

**TILLMAN COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION # 1729**

**REGARDING INTERAGENCY COORDINATION AND COLLABORATION TO ABATE THE  
OPIOID CRISIS AND CO-OCCURRING SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS AND MENTAL  
HEALTH CONDITIONS IN SOUTHWEST OKLAHOMA**

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024 at a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Tillman County, the following resolution was presented, read and adopted:

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners recognizes need for comprehensive evidence-based strategies, programming, and services to abate the opioid crisis, as well the as co-occurring substance use disorders and mental health conditions, prevalent in Southwest Oklahoma.

**WHEREAS**, the opioid crisis has claimed many lives in Oklahoma, leading to settlements being secured with key opioid distributors, manufacturers, and retailers. Additionally, the Oklahoma legislature has adopted the Political Subdivisions Opioid Abatement Grants Act, under which funds may be available to eligible political subdivisions for approved purposes to address the harms of opioids.

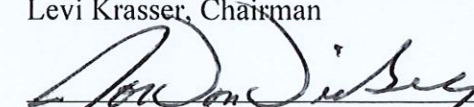
**WHEREAS**, while opioid use disorders have driven a surge in drug overdoses and deaths, there has also been an increase in other substance use and mental health disorders also leading to fatal consequences. Thus, the prevalent opioid use disorder in Southwest Oklahoma is ideally addressed through concurrent efforts to mitigating the co-occurring substance use disorders and mental health conditions.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tillman County Board of County Commissioners does hereby adopt the attached Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Interagency Coordination and Collaboration to Abate the Opioid Crisis and Co-Occurring Substance Use Disorders and Mental Health Conditions in Southwest Oklahoma.

**ADOPTED** by the Board of Tillman County Commissioners this 18<sup>th</sup> day March, 2024.


BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
TILLMAN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

  
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Levi Krasser, Chairman

  
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Joe Don Dickey, Vice-Chairman

  
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Roger Hoover, Member

ATTEST:

  
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Cacy Caldwell, County Clerk



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING INTERAGENCY  
COORDINATION AND COLLABORATION TO ABATE THE OPIOID CRISIS AND  
CO-OCCURRING SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS AND MENTAL HEALTH  
CONDITIONS IN SOUTHWEST OKLAHOMA**

This MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING is entered into by and among the following entities, each a political subdivision within the State of Oklahoma: **BECKHAM COUNTY, CUSTER COUNTY, ELLIS COUNTY, ROGER MILLS COUNTY,** and **WASHITA COUNTY** (all within the Second Prosecutorial District); **GREER COUNTY, KIOWA COUNTY, HARMAN COUNTY, JACKSON COUNTY,** and **TILLMAN COUNTY** (all within the Third Prosecutorial District); **COMANCHE COUNTY** and **COTTON COUNTY** (all within the Fifth Prosecutorial District); and **CADDO COUNTY, GRADY COUNTY, STEPHENS COUNTY,** and **JEFFERSON COUNTY** (all within the Sixth Prosecutorial District), each County being a “Participating County” and collectively, the “Participating Counties.”

**I. Purpose and Principles.**

Each Participating County executes this Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) to declare their unified commitment to develop comprehensive evidence-based strategies, programming, and services to abate the opioid crisis, as well the as co-occurring substance use disorders and mental health conditions, prevalent in Southwest Oklahoma.

The opioid crisis has claimed many lives in Oklahoma, leading to significant legal and financial actions against key opioid distributors, manufacturers, and retailers. Settlements have been secured with entities such as Allergan Pharmaceuticals, CVS, Walgreens, Walmart, McKesson, Cardina, AmerisourceBergen, holding them accountable for their role in creating and fueling this catastrophic opioid epidemic. Additionally, the Oklahoma legislature has adopted the Political Subdivisions Opioid Abatement Grants Act, under which funds may be available to eligible political subdivisions for approved purposes to address the harms of opioids.

While opioid use disorders have driven a surge in drug overdoses and deaths, there has also been an increase in other substance use and mental health disorders also leading to fatal consequences. Thus, the prevalent opioid use disorder in Southwest Oklahoma is ideally addressed through concurrent efforts to mitigating the co-occurring substance use disorders and mental health conditions.

