

SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



ITEM: 3.41
(ID # 28220)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, June 24, 2025

FROM : (RUHS) RIVERSIDE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEM

SUBJECT: RIVERSIDE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEM: Approve the budget adjustment for the use of Opioid Settlement Funds for various Riverside University Health System (RUHS) programs, All Districts. [[\$4,315,467 Total Cost- 100% Opioid Settlement Funds] (4/5 Vote Required).

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the use of Opioid Settlement funds through FY 2024-2025 for RUHS programs identified in the Spending Plan proposal to the Executive Office; and
2. Approve and direct the Auditor Controller to make the budget adjustment as shown on the attached Schedule A.

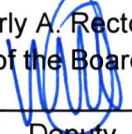
ACTION: 4/5 Vote Required, Policy


Jennifer Cruikshank, Chief Executive Officer – Health System 6/17/2025

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Spiegel, seconded by Supervisor Perez and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Gutierrez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: June 24, 2025
xc: RUHS-MC

Kimberly A. Rector
Clerk of the Board
By: 
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 4,315,467	\$ 0	\$ 4,315,467	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: 100% Settlement Funds 22860			Budget Adjustment:	Yes
			For Fiscal Year:	24/25

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

Between 2014 and 2020, 51 of 58 California counties and approximately 28 California cities filed lawsuits seeking to abate the opioid crisis. On July 21, 2021, the litigation resulted in a settlement from Johnson & Johnson of \$26 billion payable to the counties and cities who filed the lawsuit. The funding will be disbursed to the various entities over an eighteen-year period, of which no less than fifty percent will be used toward Opioid abatement.

The Executive Office issued an Opioid Settlement Funding Request for Proposals to various county departments requesting plans that include prevention, treatment, and mitigation of the impacts of opioid abuse in our communities. RUHS submitted various requests, some of which required ongoing funding from the previous year's Board approved Spending Plan (M.O. 3.2, 10/23/23). As a result, RUHS is requesting the following to be funded by Opioid Settlement funds in Fiscal Year 2024/25.

Correctional Health Services (CHS) and Behavioral Health (BH), under the umbrella of the Riverside University Health System (RUHS), provides effective, efficient, and professional physical and mental health care and Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment to adults and juveniles incarcerated in Riverside County. A portion of the Opioid Settlement funds will be used to continue the existing Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) for Correctional Health Services and Behavioral Health. The department is requesting \$2,912,778 for the enhanced MAT program. These programs fall within the state's High Abatement Activity category to address needs of vulnerable communities and divert individuals with (SUD) into treatment. In addition to the allowable uses of Opioid Remediation including Naloxone distribution, MAT, treatment for incarcerated populations; treatment of OUD, connecting people who need help to the help they need, addressing the needs of criminal justice-involved persons, and preventing overdose deaths.

The following programs are within the State's Opioid Remediation Uses of providing medication to reverse overdoses, connecting people to care, preventing misuse, preventing overdose deaths, and various other prevention programs. RUHS-Behavioral Health (RUHS-BH) through the State's Friday Night Live (FNL) initiative is offered to any school in the County that wishes to have a FNL chapter and activities on campus. FNL is a youth development program, designed for high-school youth to prevent alcohol and other drug use. The department is requesting \$834,506 to enhance this program in the Mid and South County school districts. RUHS-BH hosted several One Life, One Heart OUD Walks (Palm Desert, Riverside, Murrieta) to serve as

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a memorial walk for those who lost their loved ones due to Opioid Use Disorder (OUD). This event, in addition to a contract RUHS-BH holds serves as a resource to bring awareness of substance use and overdoses in our communities. Therefore, RUHS is requesting funding to cover the cost of these activities in the amount of \$568,183.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

These services will provide treatment to some of the county's most vulnerable populations to help aide them on a road to recovery.

Additional Fiscal Information

RUHS is not requesting any general fund support at this time. Funding for the ongoing costs in future years is contingent upon available Opioid funding and will be presented to the Board by the Executive Office.

Schedule A

The requested budget adjustment will increase appropriation two within the Riverside University Health System Correctional Health Systems and Behavioral Health.

Recommended Motion: *That the Board of Supervisors approve and direct the Auditor-Controller to make budget adjustments increasing/decreasing appropriations and unassigned fund balance for RUHS as follows:*

Increase Appropriations:

10000-4300300000-510040	Regular Salaries	1,085,908
10000-4300300000-525200	Physicians/Dentists	709,693
10000-4100300000-510040	Regular Salaries	1,117,177
10000-4100500000-510040	Regular Salaries	834,506
10000-4100500000-527780	Special Program Expense	568,183

Increase Estimated Revenues:

10000-4300300000-790600	Contributions from Other County Funds	1,795,601
10000-4100300000-790600	Contributions from Other County Funds	1,117,177
10000-4100500000-790600	Contributions from Other County Funds	1,402,689

Increase Appropriations:

22860-1102900000-551100	Contributions to Other County Funds	4,315,467
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

22860-1102900000-781180	Judgements	4,315,467
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