

Agenda

Purpose: Develop a shared understanding of the opioid crisis in Mecklenburg County, the importance of the opportunity to use Opioid Settlement funds to combat the crisis, and the perspectives of community members as it relates to funding priorities allowed with settlement funds.

- 11 a.m. **Welcome, Objectives, and Overview**
Dena Diorio, County Manager and Meagan Palmer, Meagan Palmer Consulting
- 11:10 a.m. **Context around Opioid Epidemic**
Dr. Travis Hales,
Assistant Professor at the University of Charlotte School of Social Work
- 11:30 a.m. **Overview of Mecklenburg County's Situation**
Lauren Kestner, Associate Director of Harm Reduction Services,
Center for Prevention Services
- 11:50 a.m. **Opioid Settlement and Opportunities**
Dena Diorio, County Manager
- Noon **A Perspective of Lived Experience**
Abby Schuette, a local attorney
- 12:15 p.m. **Break: Lunch, Breakout Group Setup**
- 12:35 p.m. **Breakout Groups – Round 1 (Led by Meagan Palmer)**
Discuss Prevention and Treatment Strategies
- 1:05 p.m. **Report Out**
- 1:15 p.m. **Breakout Groups – Round 2 (Led by Meagan Palmer)**
Discuss Recovery Strategies
- 1:45 p.m. **Report Out**
- 1:55 p.m. **Wrap-Up: Next Steps, Link to Survey**
- 2 p.m. **Closing Remarks and Adjourn**
Dena Diorio, County Manager

