

Legislative Committee
28 March 2023 - 5:30 p.m.
CCAP Conference Room 1

Agenda

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Review Draft of the Hiring Policy with suggested revisions
4. Review and draft resolution - Opioid Settlement Funds Resolution
5. Other items
6. Adjourn

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COFFEE COUNTY GOVERNMENT

HIRING POLICY

Coffee County Government provides equal employment opportunities to all employees and applicants for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or disability in accordance with applicable State and Federal Law.

Department heads shall select the best-qualified and most suitable candidate to fill job openings. The criteria shall include but not be limited to education, experience and past performance. Department Heads, Elected Officials and Supervisors shall comply with all Equal Employment Opportunity Laws. All Coffee County Government Departments are required to follow the Hiring Policy that has been approved by the Coffee County Commission.

- 1. Personnel & Benefits must be notified of any open position within your Department. Personnel & Benefits will post the position on the County Website for a period of two weeks. All applications and resumes will be received by the Personnel & Benefits Coordinator and forwarded to the Department Head/Elected Official at the end of the two- week posting period.**
- 2. Once the Department Head/Elected Official has selected the qualified applicants for Interview they will request from Personnel & Benefits a list of approved Interview Questions. Personnel & Benefits will be present at Interviews upon request of Department Head/Elected Official.**
- 3. Department Head/Elected Official will notify Personnel & Benefits of the qualified applicant that has been chosen to fill the position. At this time the Personnel & Benefits Coordinator will contact the applicant and send them for the new hire drug screen and submit a background check. (With exception to the Sheriff Department and EMS Department that conducts their own Background checks) The drug screen results, signed acknowledgements of reading the County Personnel Manual and background check must be received by Personnel & Benefits before the hiring process will continue.**

- 4. Once all results are received Personnel will contact the Applicant to schedule a meeting for the processing of all new hire paperwork and benefits enrollment.**
- 5. Personnel will communicate with the Department Head/Elected Official that all hiring processes have been completed and will give authorization to provide a start date. Absolutely no new hires of Coffee County Government will be authorized to begin work, receive compensation or benefits until all of the above steps are completed through the County Personnel & Benefits Coordinator.**

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From: **Liz Gossett, CTAS E-Media & Information Specialist** <ctas.support@tennessee.edu>

Date: Thu, Mar 16, 2023 at 10:36 AM

Subject: CORRECTION: Opioid Settlement Information

To: <mayor@coffeecountytn.org>



County Technical Assistance Service
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Important Opioid Settlement Funds Information

****CORRECTION**** The correct sample resolution has been linked in the second paragraph below. We have also added a link at the bottom to a list of definitions for the opioid abatement agreement. If you have any questions, please contact your [CTAS county government consultant](#).

A second wave of opioid settlement funds could be heading your way later this year. Counties must opt-in to receive funds from this settlement. It is vitally important to receive this funding to assist in combating the growing problem of opioid addiction.

The [Tennessee Attorney General has created a sample resolution](#) counties can use to give the county mayor authority to execute any required formal agreements necessary for implementation. This resolution mentions [Exhibits A and B](#), so please be sure to download these linked documents. **The deadline to adopt this resolution is April 18th.**

This is an urgent matter. Since all counties do not meet each month, we suggest you **act now**. The more counties that participate in this round of funding ensures the state receives the maximum amount of the settlement. Again, the deadline to act is April 18th. Adopting this resolution coupled with the county completing the required DocuSign process through Rubris (the installment administrator) ensures your county's participation in this second settlement. Detailed instructions for the DocuSign process through Rubris can be seen [HERE](#). Counties **must** complete the DocuSign process to receive funds from this second wave of settlements!

