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# **Indian River County Opioid Settlement Contract Activities – Progress Report**

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## Overview

In October 2024, Southeast Florida Behavioral Health Network (SEFBHN) was designated by the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners (IRC BOCC) as the entity to manage the county's Opioid Settlement Funds. Although SEFBHN was already under contract with the County, the original agreement did not confer the necessary authority to administer these funds. SEFBHN collaborated with the Indian River County Attorney's Office to amend the contract, with the amendment formally executed on February 26, 2025. SEFBHN's continued role is to provide oversight, implementation, monitoring, evaluation, and reporting of the use of the Indian River Opioid Settlement Funding.

## Contract Execution and Fund Disbursement

Following the amendment, SEFBHN started executing agreements with the first round of settlement fund recipients. Notably, Thrive, formerly known as Substance Awareness Center had already received its approved allocation during FY 2023–2024 under an existing contract. Unused funds were carried forward into FY 2024–2025 and added to their existing agreement. Unused funding will continue to roll over annually until fully disbursed for all agreements. The funding allocations are listed below.

Each agreement required tailored development, extensive review, and strategic planning to ensure compliance with the Opioid Settlement guidelines. SEFBHN held multiple meetings with each agency to align expectations, establish data-sharing protocols, and define outcomes for reporting purposes. The complexity of each agreement varied significantly, requiring adaptive approaches to meet the unique needs of each provider.

As SEFBHN and the IRC BOCC are anticipated to complete an amendment through September 2027, this chart is inclusive of the Opioid Settlement Agreement Allocations and the administrative fees to manage this funding.

Fiscal Year	Allocation for Indian River County	5 % Admin Fee
23/24	\$1,276,140.00	\$63,807.00
24/25	\$610,674.00	\$30,533.70
25/26	\$661,398.00	\$33,069.90
26/27	\$679,958.00	\$33,997.90
27/28	\$524,043.00	\$26,202.15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,752,213.00</b>	<b>\$187,610.65</b>

## Executed Agreements

The following agreements were successfully executed by SEFBHN to support prevention, treatment, housing and related services:

- Mental Health Collaborative of Indian River County – Prevention Services \$40,000 (Executed: March 17, 2025)
- Indian River County Sheriff's Office – Capital Funding \$350,000 (Executed: June 11, 2025)
- Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council – Housing Services \$282,000 (Executed: June 26, 2025)
- Nineteenth Judicial Circuit – Treatment Services \$305,000 (Executed: June 30, 2025)
- Thrive IRC – Needs assessment and Jail based services \$260,000 (Amended on March 12, 2024)

The agreement with the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit required additional coordination due to complexities in funding flow, which were resolved prior to execution.

In July 2025, SEFBHN uploaded all required supporting documentation for funds utilized in FY 2024/2025 to the Opioid Data Management System (ODMS) per the requirements. As well, the Indian River County Regional Opioid Settlement Implementation Plan FY 2025/2026 was uploaded. This plan included previously approved amounts and a plan to review the needs assessment and make recommendations for future spending in FY 2025/2026. See plan attached at bottom of report.

## Request for Applications (RFA) Process

At the August 22, 2025, Public Safety Coordinating Council (PSCC) meeting, the Indian River County Opioid Task Force proposed releasing an RFA for remaining undistributed funds. SEFBHN was selected to manage the RFA process in accordance with its contractual authority. The RFA was developed in alignment with the findings and recommendations from the Opioid Needs Assessment conducted by Thrive.

Activity	Date	Time	Information
PSCC Meeting	8/22/25	12:00pm	RFA Approved
IRC Opioid TF Meeting	9/3/25	9:00am	RFA Discussion
Solicitation released	9/9/25		Posted to SEFBHN Website
RFA Due Date	10/10/25	3:00pm	Via email
Notice to Applicants to provide Oral Presentations	10/30/25	12:00pm	
RFA Finalists Reported	11/21/25	12:00pm	PSCC Meeting
Notice of Award	12/01/25	4:00pm	
Negotiations begin	12/08/25	As scheduled	

SEFBHN will lead the review and selection process for the next round of funding recipients, in partnership with the Indian River Opioid Task Force. Finalists will be reported to the Public Safety Coordinating Council at the November 21 meeting.

### System Development and Reporting

In August 2025, SEFBHN successfully developed and launched a HIPAA-compliant reporting system tailored for the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit. This system was designed to streamline the submission of invoices and facilitate efficient payment processing for approved services. Staff training was completed on September 10, 2025, ensuring readiness and alignment with operational protocols. The system provides a secure and reliable channel for financial documentation, enabling SEFBHN to process payments directly to service providers with accuracy and compliance.

