

RESOLUTION NO. 26-2024

Resolution to accept the material terms of the OneOhio subdivision settlement and authorize the Township Administrator to execute the Participation Agreement for the OneOhio Subdivision Settlement with Kroger (“Settling Pharmacies”) pursuant to the OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding and consistent with the terms of the July 21, 2021 National Opioid Settlement Agreement

WHEREAS, West Chester Township, Butler County, Ohio (herein “Township”) is a township formed and organized pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Ohio and its communities have been harmed by misfeasance, nonfeasance, and malfeasance committed by certain entities within the Opioid Pharmaceutical Supply Chain; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio, through its Attorney General, and certain Local Governments, through their elected representatives and counsel, are separately engaged in litigation seeking to hold Opioid Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participants accountable for the damage caused by their misfeasance, nonfeasance, and malfeasance; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio, through its Governor and Attorney General, and its Local Governments share a common desire to abate and alleviate the impacts of that misfeasance, nonfeasance, and malfeasance throughout the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the State and its Local Governments, subject to completing formal documents effectuating the Parties Agreements, have drafted and West Chester Township has adopted, and hereby reaffirms its adoption of, a OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) relating to the allocation and the use of the proceeds of any potential settlements described; and

WHEREAS, the MOU has been collaboratively drafted to maintain all individual claims while allowing the State and Local Governments to cooperate in exploring all possible means of resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Board understands that an additional purpose of the MOU is to create an effective means of distributing any potential settlement funds obtained under the MOU between the State of Ohio and Local Governments in a manner and means that would promote an effective and meaningful use of the funds in abating the opioid epidemic throughout Ohio, as well as to permit collaboration and explore potentially effectuating earlier resolution of the Opioid Litigation against Opioid Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participants; and

WHEREAS, nothing in the MOU binds any party to a specific outcome, but rather, any resolution under the MOU requires acceptance by the State of Ohio and the Local Governments; and

WHEREAS a settlement proposal is being presented to the State of Ohio and Local Governments by pharmacy provider Kroger (“Settling Pharmacies”) to resolve governmental entity claims in the State of Ohio using the structure of the OneOhio MOU and consistent with the material terms of the March 22, 2024 proposed National Opioid Distributor Settlement Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to agree to the material terms of the proposed National Opioid Distributor Settlement Agreement with the Settling Pharmacies (the “Proposed Settlement”):

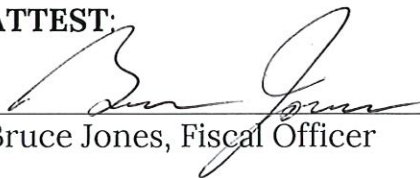
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the West Chester Township Board of Trustees.

Section 1. That Board hereby accepts the Proposed Settlement on behalf of West Chester Township, pursuant to the terms of the OneOhio MOU.

Section 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of the Board relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

Adopted this 25th day of June, 2024.

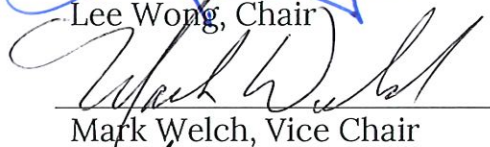
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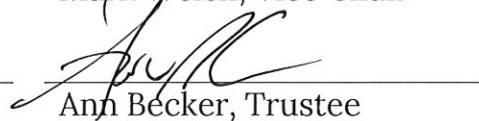
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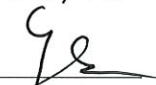
Ann Becker, Trustee



Yes/No



Yes/No



Yes/No

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Scott D. Phillips, Law Director