If there has been a change in the responsible elected official for this settlement since the last election (typically the county mayor), you may not be receiving the DocuSign package from Rubris. **If you have not yet received your packet regarding the second wave, you should contact Rubris immediately at opioidsparticpation@rubris.com to change the contact information to the current county mayor to ensure all information reaches you promptly.**

More information regarding the opioid settlement funding, authorized uses of the funding, and the impact of opioid abuse on local communities can be found at the following websites:

- Tennessee Attorney General - Tennessee State-Subdivision Opioid Abatement Agreement Definitions: https://emma-assets.s3.amazonaws.com/zie3/af3cd2a9980f6efbc94fce1118120b06/tn-state-subdivision-opioid-abatement-agreement_1_.pdf
- Tennessee Attorney General’s webpage on Opioid Settlements: <https://www.tn.gov/content/tn/attorneygeneral/working-for-tennessee/filings-of-interest/opioids.html>
- Tennessee Opioid Abatement Council: <https://www.tn.gov/oac.html>
- University of Tennessee’s SMART Policy Network: <https://smart.ips.tennessee.edu/>

Download Sample Resolution

Download Exhibit A

Download Exhibit B

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING _____ COUNTY TO JOIN
THE STATE OF TENNESSEE AND OTHER LOCAL
GOVERNMENTS IN AMENDING THE TENNESSEE STATE-
SUBDIVISION OPIOID ABATEMENT AGREEMENT AND
APPROVING THE RELATED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS

WHEREAS, the opioid epidemic continues to impact communities in the United States, the State of Tennessee, and _____ County, Tennessee.

WHEREAS, _____ County has suffered harm and will continue to suffer harm as a result of the opioid epidemic;

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee and some Tennessee local governments have filed lawsuits against opioid manufacturers, distributors, and retailers, including many federal lawsuits by Tennessee counties and cities that are pending in the litigation captioned In re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation, MDL No. 2804 (N.D. Ohio) (the MDL case is referred to as the “Opioid Litigation”);

WHEREAS, _____ County has previously joined settlements with three pharmaceutical distributors and a manufacturer;

WHEREAS, certain pharmaceutical manufacturers and retail pharmacy chains have proposed settlements that _____ County finds acceptable and in the best interest of the community;

WHEREAS, the Tennessee legislature enacted Public Chapter No. 491 during the 2021 Regular Session of the 112th Tennessee General Assembly and was signed into law by Governor Bill Lee on May 24, 2021, which addresses the allocation of funds from certain opioid litigation settlements;

WHEREAS, there is currently proposed legislation that would apply the statutory provisions passed in 2021 to the new manufacturer and retail pharmacy chain settlements;

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee, non-litigating counties, and representatives of various local governments involved in the Opioid Litigation have adopted a unified plan for the allocation and use of certain prospective settlement and bankruptcy funds from opioid related litigation (“Settlement Funds”);

WHEREAS, the Tennessee State-Subdivision Opioid Abatement Agreement (the “Tennessee Plan”), attached hereto as “Exhibit A,” sets forth the framework of a unified plan for the proposed allocation and use of the Settlement Funds;

WHEREAS, amendments to the Tennessee Plan, attached hereto as “Exhibit B,” would extend its terms to the proposed settlements, streamline accounting for certain settlement funds, and address the allocation of certain funds from a manufacturer in bankruptcy; and

WHEREAS, participation in the settlements by a large majority of Tennessee cities and counties will materially increase the amount of settlement funds that Tennessee will receive from pending proposed opioid settlements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF _____ COUNTY, TENNESSEE,

Section 1. That _____ County finds that the amendments to the Tennessee Plan are in the best interest of _____ County and its citizens because they would ensure an effective structure for the commitment of Settlement Funds to abate and seek to resolve the opioid epidemic.

Section 2. That _____ County hereby expresses its support for a unified plan for the allocation and use of Settlement Funds as generally described in the Tennessee Plan.

Section 3. That the _____ County Mayor is hereby expressly authorized to execute the amendments to the Tennessee Plan in substantially the form attached as Exhibit “B” and the County Mayor is hereby authorized to execute any formal agreements necessary to implement a

unified plan for the allocation and use of Settlement Funds that is substantially consistent with the Tennessee Plan and this Resolution.

Section 4. That the _____ County Mayor is hereby expressly authorized to execute any formal agreement and related documents evidencing _____ County's agreement to the settlement of claims [and litigation] specifically related to Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, Ltd., Allergan Finance, LLC, CVS Health Corporation, Walgreen Co., Walmart, Inc., and any other settlement of opioid-related claims that Tennessee has joined.

