

**SOUTH KENAI PENINSULA HOSPITAL  
SERVICE AREA BOARD**

**RESOLUTION 2022-07**

**A Resolution of the South Kenai Peninsula Hospital  
Service Area Board  
Regarding KPB Ordinance 2021-19-50**

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**WHEREAS**, the South Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area Board (SKPHSAB) has reviewed and discussed Ordinance 2021-19-50 Accepting and Appropriating the Opioid Settlement Funds and Establishing the Opioid Settlement Fund Grant Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the SKPHSAB has supported the use of property tax revenue to address opioid and other substance use disorders, and

**WHEREAS**, since 2017 the South Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area has provided \$30,000 of taxpayer funds annually to address opioid remediation via the SKP Opioid Task Force and the SKP All Things Addiction coalition, and

**WHEREAS**, the SKPHSAB has not had an opportunity to engage publicly with the Borough to discuss the use of Opioid Settlement Funds; and

**WHEREAS**, both South Kenai Peninsula and Central Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Areas have existing systems in place to address opioid use disorder abatement and remediation, via such programs as harm reduction, withdrawal management, inpatient treatment and transitional housing; and

**WHEREAS**, utilizing the KPB portion of Opioid Settlement Funds through existing Hospital Service Area programs could reduce the burden on taxpayers while simultaneously increasing services; and

**WHEREAS**, entities such as nonprofit organizations, medical providers and associated businesses, Native Tribes and corporations will have access to State of Alaska Opioid Settlement Funds

**WHEREAS**, the SKPHSAB believes it is in the best interest of the Borough to allocate Opioid Settlement Funds via SKPH and CPH service areas which would be more efficient than managing a number of small annual grants and would also provide for effective long term opioid abatement planning.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SOUTH KENAI PENINSULA HOSPITAL SERVICE AREA BOARD:**

1. That the South Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area Board requests that the KPB Assembly amend Ordinance 2021-19-50 to remove the section creating an Opioid Settlement Fund Grant Program.
2. That the South Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area Board requests the KPB Assembly amend Ordinance 2021-19-50 to allocate Opioid Settlement funds through Hospital Service Areas for the purpose of funding and expanding opioid abatement programs.
3. That copies of this Resolution be provided to members of the KPB Assembly, the KPB Clerk and the KPB Mayor.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE SOUTH KENAI PENINSULA HOSPITAL SERVICE AREA BOARD AT ITS MEETING HELD ON THIS 9th DAY OF JUNE 2022.**

ATTEST:



Helen Armstrong, Chair

South Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area Board