

April 29, 2026

**TO:** Common Council Members  
City of Milwaukee Board of Health

**FROM:** Commissioner Michael F. Totoraitis, Ph.D.

**RE:** Milwaukee's Opioid Mitigation Strategy and Funding Plan (CCFN 260007)

Honorable Members of the Common Council and Board of Health:

The Public Safety & Health Committee will hear Common Council File Number 260007 at its hearing on Thursday, April 30. This file creates and funds an incredible collaborative strategy to be carried out by City departments, community partners, and multiple levels of government to address the issues created by opioids and substance use disorders in Milwaukee.

Attached you will find detail on the proposed three-year plan for a portion of Milwaukee's opioid settlement funds. The MHD team, in collaboration with internal and external experts, have pulled together an incredible investment of these funds. Focused on filling the gaps, we have coordinated across the continuum of care for substance use disorders (SUD) to ensure our investments have measurable impacts.

Your input, questions, ideas, and support have been invaluable to us in developing and now executing this plan. Included in the Council file and with this memo is summary information and responses to inquiries from Council members and the Board of Health:

1. Plan presentation from February 2026 Board of Health meeting
2. Proposed program evaluation executive summary
3. Proposed three-year detailed budget
4. Board of Health letter of support

Additional letters of support can be found with the Council file.

A special thank you is due to Council President Jose Pérez for his continued advocacy and partnership ensuring that these efforts support all those affected by SUD. Additionally, I offer my thanks to Alderman Scott Spiker for his focus on measurable impacts of these investments.

Public health thrives with data and evidence. We are committed to regular reporting as outlined in the text of the file, as well as public dashboards showing impact and progress.

We are excited to put this funding to work and support the full spectrum of community efforts addressing the SUD epidemic in Milwaukee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael F. Totoraitis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael F. Totoraitis, PhD  
Commissioner of Health