Section 5. That the _____ County Mayor is authorized to take such other action as necessary and appropriate to effectuate _____ County's participation in the Tennessee Plan and these settlements.

Section 6. This Resolution is effective upon adoption, the welfare of ____ County, Tennessee requiring it.

ADOPTED this the _____ day of _____, 2023.

ATTEST: _____

Tennessee State-Subdivision Opioid Abatement Agreement

I. Definitions

For all sections of this Agreement, the definitions for terms set out in this Section I apply. The Agreement also uses additional terms that are defined in the Distributor/J&J Settlements and other agreements. In such instances, which are clearly stated, those terms are defined by those agreements.

A. “2021 Legislation.” Public Chapter No. 491 passed during the 2021 Regular Session of the 112th Tennessee General Assembly and signed into law by Governor Bill Lee on May 24, 2021. For ease of reference purposes only, a copy of Public Chapter No. 491 is attached.

B. “Agreement.” This document, the Tennessee State-Subdivision Opioid Abatement Agreement, a “state-subdivision opioid abatement agreement” as defined in the 2021 Legislation, Section 5(7) and Section 13(6). This Agreement is also a “State-Subdivision Agreement” as defined in the Distributor/J&J Settlement Agreements and a “Statewide Abatement Agreement” as defined in the Purdue Pharma L.P. and Mallinckrodt PLC bankruptcy plans.

C. “Distributor/J&J Settlements.” The settlements consisting of the joint settlement agreement with distributors McKesson Corporation, Cardinal Health, Inc., and AmerisourceBergen Corporation and their subsidiaries and other related entities and the settlement agreement with manufacturer Johnson & Johnson, its Janssen subsidiaries and other subsidiaries and related entities. Both settlements qualify as Statewide Opioid Settlement Agreements.

D. “Joint Abatement Bankruptcy Plan.” A plan confirmed in federal bankruptcy court under Title 11 of the United States Code that resolves state and subdivision claims related to the manufacture, marketing, distribution, dispensing, or sale of opioids in a manner that allocates funds for abatement jointly to the state and its subdivisions. The plans in the Purdue Pharma L.P. and Mallinckrodt PLC bankruptcy cases are examples of Joint Abatement Bankruptcy Plans.

E. “Opioid Abatement Council.” The council created by the 2021 Legislation, Sections 3-9.

F. “Relevant Funds.” Funds that, pursuant to a Joint Abatement Bankruptcy Plan, are allocated to the State for the claims of the State and its Subdivisions and that must be dedicated to opioid abatement programs.

G. “State.” The State of Tennessee.

H. “State-Only Opioid Settlement Agreement.” A settlement agreement entered into by the State and one or more entities involved in activities related to the manufacture, marketing, distribution, dispensing, or sale of opioids in which there are not provisions for Subdivision joinder.

I. “State Opioid Judgment.” A judgment obtained by the State against one or more entities involved in activities related to the manufacture, marketing, distribution, dispensing, or sale of opioids.

J. “Statewide Opioid Settlement Agreement.” A settlement agreement entered into by the State and one or more entities involved in activities related to the manufacture, marketing, distribution, dispensing, or sale of opioids in which subdivision claims are addressed.

K. “Statutory Bar.” A law barring all subdivisions (not limited to counties and municipalities) in the state from maintaining released claims against released entities, either through a direct bar or through a grant of authority to release claims. The 2021 Legislation, Sections 10-19 establishes a grant of authority process for a statutory bar to be enacted for the entities addressed in the Distributor/J&J Settlements.

L. “Subdivision.” A Tennessee county or municipality.

M. “Subdivision-Only Opioid Settlement Agreement” A settlement agreement between one or more Subdivisions and one or more entities involved in activities related to the manufacture, marketing, distribution, dispensing, or sale of opioids that does not include the State as a party.

N. “Subdivision Opioid Judgment.” A judgment obtained by one or more Subdivisions against one or more entities involved in activities related to the manufacture, marketing, distribution, dispensing, or sale of opioids.

