

# OPIOID REMEDIATION SETTLEMENT FUNDS 2023 OUTCOMES REPORT

## Harm Reduction & Prevention (Round 1) Funding Overview & Successes

- Contract period: March 1, 2023-February 29, 2024
- \$1.2 Million was allocated to 7 organizations and to support a communication campaign
  - 70% of funds went to harm reduction efforts across St. Louis County in 2023
  - 30% of funds went to youth prevention programming in 2023
  - Provided \$120,000 towards communication campaign that launched in 2024
- Presented on subcommittee work and funding implementation
  - October 2023 at Statewide MN Prevention Sharing Conference
  - December 2023 at the Association for MN Counties Meeting
- Met quarterly with all organizations to provide space for connection, celebrate successes and work through barriers

## Communication Campaign Updates

- Incorporating the One Pill Can Kill materials from the US Drug Enforcement Administration in the campaign launch during April & May 2024
- Contracting for 8 billboards around St. Louis County between April - August 2024
  - example image below
- Providing weekly emails for broad distribution highlighting harm reduction focused resources
- Including multiple social media posts on Chemical Awareness Prevention & Education (CAPE) Coalition and St. Louis County Public Health pages

## NOT ALL PILLS ARE REAL

Taking a pill **NOT** purchased from a licensed pharmacy can be a deadly decision.



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# 2023 SUCCESSES & BARRIERS

ORGANIZATION	SUCCESSES	BARRIERS
<p><b>CHUM*</b> Allocated \$94,150 To hire a street outreach worker with an emphasis on engaging the unsheltered population</p>	<p>Established a framework for street outreach collaboration between agencies</p>	<p>Difficulty hiring staff that can fill the unique position of responding to the needs of the unsheltered population</p>
<p><b>Recovery Alliance Duluth (RAD)*</b> Allocated \$283,248 To expand outreach and recovery supports, facilitate connections to resources and treatment in northern St. Louis County communities</p>	<p>Provided recovery meetings virtually twice a week, including for individuals in the county jail and in transitional housing; hosted free in-person community recovery events twice a month in both north and south St. Louis County</p>	<p>Leadership changes and difficulty hiring staff</p>
<p><b>Rural Aids Action Network (RAAN)*</b> Allocated \$144,468.24 To expand syringe service programming and operational hours in northern St. Louis County</p>	<p>Established new relationships and connections within the community; Provided support and naloxone to loved ones of people who use drugs; Began testing at the Virginia location</p>	<p>Difficulty hiring staff</p>
<p><b>United Way of NE MN</b> Allocated \$34,000 To expand the Lunch Buddies mentoring program in northern St. Louis County</p>	<p>Doubled Lunch Buddy school partnerships from 5 in 2022-23 school year to 10 in the 2023-24 school year; increased number of mentor-mentee relationships</p>	<p>Ensuring parents of referred mentees complete the registration paperwork in order for students to be enrolled</p>
<p><b>Vita Nova</b> Allocated \$300,000 To fund a transitional housing program in Duluth for people formerly incarcerated</p>	<p>Purchased and rehabilitated a triplex; these funds helped leverage additional funding</p>	<p>Slow timelines for house renovations</p>
<p><b>Wellbeing Development*</b> Allocated \$134,957 To explore, develop, and prepare to launch a recovery residence that houses care coordination and recovery supports</p>	<p>Formed an advisory committee for the work; 150 individuals completed a community needs assessment; became a Naloxone Access Point; hosted a naloxone training for 15 people; had 50 people attend their sponsored Sober Fun Friday event</p>	<p>Securing a final space for the recovery residence has been delayed until late 2024</p>
<p><b>YWCA Duluth</b> Allocated \$100,000 To provide naloxone and overdose training to residents and community members; implement Health Realization programming for clients</p>	<p>Provided services and housing for 10 young moms and 9 children; approved and trained all staff in emergency procedures; 48 people attended Health Realization classes</p>	<p>Due to lack of ongoing funding, Health Realization classes will not continue once opioid settlement funds are used</p>

\*Notes organizations who requested and received no-cost contract extensions to extend the use of their funding allocation through the end of 2024