All other provider agreements—outside of the Judicial Circuit—will continue to utilize SEFBHN's existing network-wide platform, Carisk. This system supports comprehensive invoice tracking and data management, allowing for real-time monitoring of fund utilization. Additionally, Carisk enables seamless extraction of cost reporting data, which can be uploaded into the Opioid Data Management System (ODMS) to meet state and federal reporting requirements.

### Contract Amendment and Expansion

On September 18, 2025, SEFBHN finalized and submitted an updated contract amendment to the County Attorney's Office for Indian River County Board of County Commissioner's review. This amendment includes provisions for the Indian River Coordinated Opioid Response (COrE) Funding, which was initially proposed in the original contract with a target implementation date of June 2024. Following extensive planning, the COrE program is now scheduled to launch on October 1, 2025.

The COrE funding will support staffing and infrastructure to enable Indian River County Emergency Medical Services to administer prehospital Buprenorphine injections.

<b>COrE Funding in Contract Extension</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>
FY 2025/2026 (10/01/25-06/30/26)	Salary/Fringe	\$393,551.00
FY 2026/2027	Salary/Fringe	\$524,734.00
FY 2027/2028 (07/1/27- 09/30/27)	Salary/Fringe	\$131,184.00

### COrE Program Coordination Timeline

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting Purpose</b>
04/18/2024	Initial COrE Program Planning with IRC EMS Administration
05/21/2024	COrE Meeting with DCF Assistant Secretary
08/20/2024	COrE Implementation Planning
11/05/2024	Stakeholder Coordination Meeting

11/20/2024	Budget and Protocol Review
12/11/2024	Budget Review Meeting
01/08/2025	Budget and Implementation Planning
01/28/2025	Continued Implementation Planning
02/26/2025	Supporting Documentation Discussion
04/01/2025	CORE Train-the-Trainer Completed
04/08/2025	Implementation Planning
04/29/2025	Stakeholder Meeting
06/05/2025	CORE Coordination Meeting
07/28/2025	CORE Coordination Meeting
09/21/2025	Revised Budget Meeting

### Summary

Over the past eighteen months, SEFBHN and Indian River County Emergency Management Services (IRC EMS) have demonstrated exceptional collaboration and commitment in developing and finalizing a comprehensive agreement to support the implementation of the Coordinated Opioid Response (CORE) program. This partnership involves extensive planning, ongoing stakeholder engagement, and a shared dedication to improving prehospital care for individuals experiencing opioid-related emergencies. Through a series of strategic meetings, budget reviews, protocol development sessions, and training initiatives, both teams have worked diligently to align operational goals, ensure regulatory compliance, and build a sustainable framework for service delivery. The resulting agreement reflects not only the complexity of the work undertaken but also the strength of the partnership and the mutual investment in advancing public health outcomes for Indian River County.

### Summary of Funding Allocations to date

Entity who received allocation	Amount
Mental Health Collaborative of Indian River County	\$40,000.00
Indian River County Sheriff's Office	\$350,000.00
Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council	\$282,000.00
Nineteenth Judicial Circuit	\$305,000.00
Thrive IRC	\$260,000.00
<b>Total dollars allocated to date</b>	<b>\$1,237,000.00</b>

The progress made through the Indian River County Opioid Settlement initiative reflects SEFBHN's strong commitment in addressing the opioid crisis. Through collaborative partnerships, data-driven planning and community-based strategies, Indian River County

will be able to maximize the impact of funding and improve access to prevention, treatment, and recovery efforts across the county.

As SEFBHN continues to advance its role in managing the Indian River County Opioid Settlement Funds, the next phase will focus on implementing the newly executed agreements, monitoring program performance, and ensuring timely and accurate reporting. The RFA review process will begin following the October 10 submission deadline, with funding recommendations to be made in alignment with the Opioid Needs Assessment findings. SEFBHN will also oversee the launch of the CORE program on October 1, 2025, in partnership with IRC EMS, ensuring operational readiness and clinical support for prehospital Buprenorphine administration. Ongoing collaboration with providers, county officials, and stakeholders will remain central to maintaining transparency, accountability, and impact across all funded initiatives. Additionally, SEFBHN will continue refining data systems and reporting tools to support compliance and inform future funding strategies.

## **References/Resources**

[Indian River Opioid Abatement RFA-26 27.pdf](#)

[Opioid-SUD-Strategic-Planning-Priorities.pdf](#)

[Thrive-Needs-Assessment-Comprehensive-Report.pdf](#)

[FL-Opioids-Allocation-SW-Resp-Agreement-with-Exhibits.pdf](#)

[Indian River County Implementation Plan 25 26.pdf :: FileRun](#)