

## **Opioid Settlement Work Group Discussion for Board of Commissioners Work Session:**

### **1. Opening and Overview – Commissioner Josh Parsons**

**The work group:** Josh Parsons, County Commissioner and co-chair of Joining Forces; Heather Adams, District Attorney; Alice Yoder, Co-chair of Joining Forces, LGH Penn Medicine; Rick Kastner, Director of the Lancaster County Drug and Alcohol Commission; Jack Brommer, President of the Chiefs of Police Association; Cheryl Steberger, Warden of the Lancaster County Prison; Jackie Pfursich, Lancaster County Solicitor; Larry George, Lancaster County Administrator; Pat Mulligan, Director of Budget Services

**Goal:** The work group met three times to discuss a framework for use of the Opioid Settlement funds. Discussion was guided by the Lancaster County Joining Forces ([www.lancasterjoiningforces.org](http://www.lancasterjoiningforces.org)) previous work to coordinate reduction of deaths by opioids and heroin. This includes the Joining Forces strategic plan and analysis of existing gaps in the community. The work group recognizes that use of the funds will be a Board of Commissioners decision, but seeks to help guide the discussion based on needs of the community and previous work done on this issue.

### **2. History of the Opioid Settlement.** Where we are now, and what is predicted for the future. - Jackie Pfursich, Lancaster County Solicitor

### **3. Overview of existing work by Joining Forces – Alice Yoder, Joining Forces co-chair**

### **4. Framework for discussion – Commissioner Josh Parsons (overview) and other members of the group who have expertise in each subject matter area (A through E.)**

- A. Keeping preborn and newborn children safe.** Neonatal Abstinence Supports Coordinator with BHDS Early Intervention. Estimate - \$60,000 per year
- B. Providing resources for school age children in schools across Lancaster County.** Two additional Student Assistance Program (SAP) assessors to further serve the school districts in the county. Estimate - \$140,000 per year
- C. Keeping low level offender out of the criminal justice system.** Providing help quickly. MDJ Diversion program. Estimate - \$300,000 per year
- D. Preventing Drug Dealers from preying on our community.** Drug Task Force Sustainability project. Estimate - \$275,000 per year
- E. Breaking the cycle for those who are incarcerated.** Medical Assisted Treatment (MAT) for Lancaster County Prison. Estimate - \$125,000 per year

Total estimated yearly spend - \$900,000 per year. This is based on the current rough estimate of revenue per year.