O. “Tennessee Opioid Abatement Fund.” The opioid abatement trust fund established by the 2021 Legislation, Sections 1-2.

II. Interaction of this Agreement with Settlements, Bankruptcy Plans and Legislation

This Agreement replaces certain default provisions in specified State Opioid Settlement Agreements and Joint Abatement Bankruptcy Plans. Certain default provisions are also replaced by the 2021 Legislation and consent judgments will be filed for State Opioid Settlement Agreements. Thus, there will be multiple sources of authority for the application of each settlement agreement or bankruptcy plan. While parts of the 2021 Legislation are described in this Agreement, such descriptions do not supersede the statutory language, which is controlling.

III. Allocation of Funds in the Distributor/J&J Settlements

The Distributor/J&J Settlements allow for payment and allocation default provisions to be replaced by state-subdivision agreements, by statute, and other means. As referenced below, the 2021 Legislation addressed some of the default provisions in these settlements. This Agreement makes a few additional changes to the default provisions. As described below, some default provisions remain in place.

A. Allocation among three sub-funds. The Distributor/J&J Settlements initially allocate the vast majority of settlement funds among three sub-funds for each state: the “State Fund,” the “Abatement Accounts Fund,” and the “Subdivision Fund.”¹ Subject to the terms of the specific settlement agreements and assuming full subdivision participation and maximum payments, allocation among the three Tennessee sub-funds shall remain the same as with the default provision: 15% to the State Fund, 70% to the Abatement Accounts Fund, and 15% to the Subdivision Fund.

B. Use of funds. The Distributor/J&J Settlements have provisions concerning the use of funds and those are controlling.² Generally they require that money from all three sub-funds be used for “Opioid Remediation” as that term is defined in those agreements. Such definitions include restitution for past abatement within the definition of remediation.

C. State Fund. The 15% State Fund shall be directed to the State’s general fund unless directed to the Tennessee Opioid Abatement Fund by future legislation.

D. Abatement Accounts Fund.

1. The 70% Abatement Accounts Fund shall be directed to the Tennessee Opioid Abatement Fund.

2. The 2021 Legislation fully replaces the default provisions for the Abatement Accounts Fund.³ Among the legislative provisions is the requirement that for the Distributor/J&J Settlements funds deposited into the Tennessee Opioid Abatement Fund, the Opioid Abatement Council shall disburse 35% of these proceeds to counties that join the settlements to be spent on opioid abatement and remediation pursuant to Subsections 6(q)-(s). 2021 Legislation Section 6(p).

3. The 2021 Legislation allows for a state-subdivision agreement to determine the metrics used in allocating certain funds among participating counties. 2021 Legislation, Section (6)(q). It is agreed that the allocation formula shall use data for fatal and non-fatal opioid overdoses, opioid sales measured by morphine milligram equivalents, and population. Details and agreed terms regarding the metrics, the updating of allocation percentages, and the initial allocation percentages for each county is set out in Exhibit A.

E. Subdivision Fund.

1. The 15% Subdivision Fund shall generally be directed to the Subdivisions participating in the Distributor/J&J Settlements pursuant to the default provisions of those agreements, including the allocation of funds for non-litigating municipalities with populations under 10,000 to their respective counties.

¹ “State Fund,” Abatement Accounts Fund,” and “Subdivision Fund” are all defined terms in the Distributor/J&J Settlement agreements. They are sub-funds of the settlements’ “Settlement Fund” into which the companies make base and incentive payments pursuant to the settlement agreements.

² Some examples are distributor agreement Subsections V.B.1-2 and J&J agreement Subsections VI.B. 1-2.

³ These are mainly found in distributor agreement Section V.E and J&J agreement Section VI.E.

