



North Star Joint City Councils, Mayors, & County Commissioners

Meeting Agenda

June 6, 2025 | 8:00am – 9:00am

Meeting Goal:

To strengthen collaboration under the North Star initiative by deepening mutual understanding, and building trust, gauging interest in formal partnership, and exploring aligned funding opportunities.

1. Breakfast & Networking (15 minutes) – 7:45am

2. Welcome & North Star Initiative Overview (10 minutes) – 8:00am

- Call to order, Roll Call
- Overview of meeting goals and agenda

3. Roundtable: Jurisdictional Cross-Sharing & Exploring Formal Collaboration (30 minutes)

- Discussion:
 - *What are one-two highlights and challenges your jurisdiction is facing? What is one hope you have for regional collaboration?*
 - *What are your thoughts on revisiting a formal partnership agreement?*
 - *What benefits or concerns do you foresee?*
 - *What conditions or deal-breakers would need to be addressed?*

3. Funding Alignment: Opioid Settlement Funds (15 minutes)

- Overview of total funds available and possibilities for aligned investment
- Discussion:
 - *How is your jurisdiction currently using the Opioid Settlement funds?*
 - *Are there opportunities for and is there interest in joint investment for more meaningful impact?*

5. Summary & Next Steps (5 minutes)

- Summary of key takeaways
- Identify next steps and future engagement: City Council Work session, or regular meetings, etc.

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8:00am - 8:10am

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- Summary & Next Steps (*5 minutes*)

Roundtable: Jurisdictional Cross- Sharing & Exploring Formal Collaboration

8:10am-8:40am

Roundtable discussion

- What are one-two highlights and challenges your jurisdiction is facing?
 - What hopes do you have for regional collaboration and for the North Star initiative moving forward? Pitfalls to avoid?
 - What questions do you hope to have answers to?
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- What are your thoughts on revisiting a formal partnership agreement?
 - What benefits or concerns do you foresee?
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Options for Formalizing the Collaborative

1. NOFA Amendment

- Amend the homeless housing NOFA (Notice of Funding Availability) interlocal to remove United Way and replace with North Star aligned/nominated committee.
- Amendment requires approval by cities and towns.

2. Interlocal Agreement Only

- Develop an agreement formalizing the collaborative without attaching any funds to it.
- Include alignment on certain core values and shared interests.

3. Interlocal Agreement & Funds

- Develop a formal agreement that includes joint investment of funds, such as the Opioid Settlement Funds.

Funding Alignment: Opioid Settlement Funds

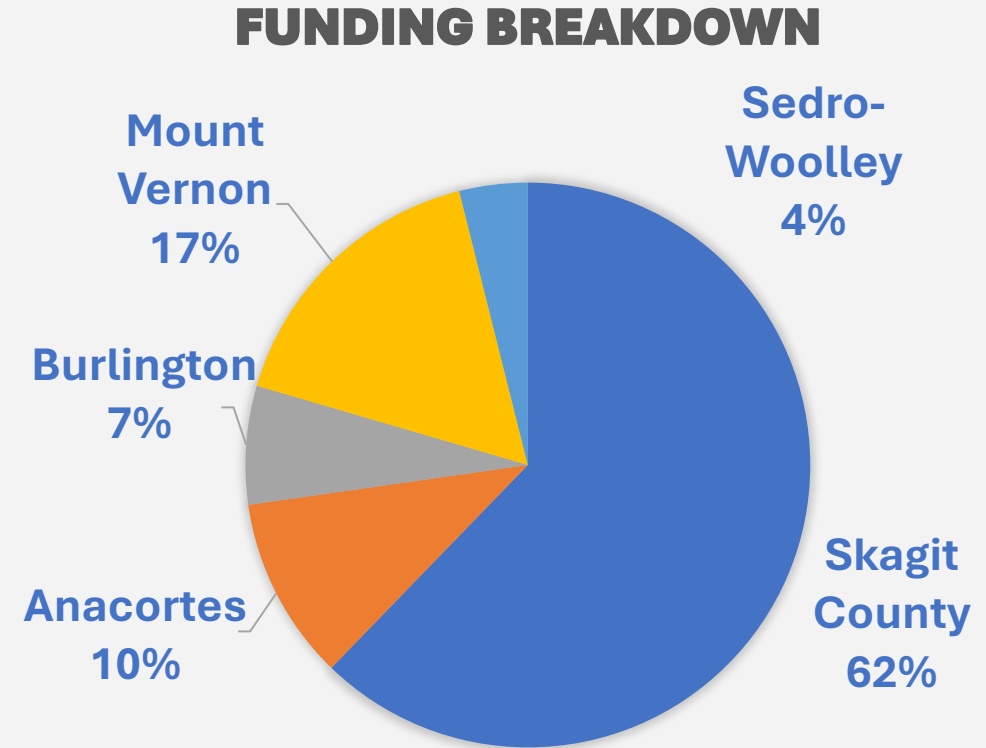
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Goals

- . Provide an overview of total funds available and possibilities for aligned investment.
- . Seek input on how jurisdictions are using funds currently.
- . Explore interest in joint investments for more meaningful impact.

