

Manatee County Opioid Abatement Coordinating Council

Manatee County Public Safety
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Executive Summary

Proposal

Establish the Opioid Abatement Coordinating Council (OACC) as Manatee County's official opioid taskforce.

Purpose

Establish a more formal governance structure to replace Drug Free Manatee and maintain maintain the County's eligibility eligibility for opioid settlement funds.

Timeline

BOCC authorized development on July 29, 2025; implementation implementation pending approval approval of Resolution R-25-045. 045.





Background

In 2022, Manatee County was designated a “Qualified County” under the Florida Opioid Allocation and Statewide Response Agreement following the adoption of Resolution R-22-020.

This resolution named Drug Free Manatee as the County’s opioid taskforce.

Since that time, the creation of a more centralized, structured and County-ran council became necessary.

Legal Framework

Establishing Authority

Resolution R-25-045 will formally establish the OACC, replacing Drug Free Manatee, Manatee, as the County's opioid taskforce.

Legal Basis

- Authority grounded in Florida Statutes Chapter 125
- Compliance with provisions of the Florida Opioid Allocation and Statewide Response Agreement

Governance

Will operate under adopted bylaws and the County's public governance standards.



Strategic Benefits



Maintain Qualified Status

Prevent disqualification or claw back of allocated funds



Centralized Oversight

Align local strategies with statewide evidence-based practices



Enhanced Collaboration

Provide public transparency and interagency coordination



Purpose of the OACC



Advisory Role

Advise on eligibility and allocation of settlement funds.



Strategic Planning

Recommend evidence-based strategies and programs.



Implementation

Oversee implementation and monitoring of funded initiatives.



Compliance

Support compliance with the Statewide Agreement and reporting requirements.



Public Education

Promote public education, coordination, and community engagement.

Note: The OACC is not a fund-disbursing entity but will shape the County's strategic use of settlement resources.



Council Structure

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Voting Members
Representing various
community stakeholders
and sectors of government

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Year Terms

Membership Composition



Government

- BOCC
- Mayor of the City of Bradenton
- Mayor of the City of Palmetto

Public Safety

- Law enforcement official

Community

- Education sector representative
- Individual with lived experience
- Non-profit



Interlocal Agreement Amendment



Formal Transition

The amendment formalizes the replacement of Drug Free Manatee with the OACC as Manatee County's designated opioid taskforce.

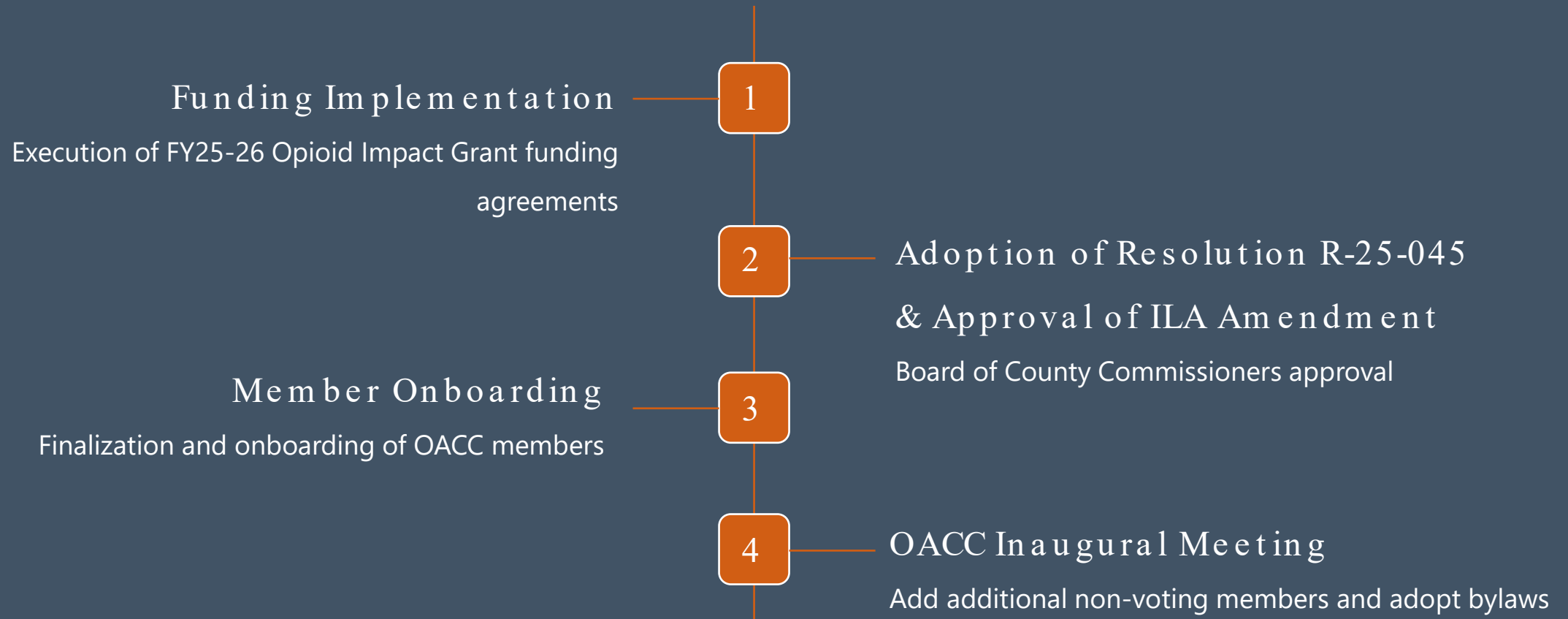


Expanded Representation

The Cities of Bradenton and Palmetto will now each have a dedicated representative on the Opioid Abatement Coordinating Council.

This ensures broader regional collaboration and unified efforts in addressing the opioid crisis within Manatee County.

Implementation Timeline



Board Consideration

- Adopt of Resolution R-25-045
- Approval of Interlocal Agreement Amendment with the City of Bradenton
- Confirm Membership Appointments to include:
 - Appointment of a County Commissioner to the OACC