2. The default provisions are adjusted for non-litigating municipalities in participating counties that both (1) have populations of 10,000 to 30,000 per the 2019 U.S. Census estimate and (2) have a Subdivision Fund allocation percentage less than 0.5%.⁴ The allocations for such municipalities shall be directed to their respective counties if the county is a participating subdivision. (If the county is not a participating subdivision, the funds are not redirected to the county.) The reallocation for such municipalities located in multiple counties will be divided among those counties pursuant to the data used in Exhibit G of the Distributor/J&J Settlements. These redirected funds to certain counties shall be spent on future opioid abatement and shall be subject to the same statutory requirements as the Abatement Accounts Fund money the county receives from the Tennessee Opioid Abatement Fund. These redirected funds to certain counties are in addition to the funds allocated to participating counties pursuant to 2021 Legislation Section 6(p) and should not be included in calculating or disbursing the 35% amount allocated to participating counties. Such redirected funds should also not be viewed as an additional recovery by the county for purposes of calculating any contingency fees agreements.

F. Attorneys' fees and costs. The Distributor/J&J Settlements have provisions for funds dedicated to or related to attorneys' fees, costs, and/or expenses. There are also funds for states without outside counsel, identified as "Additional Restitution Funds." Such funds shall be allocated pursuant to such agreements and are not addressed by this Agreement.

IV. Allocation of Funds for other Statewide Opioid Settlement Agreements

A. Application to future settlements. To the extent allowed by such agreement and subject to IV.B.2 of this Agreement, the provisions in Section III above shall replace default provisions in, and apply to, any future Statewide Opioid Settlement Agreement in which Tennessee counties and municipalities are able to join and receive benefits, either directly or indirectly, in exchange for a release of claims.⁵ Not all municipalities need to be eligible to join such a settlement for the provisions of this Section IV to apply. Indirect benefits include funds being allocated to counties and/or the Tennessee Opioid Abatement Fund.

B. Exceptions. The application of Section IV.A. is limited, as follows:

1. The directing of 35% of Abatement Funds to the counties pursuant to the 2021 Legislation Section 6(p) shall not apply to any Statewide Opioid Settlement Agreement that includes an incentive or other benefit for a Statutory Bar unless (a) Section 19 of the 2021 Legislation is amended to specifically allow a Statewide Opioid Settlement Agreement release for the settling entity or entities or (b) another statute that qualifies as a Statutory Bar for such settlement is enacted. Should such settlement become effective prior

⁴ For the avoidance of doubt, a non-litigating municipality with a population between 10,000 and 30,000 that has a Subdivision Fund allocation percentage of 0.5% or greater is not affected by this subsection and receives its direct allocation from the Subdivision Fund.

⁵ For the avoidance of doubt, the Section III provisions include the 15%/70%/15% allocation of settlement funds among the three sub-funds.

to the enactment of a Statutory Bar addressing claims against the settling entity or entities, 35% of the funds directed to the Tennessee Opioid Abatement Fund shall be withheld and not allocated until the earlier of (1) the enactment of such a Statutory Bar or (2) a full regular session of the Tennessee General Assembly has occurred.

2. Section IV.A shall not apply to any Statewide Opioid Settlement Agreement unless the application of this Agreement to such settlement is approved by a majority of (a) counties and (b) municipalities having a population over 30,000 after such settlement is negotiated and provided to such subdivisions. Whether there is majority approval shall be measured by population of the relevant subdivisions. Population figures shall be from the most recently published U.S. Census population figures (actual count or estimate) for a year for which data is available for both counties and municipalities.

3. Section IV.A shall not apply to any Statewide Opioid Settlement Agreement with Endo International plc. or its subsidiaries.

C. Statutory provisions. The language in this section does not address or control whether any default provisions in a Statewide Opioid Settlement Agreement are replaced by the 2021 Legislation or any other statutory provision if Section IV.A does not apply to such settlement.

