



Coös County

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Office of the Commissioner
NH Department of Health & Human Services
129 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH 03301

Re: Annual Report on Opioid Abatement Trust Funding

Dear Commissioner Weaver,

In accordance with RSA 126-A:84.IV., I am submitting this report regarding Coös County's year to date distribution of \$14,870.03. These payments were received by the County and will be used to offset the costs of providing medical services and case management to inmates of the Corrections Department.

The payments received in 2022 in the amount of \$100,699.47 are being used to construct a meeting area for the Department of Corrections to have a neutral and confidential space that can accommodate community partners such as case managers, clinicians, counselors, corrections staff, and law enforcement to work through opioid abatement. Currently, the circa 1900s Department of Corrections building does not provide such space.

I have also included a letter of explanation from Ben Champagne, The Superintendent of Corrections.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Director of Finance



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October 3, 2023

James Boffetti
Assistant Attorney General
New Hampshire Department of Justice

Re: 2022 Opioid Abatement Funding

Dear Mr. Boffetti:

It was my pleasure speaking with you today regarding the Opioid Abatement project in Coös County.

As we discussed, our circa 1900's corrections building inhibits our ability to implement the county's Opioid Abatement initiatives due to a lack of functional meeting space and privacy concerns.

The current circumstances make it very difficult for the Corrections Department to conduct Opioid Abatement case planning and implementation on a case-by-case basis. The new space will be a designated venue where Corrections can meet with stakeholders such as clinicians, case managers, physicians, law enforcement, rehabilitative partners, community partners and the corrections medical team to work through opioid treatment cases.

The Coös County Department of Corrections is very excited about having a space dedicated for opioid abatement training and education and it will make it much easier for the country to implement its Opioid Abatement initiatives.

If you have any questions or feedback, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Respectfully,

Benjamin H. Champagne
Superintendent