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City of Pensacola

Memorandum

File #: 22-00341 City Council 4/14/2022

LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEM

SPONSOR: City Council President Ann Hill

SUBJECT:

APPOINTMENT - OPIOID ABATEMENT FUNDING ADVISORY BOARD

RECOMMENDATION:

That City Council appoint one individual to the Opioid Abatement Funding Advisory Board for a term of two (2) years expiring May 1, 2024.

HEARING REQUIRED: No Hearing Required

SUMMARY:

As a result of the national opioid crisis, many governmental entities throughout the country filed lawsuits against opioid manufacturers, distributors, and retailers, to hold them accountable for the damage caused by their misfeasance, nonfeasance and malfeasance, as well as to recover monetary damages for past harm and financial compensation for ongoing and future abatement efforts. The City of Pensacola and Escambia County deemed the opioid crisis significant enough to secure litigation counsel and individually elected to file suit against the defendants. These lawsuits were consolidated with other lawsuits filed by state, tribal and local governmental entities into what is known as the National Prescription Opiate Litigation in the United States District Court of the Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division, case number I:17-MD-2804.

The Attorney General for the State of Florida anticipates that settlement funds will be distributed to the State of Florida over multiple years as part of a global settlement and has proposed entering into agreements with local governments within the State of Florida to receive Settlement funds. In order for Escambia County to become a Qualified County eligible to receive Regional Funding, there must be an interlocal agreement among Escambia County and Municipalities.

The interlocal agreement provides for the appointment to the Opioid Abatement Funding Advisory Board, which shall review and make recommendations on Escambia County's abatement plan and funding considerations consistent with the abatement plan and State Memorandum of Understanding.

The Opioid Abatement Funding Advisory Board membership shall be comprised of the following members, who should have experience with law enforcement, fire rescue, substance abuse treatment, or other relevant experience, appointed for two-year terms:

- 1. One member appointed by the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners;
- 2. One member appointed by the Escambia County Administrator;
- 3. One member appointed by the Pensacola City Council;
- 4. One member appointed by the Mayor of Pensacola;
- 5. One member appointed by the Opioid Task Force.

The following have been nominated:

Nominee:	Nominated I	by:
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Jarah Jacquay Jones

Allyson Wade Brahier Tommy White Wiggins

PRIOR ACTION:

None.

FUNDING:

Budget: N/A

Actual: N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None.

STAFF CONTACT:

Ericka L. Burnett, City Clerk

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) Nomination Form Jarah Jacquay
- 2) Application of Interest Jarah Jacquay
- 3) Curriculum Vitae (CV) Jarah Jacquay
- 4) Nomination Form Allyson Wade
- 5) Application of Interest Allyson Wade
- 6) Nomination Form Tommy White

- 7) Application of Interest Tommy White 8) Ballot

PRESENTATION: No