V. Allocation of Funds for Opioid-Related Claims in Joint Abatement Bankruptcy Plans

A. Relevant Funds. Multiple opioid manufacturers have filed for bankruptcy in actions for which the State and many Subdivisions are creditors for opioid-related claims. These companies include Purdue and Mallinckrodt. It is anticipated that other entities involved in activities related to the manufacture, marketing, distribution, dispensing, or sale of opioids may also file for bankruptcy and that the State and one or more Subdivisions will pursue opioid-related claims in those actions. Funds allocated to the State and Subdivisions for such claims shall be disbursed pursuant to the confirmed bankruptcy plan for the relevant entity, including requirements for funds to be used for future abatement. It is anticipated that one or more of such plans shall include the allocation of Relevant Funds that must be dedicated to opioid abatement programs. All Relevant Funds shall be placed in the Tennessee Opioid Abatement Fund and allocated pursuant to Sections V.B. Relevant Funds do not include funds disbursed through bankruptcy plans that are not restricted to abatement or that are disbursed for claims that are unrelated to the opioid crisis.

B. Allocation of Relevant Funds. To the extent permissible under the subject bankruptcy plan, Relevant Funds from Joint Abatement Bankruptcy Plans shall be allocated in the same manner as the Abatement Account Funds from the Distributor/J&J Settlements are disbursed under Section III.D and the 2021 Legislation. Thus, the Opioid Abatement Council shall disburse 35% of the proceeds from such bankruptcy plans to the counties subject to 2021 Legislation

Subsections 6(q)-(s). All default provisions related to Relevant Funds in such bankruptcy plans are replaced by this Agreement.⁶

C. Exception. Section V shall not apply to any bankruptcy plan for Endo International plc. or its subsidiaries.

D. Statutory provisions. The language in this section does not address or control whether any default provisions in a Joint Abatement Bankruptcy Plan are replaced by the 2021 Legislation or any other statutory provision if Sections V.A-B do not apply to such bankruptcy plans.

VI. No Application to Other Funds

A. State-Only Opioid Settlement Agreements and State Opioid Judgments. The Attorney General may direct funds from a State-Only Opioid Settlement Agreement or a State Opioid Judgment to the Tennessee Opioid Abatement Fund. Subject to the terms of specific agreements and any conditions placed on the funds prior to their being placed in the Tennessee Opioid Abatement Fund, the funds shall be allocated by the Opioid Abatement Council pursuant to the 2021 Legislation. The allocation and other provisions in this Agreement that apply to certain Statewide Opioid Settlement Agreements and to certain funds from Joint Abatement Bankruptcy Plans do not apply to funds from State-Only Opioid Settlement Agreements or State Opioid Judgments.

B. Subdivision-Only Settlement Agreements and Subdivision Judgments. The allocation and other provisions in this Agreement that apply to certain Statewide Opioid Settlement Agreements and to certain funds from Joint Abatement Bankruptcy Plans do not apply to funds from Subdivision-Only Opioid Settlement Agreements or Subdivision Opioid Judgments.

VII. Adoption and Amendment of Agreement

A. Controlling Authority. For this Agreement to replace default provisions in the Distributor/J&J Settlements, it must be adopted by statute or approved by the State and a sufficient number of Subdivisions as set forth in Exhibit O of those settlements. For this Agreement to replace default provisions in the Purdue and other bankruptcy plans, it is anticipated that it will need to be approved by the State and a sufficient number of Subdivisions as set forth in the specific bankruptcy plans. There are similar requirements for amending state-subdivision agreements such as this Agreement. It is understood that the approval process and participation requirements set out in this Section VII meet the requirements of these settlement agreements and anticipated bankruptcy plans. For any settlement agreement or bankruptcy plan that allows for a state-subdivision agreement to determine the requirements for amendment of a state-subdivision

⁶ For example, the provisions related to the default “Government Participation Mechanism” in the Purdue bankruptcy plan are not applicable with the adoption of this Agreement (which incorporates the Opioid Abatement Council).

agreement, the approval process and participation requirements set out in this Section VII for an amended agreement shall control. Similarly, if this Agreement is adopted by statute, the approval process and participation requirements set out in this Section VII for an amended agreement shall control.

B. Adoption of Agreement. This Agreement is adopted if it is approved by the Attorney General, on behalf of the State, and either (1) Subdivisions whose aggregate “Population Percentages,” determined as set forth below, total more than 60%, or (2) Subdivisions whose aggregate Population Percentages total more than 50%, provided that these Subdivisions also represent 15% or more of the counties, by number.

