

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF OKLAHOMA COUNTY

June 2, 2025

Office of the Attorney General 313 NE 21st Street Oklahoma City, OK 73105

RE: 2025 OAG Opioid Abatement Grant

Opioid Abatement Board,

On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, we are pleased to provide a letter of support regarding applying for the 2025 Oklahoma Attorney General Opioid Abatement Grant. At the Board of County Commissioners meeting on Monday June 2, 2025, Commissioners Jason Lowe, Brian Maughan and Myles Davidson approved to proceed with RFP G25-001-Diversion Hub as service provider in the amount of \$900,000 over a three-year term, with the County retaining a 5% indirect fee.

In 2020, the Oklahoma Legislature enacted House Bill 4138, the Political Subdivisions Opioid Abatement Grants Act, creating the Oklahoma Opioid Abatement Board oversight body for the distribution of opioid settlement funds. Section 2 of the Act provides the Legislature's purpose, which is "to promote and protect the health of Oklahomans by using monetary grants to abate the opioid crisis in a comprehensive manner that includes cooperation and collaboration with political subdivisions." 74 0.5.2021. § 30.4. All monetary grants provided by the Opioid Abatement Board shall be considered "opioid grant awards" as defined in 74 0.5.2021. § 30.5(6).

If Oklahoma County receives the requested funding, we will contract services with Diversion Hub and their subcontractors Red Rock Behavioral Health Services and Homeless Alliance. This collaborative opioid abatement strategy addresses the social determinants of health and increases the accessibility of treatment, reducing the prevalence and risk of opioid misuse for 650 justice-involved individuals in Oklahoma County. Diversion Hub will provide reentry coordination, wraparound case management, access to supported employment, and peer recovery support services.

Grant funds will be used by Red Rock, a CCBHC with decades of experience providing behavioral health services, to treat Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) (providing MOUD) and other SUD/MI when ODMHSAS funding for uninsured clients is not available to cover treatment costs. Grant funds will be used by Homeless Alliance, a community-based organization that has worked to end homelessness for over 20 years, to hire an on-site supported housing navigator for Diversion Hub clients with SUD/MI, including CO-OP clients.

We appreciate your consideration,

Myles Davidson County Commissioner District 3 and Chairman of the Board