Opioid Settlement Funds

Jurisdiction	Total received through SFY'24	Reserves (50%)*	Remaining Available
Skagit County	\$1,352,806	\$676,403	\$676,403
Anacortes	\$228,123	\$114,062	\$114,062
Burlington	\$147,395	\$73,698	\$73,698
Mount Vernon	\$359,993	\$179,997	\$179,997
Sedro-Woolley	\$84,971	\$42,486	\$42,486
Total	\$2,173,289	\$1,086,645	\$1,086,645



**Some large pharmacy payments and J&J settlement were front-loaded. Holding back some larger spending reserves would support multi-year sustainable funding.*

Options for Joint Investments

Projects requiring 2-year Commitment

- Detox Bridge Housing
- Additional Recovery Housing
- Recovery Support Services (i.e., Pregnant & Parents in Recovery; East County)

One-time Investment Opportunities

- Supplement start-up funds for the STAR Center

Example Outcomes

Projects requiring 2-year Commitment

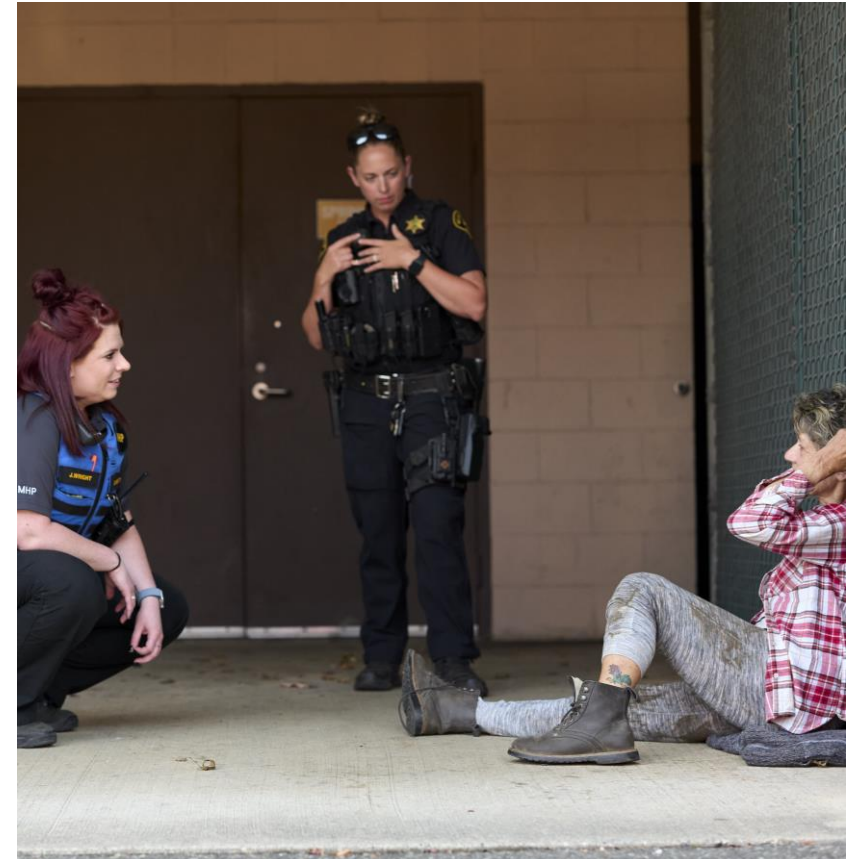
	Total	Estimated Annual Services	Result
Detox Bridge Housing	\$150,000	25 people w/average 2 week stay	Reduce OD risk, increase likelihood of inpatient treatment
Additional Recovery Housing	\$650,000	~25-30 beds added	Maintain recovery, housing stability
RSS: Pregnant & Parents in Recovery	\$100,000	~16 families served	Reduce barriers to maintain recovery
RSS: East County	\$100,000	~16 people served	Reduce barriers to maintain recovery
Subtotal 2 year spend	\$1,000,000		

One-time Investment Opportunities

	Total	Estimated Annual Services	Result
STAR Center Start Up	\$1,000,000	17,000 bed nights of stabilization, detox, co-occurring treatment	Diversion from ED, jail, improved health and well-being from treatment and recovery

Discussion

- How is your jurisdiction currently using the Opioid Settlement funds?
- Are there opportunities for and is there interest in joint investment for more meaningful impact?
- What are possible next steps?



Summary & Next Steps

8:55am-9:00am

Next Steps - Options



Continue dialogue at individual City Council Meetings (Work Session, Committee Meeting, or Regular Council Meeting)



Schedule another Joint Meeting



North Star Convenings



A different option



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