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From: **Willy Dunne** <wdunne907@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Aug 22, 2022 at 9:46 AM
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Dear Chairman Chesley,

Thanks for the opportunity to provide input to the Policies and Procedures Committee regarding Ordinance 2021-19-50. The SPH Service Area Board (SAB) has been discussing and following this issue for quite some time. The Cardinal/McKesson/AmerisourceBergen/Johnson&Johnson opioid settlement was first brought to the attention of the SAB over a year ago by former Deputy Borough Attorney Patty Burley who encouraged us to consider ways our Board and our Service Area could participate in the process of utilizing the KPB portion of settlement funds for opioid abatement and remediation.

We appreciate the Assembly postponing consideration of 2021-19-50 after being introduced in May in order to allow the SAB time to further discuss, gather public input, and make recommendations. After much discussion and deliberation over several meetings, the SAB voted to submit Resolution 2022-07, requesting the Assembly amend the proposed Opioid Settlement Fund Grant Program. Apparently that request was not transmitted to the Assembly in a timely manner and 2021-19-50 was passed without SAB input being considered.

Unfortunately neither Chair Armstrong nor Vice Chair Highland are available to testify and/or provide comments to the P&P Committee this week. I was asked to reply to your question in writing, as I am somewhat familiar with the process both during my District 9 service on the Assembly, and more recently, as a member of the SAB.

To answer your question about the 7th Whereas in Res. 2022-07, the Settlement Agreement provides for the State of Alaska to distribute 85% of the \$58 million in settlement funds to eligible entities around the state including entities in the KPB. The settlement also provides for 15% of the funds to be distributed to certain political subdivisions for use as they see fit. That is why the KPB will directly receive roughly \$810,000 over 18 years. The State is currently still discussing how to structure the distribution of their portion of funds via the Governor's Advisory Council on Opioid Remediation (<https://gov.alaska.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/10.01.21-Administrative-Order-324-Governors-Advisory-Council-on-Opioid-Remediation.pdf>). They will be making formal recommendations to the Governor in December and the Alaska Legislature will eventually approve allocation of the SOA portion of funds. The KPB's representative on that Council is CES Deputy Chief Dan Grimes who has been a very helpful liaison, providing valuable insights to the SPH SAB. If you haven't reached out to him for input, I hope you can do so soon.

Our resolution did not mean to imply that other entities are not appropriate to receive the KPB portion of settlement funds. Our discussions centered around the fact that both CPH and SPH have dedicated significant time, energy and funding (both operational and taxpayer funds) towards addressing opioid abatement through programs such as withdrawal management, in patient and outpatient treatment, transitional housing, and educational programs - such as the SPH "Opioid Task Force/All Things Addiction" (OTF/ATA) program funded by KPB taxpayers for many years. While there are many entities that might effectively utilize settlement funds for opioid abatement, our KPB Hospital Service Areas both have existing programs in place that could more effectively utilize the funds to bolster abatement in the Borough. Additionally, a commitment of settlement funds to programs such as OTF/ATA could reduce the burden on taxpayers who currently pay about \$30,000 per year to fund that program.

Thanks for the chance to provide written input and I look forward to further conversations on how to best provide support to address the tragic Opioid Epidemic which has devastated many families in the Borough.

Willy Dunne, SPH SAB member on behalf of Chair Helen Armstrong and Vice Chair Roberta Highland

On Sat, Aug 20, 2022 at 1:46 PM Chesley, Lane <lchesley@kpb.us> wrote:

Hi Willy and Roberta: Discussion of the resolution will be the first item on the Policy and Procedures Committee Agenda beginning at 4:30 pm during our meeting on Tuesday. I would appreciate someone attending from the SAB to speak to the resolution.

Specifically, I would like more information from you concerning the 7th "Where As" clause. You indicate that the other listed "entities" would have access to other tranches of the Opioid Settlement Fund and therefore are not appropriate entities to receive funds that will be managed by KPB.

I have copied Aaron Rhodes and Rachel Chaffee on this message and I have asked that the Administration be prepared to provide some analysis and direction to the Assembly concerning the exclusion of all other "entities" in the KPB except for SPH and CPH from participating in the grant program.

Thank you. Lane

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