The Participating Counties hereby express their intent to allocate and prioritize available settlement funds and grant awards to evidence-based substance use prevention, treatment, and recovery support programs and services – to the fullest extent allowable.

This MOU identifies the initial actions desired to be taken toward the abatement of the opioid crisis and the co-occurring substance use disorders and mental health conditions in Southwest Oklahoma.

## **II. Formation of the Southwest Oklahoma Opioid Crisis Advisory Committee.**

**A. Establishment and Membership.** A committee, known as the Southwest Oklahoma Opioid Crisis Advisory Committee (“Committee”) is hereby established to guide and advise on the allocation and use of resources to combat the opioid crisis in Southwest Oklahoma. The Committee will be comprised of five (5) individuals, with one representative from each of the four prosecutorial districts, as follows:

Second Prosecutorial District: Tate Finnell, Beckham County Commissioner, District 2

Third Prosecutorial District: Levi Krasser, Tillman County Commissioner, District 3

Fifth Prosecutorial District: Josh Powers, Comanche County Commissioner, District 3

Sixth Prosecutorial District: Ty Phillips, Jefferson County Commissioner, District 2

At the first meeting of the Committee, the four Committee members shall appoint a fifth person to the Committee.

**B. Meetings.** The Committee is to meet at least once per month. Minutes of each meeting shall be taken. All Committee meetings shall be subject to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

**C. Role and Duties.** The Committee is tasked with the following specific initial duties and is directed to such other actions as may be appropriate and necessary to achieve the goals outlined herein. The Committee is to identify and recommend a local or state subject matter expert or consultant (“Consultant”) to lead the Committee through the specific tasks outlined herein. The Consultant will be engaged under a separate professional services agreement between Comanche County and the Consultant. The work of the Committee and the services of the Consultant shall include, at a minimum, the following tasks:

- Review available data and information to understand the scope and nature of the opioid crisis at the local level.
- Engage in meaningful consultation with other community stakeholders, including local health departments, hospitals, schools, public safety providers, prevention specialists, treatment providers, first responders, community behavioral health clinics, other subject matter experts, and individuals and families impacted by the crisis, to collect and examine local data pertinent to opioid addiction and treatment and co-occurring substance use disorder and mental health conditions in Southwest Oklahoma.
- Obtain a needs assessment identifying current conditions, populations of focus (with specific attention on disparately impacted groups), gaps in service, and desired outcomes based on input from community stakeholders to ensure it adequately reflects community needs and priorities.

- Based on the findings from the needs assessment, develop a proposed plan (“Proposed Plan”) that (i) identifies specific programs, services, strategies, and facilities needed to best manage, treat, and abate opioid addiction in Southwest Oklahoma, and (ii) develops best practices, procedures, and guidance for the management, treatment, and abatement of opioid addiction and co-occurring substance use disorder and mental health conditions, in Southwest Oklahoma. The recommended actions identified in the Proposed Plan should include actions that optimize all available abatement funds.
- Develop and present the Proposed Plan to the governing bodies of each Participating County.
- Assist the Participating Counties and once formed, the Public Trust (defined in Article III), in pursuing all available funding (through grants, legislative support, tribal support, private donations, municipalities, and others) for the facilities, services, strategies, and programs outlined in the Proposed Plan.

**III. Formation of Public Trust.** Each Participating County hereby expresses its desire and intent to participate in the efforts of abating opioid addiction and co-occurring substance use disorder and mental health conditions through the formation of a public trust, as authorized under 60 O.S. §176, *et seq.* (“Public Trust”). The Public Trust will be authorized, inter alia, to perform designated functions, manage assets, engage in financing arrangements, apply for available funding, and allocate funds for approved programs, services, and strategies for abating opioid addiction and co-occurring substance use disorder and mental health conditions. Comanche County has engaged the Center for Economic Development Law (“Firm”) to form the Public Trust and has directed the Firm to commence preparation of the trust indenture and to take other actions necessary to establish the Public Trust.

**IV. Administration and Financial Support.** Comanche County agrees to be the primary administrator hereunder and will provide the primary administrative and financial support for this MOU and the Public Trust to be created. Throughout the processes described in Article II of this MOU, the Participating Counties will provide meeting space for the Committee, as may be necessary from time to time. Each Participating County will carry out its separate activities in a coordinated and mutually beneficial manner.