C. Population Percentage Calculation. Population Percentages shall be determined as follows: The Population Percentage of each county shall be deemed to be equal to (1) (a) 200% of the population of such county minus (b) the aggregate population of all Primary Municipalities located in such county, divided by (2) 200% of the state’s population. A Primary Municipality means a municipality with a population of at least 25,000. The Population Percentage of each Primary Municipality shall be equal to its population divided by 200% of the state’s population. (The result of these calculations is that every person is counted twice: everyone in a Primary Municipality is counted once for that municipality; everyone is counted at least once for their county; and those not in a Primary Municipality are counted a second time for their county.) Except as required by a specific settlement agreement or bankruptcy plan, the population figures for these calculations shall be the 2020 U.S. Census counts for the initial adoption of the Agreement and, for adoption of an amended agreement, the most recently published U.S. Census population figures (actual count or estimate) for a year for which data is available for both counties and municipalities.

D. Amendment of Agreement. This Agreement may be amended if that amended agreement is approved by the Attorney General, on behalf of the State, and either (1) Subdivisions whose aggregate Population Percentages, determined as set forth above, total more than 60%, or (2) Subdivisions whose aggregate Population Percentages total more than 50% provided that these Subdivisions also represent 15% or more of the counties, by number.

VIII. Effect of Agreement

Nothing in this Agreement is intended to abridge or enlarge the authority of the Attorney General, the State, or the subdivisions, except as expressly stated herein.

Exhibit A: County Allocation for Opioid Abatement Fund

Certain abatement funds are allocated by county pursuant to the 2021 Legislation and/or the provisions of this Agreement. The allocations shall be set consistent with the 2021 Legislation and as set forth below.

A. County Allocation Data. The following data shall be used in the county allocation calculations:

1. Fatal opioid overdose data collected by the Tennessee Department of Health. The aggregate figures for the most recent three years of available data shall be used when allocation calculations are performed.

2. Non-fatal opioid overdose data collected by the Tennessee Department of Health. The aggregate figures for the most recent three years of available data shall be used when allocation calculations are performed.

3. Opioid sales as measured by morphine milligram equivalents (“MME”). The aggregate figures for the most recent three years of available data shall be used when allocation calculations are performed.

4. County population. The 2020 U.S. Census counts will be used for the initial allocations. For future allocation calculations, the most recent population estimate or actual count data published by the U.S. Census shall be used.

B. Weighting of Data. In calculating the county allocation percentages, the data shall be weighted as follows:

1. Fatal opioid overdose data shall be weighted at 12.5%.
2. Non-fatal opioid overdose data shall be weighted at 12.5%.
3. Opioid sales as measured by MME shall be weighted at 25%.
4. Population shall be weighted at 50%.

C. Updating of Allocations. The county allocations shall be updated pursuant to statute. The 2021 Legislation requires updating every four years and addresses what happens if a data set used in the initial allocations is unavailable.

D. Allocation Process. The State shall make the initial data and allocable share calculations available to the counties to review for 30 days in order to identify and correct any mathematical or data entry errors. The Opioid Abatement Council will allow for similar review for future reallocations.

E. Holdback Share. It is recognized that, particularly for some very small counties, there could be limits on the ability of the data to capture the scope of the opioid crisis in the county. For example, a large segment of a county’s population may fill prescriptions in a neighboring county, resulting in MME data that dramatically underrepresents the level of opioids prescribed to the residents of the county. To address limited situations such as this, 2% of the abatement funds

allocated to counties shall be initially held back until the Opioid Abatement Council can consider county requests for adjustments to their allocation percentages due to such data issues. However, such requests will only be granted when there is a finding that the data limitations substantially affected the county's overall allocation. The Council may only adjust allocation percentages upwards through the use of the 2% holdback fund and may find that no adjustments are needed. Any portion of the 2% holdback fund not used to adjust county allocations pursuant to this process will be released to the counties pursuant to their allocations, including any adjusted allocation percentages.

