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SUBJECT: Opioid Abatement Authority (OAA)

The Opioid Abatement Authority (OAA) created a planning grant opportunity for localities to abate and remediate the opioid epidemic in the Commonwealth through efforts to prevent, treat, and reduce opioid use-disorder and the misuse of opioids in the Commonwealth.

Chesterfield County has identified the need for a treatment facility/drop-in center within the county but has yet to determine the exact model to be implemented. Additional planning time is needed to fully consider the different models that exist (e.g., short-term withdrawal management unit, 24/7 drop-in center, 24/7 crisis stabilization unit with medical services, assessment and triage center, 23-hour unit) and how these models fit with the funding and staffing that is available. Additional planning is also needed to consider various public-private partnerships that could be pursued.

We are committed to abating opioids and substance abuse disorders in our community. If awarded, Chesterfield County will work to pursue a variety of funding sources (internal and external) for fund operational costs as related to our planning grant submission and there are no expectations of OAA to solely provide operational funds for any future facility.