Nothing in this MOU shall obligate any Participating County to transfer funds. Specific work projects or activities that involve the transfer of funds, services or property among the various Participating Counties will require execution of separate agreements and will be contingent upon the availability of appropriate funds. Any such activities must be independently authorized by the governing body of each Participating County.

**V. Limitations.** This MOU is a voluntary agreement that expresses the good-faith intentions of the Participating Counties, is not intended to be legally binding, does not create any contractual or fiscal obligations, does not unlawfully extend authority, and is not enforceable by

any party. It does not create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable by law or equity, by any party, against the Participating Counties, their officers or employees, or any other person. This MOU does not direct or apply to any person outside of the Participating Counties.

**VI. Effective Date; Duration; Withdrawal.** This MOU takes effect upon the signature of at least two Participating Counties. This MOU shall be effective from the effective date established herein and shall continue until the Public Trust is formed pursuant to 60 O.S. §176, *et seq.*, as contemplated herein, or September 1, 2024, whichever occurs first. Any Participating County can withdraw from this MOU by providing a 30-day written notice to the other Participating Counties.

**VII. Miscellaneous.**

7.1 Modifications. Any modification to this MOU requires written acceptance by all Participating Counties.

7.2 Notices. Any notices hereunder shall be sent to the following:

Participating Counties in the Second Prosecutorial District:

Board of County Commissioners  
Beckham County Courthouse  
104 S. 3rd Street  
Sayre, OK 73662

Board of County Commissioners  
Custer County Courthouse  
675 B Street  
Arapaho, OK 73620

Board of County Commissioners  
Ellis County Courthouse  
100 Washington Street  
Arnett, OK 73832

Board of County Commissioners  
Roger Mills County Courthouse  
500 E. Broadway Avenue  
Cheyenne, OK 73628

Board of County Commissioners  
Washita County Courthouse  
111 E. Main Street  
New Cordell, OK 73632

With a copy to:

Angela Marsee  
District Attorney  
P.O. Box 36  
Arapaho, OK 73620

Participating Counties in the Second Prosecutorial District:

Board of County Commissioners  
Greer County Courthouse  
106 E. Jefferson Street  
Mangum, OK 73554

Board of County Commissioners  
Kiowa County Courthouse  
316 S. Main Street  
Hobart, OK 73651

Board of County Commissioners  
Harmon County Courthouse  
114 W. Hollis Street  
Hollis, OK 73550

Board of County Commissioners  
Jackson County Courthouse  
101 N. Main Street  
Altus, OK 73521

Board of County Commissioners  
Tillman County Courthouse  
201 N. Main Street  
Frederick, OK 73542

With a copy to:

Daniel Jacobsma  
District Attorney  
114 N. Adams Avenue  
Elk City, OK 73644

Participating Counties in the Fifth Prosecutorial District:

Board of County Commissioners  
Comanche County Courthouse  
315 SW 5<sup>th</sup> St.  
Lawton, OK 73501

Board of County Commissioners  
Cotton County Courthouse  
301 N. Broadway St  
Walters, OK 73572

With a copy to:

Kyle Cabelka  
District Attorney  
315 SW 5<sup>th</sup> St., Rm. 502  
Lawton, OK 73501

Participating Counties in the Sixth Prosecutorial District:

Board of County Commissioners  
Caddo County Courthouse  
110 SW 2nd Street  
Anadarko, OK 73005

Board of County Commissioners  
Grady County Courthouse  
326 W. Choctaw Avenue  
Chickasha, OK 73018

Board of County Commissioners  
Stephens County Courthouse  
101 S. 11th Street  
Duncan, OK 73533

Board of County Commissioners  
Jefferson County Courthouse  
220 N. Main Street  
Waurika, OK 73573

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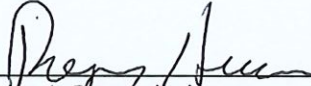
Jason M. Hicks  
District Attorney  
101 S. 11th Street  
Duncan, OK 73533


**APPROVED** by the Governing Bodies of the Participating Counties on the dates hereafter set forth.

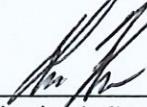
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TILLMAN COUNTY

APPROVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Tillman County this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

  
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District 1 Commissioner

  
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District 2 Commissioner

  
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District 3 Commissioner

ATTEST:

Cathy Caldwell  
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County Clerk