F. Initial County Allocation Percentages.

[TABLE TO BE INSERTED ONCE UPDATED DATA AVAILABLE]

**Summary of 2023 Amendments
to Tennessee State-Subdivision Opioid Abatement Agreement**

In addition to being asked to join five new settlements, Tennessee local governments are also being asked to approve amendments to the Tennessee State-Subdivision Opioid Abatement Agreement. There are three proposed amendments, which are summarized below. The settlement participation packet being sent to counties and qualifying municipalities by the national administrator will also include a form to approve the three amendments. The full text of the proposed amendments can be found on the following page.

Summary of Amendment 1:

This amendment simply applies the terms of the State-Subdivision Agreement to the five new settlements with Allergan, Teva, CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart. This will ensure that the structure and procedures that apply to the prior settlements with the three national pharmaceutical distributors and Johnson & Johnson will be the same for the new settlements. For example, the formula for using overdose and other data to allocate funds among the counties would be the same for the new agreements as with the existing ones.

Summary of Amendment 2:

Under the State-Subdivision Agreement, Subdivision Fund allocations for non-litigating municipalities with populations under 30,000 are directed to the counties. Consequently, these municipalities do not receive direct payments, but the money stays with the community. (This provision would continue to apply with the new settlements.) The current language of the provision also places a restriction on the use of the redirected funds, treating the redirected funds like money from the trust fund and unlike the other Subdivision Fund direct payments the county is receiving from the national administrator. This restriction would require a substantial amount of special accounting for a small amount of money. The amendment removes that requirement to streamline accounting for the counties.

Summary of Amendment 3:

The third amendment applies the State-Subdivision Agreement to funds from the Endo International plc bankruptcy. Since the Agreement was first negotiated, a group of East Tennessee counties and municipalities reached a settlement with the company, which later filed for bankruptcy. The amendment applies the bankruptcy provisions of the Agreement to Endo funds paid into the State's trust fund, including the provision to direct 35% of the funds to the counties. However, as the previously settling counties have had a substantial recovery from Endo, the amendment does not provide those nine counties a direct allocation. The amendment makes clear that the nine counties would be eligible to receive some of the remaining Endo funds as well as funds from other settlements.

Following Page: Text of Amendments

On the next page is the text of the amendments, which are set out as they should appear in the settlement packets from the national administrator.

Tennessee State-Subdivision Opioid Abatement Agreement – 2023 Amendments

The Tennessee State-Subdivision Opioid Abatement Agreement is amended as follows:

Amendment 1:

Pursuant to Section IV.A, this Agreement shall apply to the following Statewide Opioid Settlement Agreements, should they become effective:

- A. Allergan Public Global Opioid Settlement Agreement
- B. CVS Settlement Agreement
- C. Teva Global Opioid Settlement Agreement
- D. Walgreens Settlement Agreement
- E. Walmart Settlement Agreement

Amendment 2:

To allow for efficiency and more streamlined accounting, the fifth sentence in Section III.E.2 of the Agreement (“These redirected funds to certain counties shall be spent on future opioid abatement and shall be subject to the same statutory requirements as the Abatement Accounts Fund money the county receives from the Tennessee Opioid Abatement Fund.”) shall be considered deleted and given no effect.

Amendment 3:

Notwithstanding the exception provisions in Section IV.B.3 and Section V.C. of the Agreement, Section V shall apply to funds from the Endo International plc bankruptcy (*In re Endo International plc, et al.*, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, S.D.N.Y., No. 22-22549). As they have received funds from a prior settlement with Endo, the following counties shall not receive a share of the 35% of proceeds directed to counties pursuant to Section V.B: Carter, Greene, Hamblen, Hancock, Hawkins, Johnson, Sullivan, Unicoi and Washington. However, nothing in this agreement shall limit the Opioid Abatement Council’s discretion in whether or not to approve any requested allocation from the remaining Endo proceeds or other funds to these counties or the municipalities participating in that prior settlement.

Note on adoption of amendments:

Amendment 1 shall be effective if approved as set forth in Section IV.B.2 of the Agreement. Amendments 2 and 3 shall be effective if approved as set forth in Section VII.D of the Agreement.