



Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Item Name:

Approval of settlement in the opioid litigation.

Presenter:

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Description:

There are two new sets of settlement in the general opioid litigation. The first is with Sandoz, Inc which will establish a \$99,500,000 settlement fund to resolve cases with the various plaintiffs including Alachua County. A one time payment will issue to the County in 2026. As with other settlements this will be based upon a formula and the exact amount cannot be presented at this time.

The other settlements involve a number of defendants who will cumulatively add an additional \$1.1 billion in cash and product to be distributed among state and local governments across the nation.

These are:

1. Alvogen, Inc.;
2. Amneal Pharmaceuticals, Inc.;
3. Apotex Inc.;
4. Hikma Pharmaceuticals USA Inc.;
5. Indivior Inc.;
6. Mylan Pharmaceuticals Inc.;
7. Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Inc.; and
8. Zydus Pharmaceuticals (USA), Inc.

Six of the nine settlements will be paid out in the first year, with the remaining three (Amneal, Indivior and Mylan) paid over a period of between two and ten years. Three of the settlements include opioids overdose product such as Naloxone. Eight of the settlements also contain injunctive relief concerning their opioid marketing and suspicious monitoring programs that will be overseen by the States.

Again, this settlement will be based upon a formula and the amount flowing to Alachua County cannot be provided at this time.

The final of the three settlements is with the Purdue/Sackler Bankruptcy Plan. This is a separate settlement from an earlier settlement outside bankruptcy with the Sackler Family and their Trust.

As a governmental entity that participated in litigation we are eligible to participate in the Direct Settlement and it is the recommendation of our outside counsel that we do so. We will also be asked to vote on the Bankruptcy Plan which, if we settle, we should vote to approve the settlement. This

settlement will add. \$6.5 Billion over 15 years for distribution to the various entities who are participating. \$1.5 Billion will be paid in the first year. As with all prior settlements, this will be based upon a formula.

Recommended Action:

That the latest proposed settlements in the opioid litigation be approved by the BoCC, and the County Manager authorized to sign the necessary settlement documents.

Prior Board Motions:

See Agenda Item #21-0845 where the Board of County Commissioners moved to approve a Resolution authorizing Alachua County to join with the State of Florida and other local governmental units as a participant in the Florida Memorandum of Understanding and Formal Agreements implementing a Unified Plan regarding allocation of the opioid settlement proceeds. This agenda item was for matters that were in bankruptcy court. The current settlement is for matters outside of bankruptcy.

Fiscal Note:

This settlement will yield funds which are limited to use for mitigation, prevention, and treatment of opioid abuse over a period of years. The Direct payment will be determined after the settlement is finalized.

Strategic Guide:

All Other Mandatory and Discretionary Services.

Background:

This is part of a national class action settlement with several of the manufacturers and distributors of opioid drugs.