

Virtual Roundtable: Investing in Sustainable Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Infrastructure in the Transition to Value-Based Payment

Friday, February 24th, 2023 from 10:30am-12:30pm ET

Meeting Agenda

Meeting Objectives

- Discuss expert roundtable attendee feedback on Opioid Abatement Needs and Investment Tool
- Solicit input on forthcoming Duke-Margolis Playbook regarding Strategic Prioritization and Sustainability of Opioid Settlement Spending
- Discuss priority investment strategies and current financial sustainability systems
- Identify opportunities to sustain opioid abatement investments through value-based payments

10:30 AM ET **Welcome & Project Overview**

Frank McStay, Assistant Research Director, Duke-Margolis Center for Health Policy
Sam Repka, Research Associate, Duke-Margolis Center for Health Policy

Session Objectives:

- Share project goals and provide brief project overview including key takeaways from stakeholder interviews, data tool (to be covered in next section), and forthcoming products (playbook, measurement toolkit).

10:45 AM ET **Feedback Session on Opioid Abatement Needs and Investment Tool**

Sam Repka, Research Associate, Duke-Margolis Center for Health Policy

Session Objectives:

- Provide rapid, high-level overview of tool, capabilities, and target audience (*please check your email for a link to the tool to preview in advance*)
- Discuss attendee feedback on the Opioid Abatement Needs and Investment Tool, including potential revisions, use cases, and opportunities for dissemination and collaboration.

Discussion Questions:

- Are there any components of the tool that need improvement? For example, any features of the tool you found hard to use or not intuitive?
- On the Report page, are there any recovery investment areas missing or program examples we should highlight?
- Are there additional audiences or use-cases we should consider?
- What data are missing from this tool that would be valuable to add?

11:15 AM ET Strategic Prioritization of Settlement Dollars and Clarification on Existing Financial Support Mechanisms

Frank McStay, Assistant Research Director, Duke Margolis Center for Health Policy
Andrew Whitacre, Officer, The Pew Charitable Trusts

Session Objectives: The current SUD treatment and recovery system is insufficiently built-up and supported by a patchwork of payer reimbursement, philanthropic entities, and state/federal directed revenue streams. Settlement dollars represent a unique opportunity to address gaps and silos in the built system, creating access to new resources for individuals in need to treatment and recovery resources. However, many communities are not receiving sufficient funds to marginally improve access through settlement dollars alone and, even those that are, must ensure compliance with their memorandum of understanding and guiding legislation (if in place). This session will:

- Explore optimal investment strategies and clarify existing funding streams for communities in order to avoid duplication and maximize the total financial support available to them.
- Identify existing tools, resources, and models that can support states, counties and localities in their understanding of how opioid settlement funds can be leveraged to support and wrap-around (e.g., via blending and braiding) existing federal and state funding sources for SUD prevention, treatment and recovery services.

Discussion Questions:

- What investments are highest priorities for local, county, and state policymakers and which funding streams are best aligned to support besides settlement dollars?
- What obstacles are preventing communities from currently using existing funding streams, such as those from HRSA, AHRQ, SAMHSA, the CDC, etc.? Are there opportunities to reduce these burdens and challenges?
- How can there be accountability for settlement dollar outcomes without introducing significant burden?

11:45 AM ET Sustainability of Opioid Settlement Funds Spending: Leveraging Value-based Payment Models

Mark McClellan, Director of the Duke-Margolis Center for Health Policy
Greg Williams, President, Third Horizon Strategies and Managing Director of the Alliance for Addiction Payment Reform

Session Objectives: While settlement dollars and current financial supports, when appropriately blended and braided, can help improve systems of care, much of these funds are time-limited and are not predictable. Existing and new systems of care need sustainable financing and reimbursement and value-based payments may offer an opportunity to support these improvements in the long-term. This session will:

- Identify existing gaps and opportunities for leveraging opioid settlement funds in support of value-based payment readiness (e.g., workforce, physical and data infrastructure, data collection, coordination)
- Discuss the role of opioid settlement funds in extending and enhancing existing value-based payment model efforts, including those addressing the needs of individuals with behavioral health needs.

Discussion Questions:

- Are there existing behavioral health/SUD payment models that can serve as a use-case for other payers and communities to work from? Where can opioid settlement funds be used to increase VBP readiness within those models?
- What payment mechanisms could potentially be used to drive integration of providers and payers to support newly created systems of care?
- How can Accountable Care Organizations and Community-based organizations that primarily exist in the physical health space be used to support recovery-oriented systems of care in the long-term?

12:15 PM ET Looking Ahead: Measurement Toolkit

Sam Repka, Research Associate, Duke-Margolis Center for Health Policy

- Discuss priority areas of exploration for final project deliverable focused on identifying specific metrics for evaluating the impact of opioid litigation settlement dollars.
- Identify priorities of payers, providers, and consumers relative to how opioid settlement fund tracking and accountability efforts fit into larger measurement efforts related to SUD outcomes.

12:25 PM ET Recap and Next Steps

Frank McStay, Assistant Research Director, Duke-Margolis Center for Health Policy

12:30 PM ET Adjourn

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