney General or his designee. The PEC shall be represented by attorney Joe Rice or his designee. Ohio Local Governments shall be represented by attorney Frank Gallucci, or attorney Russell Budd or their designee.
5. "Settlement" shall mean the negotiated resolution of legal or equitable claims against a Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participant when that resolution has been jointly entered into by the State, PEC and the Local Governments.

composition of the successor Local Government. If a Local Government for any reason is excluded from a specific settlement, the allocation percentage for that Local Government shall be redistributed equitably among the participating Local Governments.

5. If the LG Share is less than \$500, then that amount will instead be distributed to the county in which the Local Government lies to allow practical application of the abatement remedy.
6. Funds obtained from parties unrelated to the Litigation, via grant, bequest, gift or the like, separate and distinct from the Litigation, may be directed to the Foundation and disbursed as set forth below.
7. The LG Share shall be paid in cash and directly to Local Governments under a settlement or judgment, or through an administrator designated in the settlement documents who shall hold the funds in trust in a segregated account to benefit the Local Governments to be promptly distributed as set forth herein.
8. Nothing in this MOU should alter or change any Local Government's rights to pursue its own claim. Rather, the intent of this MOU is to join all parties to seek and negotiate binding settlement or settlements with one or more defendants for all parties within Ohio.
9. Opioid Funds directed to the Foundation shall be used to benefit the local community consistent with the by-laws of the Foundation documents and disbursed as set forth below.
10. The State of Ohio and the Local Governments understand and acknowledge that additional steps should be undertaken to assist the Foundation in its mission, at a predictable level of funding, regardless of external factors.
11. The Parties will take the necessary steps to ensure there is the ability of a direct right of action under the expedited docket rules to the Ohio Supreme Court relative to any alleged abuse of discretion by the Foundation.

C. Payment of Counsel and Litigation Expenses

1. The Parties agree to establish a Local Government Fee Fund ("LGFF") to compensate counsel for Local Governments if the Parties cannot secure the separate payment of fees and associated litigation expenses for their counsel from a settling entity.
2. The LGFF shall be calculated by taking 11.05% of the total monetary component of any settlement accepted ("LGFF Amount"). Fees related to product or other items of value shall be addressed case by case.

advantage of economies of scale and will partner with the State of Ohio to increase revenue streams.

4. Board Composition

a. The Board will consist of 29 members comprising representation from four classes:

- Six members selected by the State (five selected by the Governor and one selected by the Attorney General);
- Four members drawn from the Legislature
 - One representative selected by the President of the Ohio Senate;
 - One representative selected by the Ohio Senate Minority Leader;
 - One representative selected by the Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives; and,
 - One representative selected by the Ohio House Minority Leader
- Eleven members with one member selected from each non-metropolitan Regions; and
- Eight members, with one member selected from each metropolitan Regions.

b. All board members shall serve as fiduciaries of the Foundation as required by Ohio Revised Code § 1702.30(B) governing directors of nonprofit corporations.

5. Board terms will be staggered. Five members, (one from each of the first three classes above, and two from the metropolitan class) will be appointed for an initial three-year term, eight members of the Board (two from the first class, including the Attorney General's representative, one from the second class, four from the third class, and one from the fourth class) will be appointed for an initial term of one year. The remaining members will be appointed for a two-year term. Board members may be reappointed. All subsequent terms will be for two years.

6. Eighteen members of the Board shall constitute a quorum. Members of the Board may participate in meetings by telephone or video conference or may select a

11. Disbursement of Foundation Funds by the Board

- a. The Foundation Board shall develop and approve procedures for the disbursement of Opioid Funds of the Foundation consistent with this Memorandum of Understanding.
- b. Funds for statewide programs, innovation, research, and education may also be expended by the Foundation. Any statewide programs funded from the Foundation Share would be only as directed by an affirmative vote of the Board as set forth in paragraph D(7) above. Expenditures for these purposes may also be funded by the Foundation with funds received from either the State Share (as directed by the State) or from sources other than Opioid Funds as provided in paragraph 14 below.
- c. Funds approved for disbursement to the nineteen Regions shall be allocated based on each Region's share of Opioid Funds ("Regional Share"). Each Regional Share shall be calculated by summing the individual percentage shares of the Local Governments within that Region as set forth in Exhibit B. The Regional Shares for each Region are set forth in Exhibit D.
- d. Regions may collaborate with other Regions to submit joint proposals to be paid for from the Regional Shares of two or more Regions for the use of those Regions.
- e. The Foundation's procedures shall set forth the role of the Expert Panel and the Board in advising, determining, and/or approving disbursements of Opioid Funds for Approved Purposes by either the Board or the Regions. Proposed disbursements to Regions of Regional Shares shall be reviewed only to determine whether the proposed disbursement meets the criteria for Approved Purposes.
- f. Within 90 days of the first receipt of any Opioid Funds and annually thereafter, the Board, assisted by its investment advisors and Expert Panel, shall determine the amount and timing of Foundation funds to be distributed as Regional Shares. In making this determination, the Board shall consider: (a) Pending requests for Opioid Funds from Regions; (b) the total Opioid Funds available; (c) the timing of anticipated receipts of future Opioid Funds; (d) non-Opioid Funds received by the Foundation; and (e) investment income. The Foundation may disburse its principal and interest with the aim towards an efficient, expeditious abatement of the Opioid crisis considering long term and short term strategies.
- g. Votes of the Board on the disbursement and expenditure of funds shall, as with all board votes, be subject to the voting procedures in Section D(7) above. The proposed procedures should provide for the Board to hear appeals by Local Governments from any denials of requested use of funds.

notice to the remaining Committee Members and counsel for any affected Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participant. The withdrawal of any Member releases the remaining Committee Members from the restrictions and obligations in this Section.

6. The obligations in this Section shall not affect any Party's right to proceed with trial or, within 30 days of the date upon which a trial involving that Party's claims against a specific Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participant is scheduled to begin, reach a case specific resolution with that particular Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participant.

Acknowledgment of Agreement

We the undersigned have participated in the drafting of the above Memorandum of Understanding including consideration based on comments solicited from Local Governments. This document has been collaboratively drafted to maintain all individual claims while allowing the State and Local Governments to cooperate in exploring all possible means of resolution. Nothing in this agreement binds any party to a specific outcome. Any resolution under this document will require acceptance by the State of Ohio and the Local Governments.

FOR THE STATE OF OHIO:

Mike DeWine, Governor

Dave Yost, Attorney General

We the undersigned ACCEPT / REJECT (Circle One) the One Ohio Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”). We understand that the purpose of this MOU is to permit collaboration between the State of Ohio and Local Governments to explore and potentially effectuating earlier resolution of the Opioid Litigation against Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participants. We also understand that an additional purpose is to create an effective means of distributing any potential settlement funds obtained under this MOU between the State of Ohio and Local Governments in a manner and means that would promote an effective and meaningful use of the funds in abating the opioid epidemic throughout Ohio.