

**TOWNSHIP OF WARREN  
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-205  
AUTHORIZING ESTABLISHMENT OF THE “OPIOID CRISIS ADVISORY COMMITTEE”  
AS AN AD HOC COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Warren has and will continue to receive approximately 0.07% of New Jersey’s abatement share from the National Opioid Settlement Agreements with Allergan, CVS, distributors, J&J, Teva, Walgreens, and Walmart; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Warren shall receive these funds over the course of next 15 years for the purpose of the remediation of the opioid epidemic pursuant to the settlement agreement executed by the NJ Attorney General; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Warren wishes to establish an ad hoc committee named the “Opioid Crisis Advisory Committee,” whose objective would be to develop and implement a plan to utilize these funds in a manner consistent with New Jersey’s guidelines; and

**WHEREAS**, the Opioid Crisis Advisory Committee shall remain in existence until it is no longer needed and the Township Committee, in its discretion, terminates the ad hoc committee.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Warren, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Township Committee hereby establishes an ad hoc committee named the “Opioid Crisis Advisory Committee”.
2. The purpose of said committee is as follows:
  - a. To recommend to the Township Committee strategies in which it may spend the funds it shall receive to best combat the opioid epidemic;
  - b. To document and report to the Township Committee how the opioid epidemic is affecting the Township of Warren;
  - c. To implement the spending plan approved by the Township Committee; and
  - d. To ensure the Township of Warren remains compliant with New Jersey State guidelines.
3. Members of the Opioid Crisis Advisory Committee shall be appointed by the Township Committee annually.
4. The Mayor and the Township Committee hereby appoint the following members to the Opioid Crisis Advisory Committee:
  - Township Committee Liaison
  - A representative from the Police Department
  - A representative from the Health Department
  - A representative from the Recreation Department
  - A representative from the Warren Board of Education
  - A representation from the Watchung Hills Regional High School Board of Education
  - Three members of the public with either a history of opioid abuse or a background as a medical professional
5. The terms for members of the committee shall expire on December 31, 2023, after which they may be reappointed for another year-long term. This process of reappointment shall occur annually.
6. The Opioid Advisory Committee shall organize immediately upon its appointment, and elect from its members, a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, and a Secretary. Minutes of said meetings shall be maintained and provided to the Township Clerk. All members shall serve without compensation, except that they may be reimbursed for their out-of-pocket expenses.

7. The Township Committee may appropriate funds for expenses of the Opioid Crisis Advisory Committee, and may authorize the Opioid Crisis Advisory Committee to expend such funds, at its option.
8. The Opioid Crisis Advisory Committee shall have the right to draw upon the resources of the Township including, but not limited to, the Township Administrator, Township Attorney, and other Township consultants and employees to enable it to accomplish its mission. The assistance of the above individuals by the Opioid Crisis Advisory Committee shall be coordinated and approved by the Township Administrator.
9. The Township Committee will review the recommendations of the Opioid Crisis Advisory Committee; however, such recommendations shall be non-binding on the Township Committee.
10. Once adopted, the Township Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to each of the members of the Opioid Crisis Advisory Committee.

As this is an advisory committee, a quorum shall not be required for a meeting to take place, however, a quorum is still required for any recommendation to the Township Committee.

	INTRODUCED	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
DiNARDO						X
LAZO			X			
SORDILLO			X			
LONTAI		X	X			
CROSON	X		X			

I, Cathy Reese, Township Clerk of the Township of Warren, in the County of Somerset, New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Township Committee held on August 17, 2023.

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Cathy Reese, RMC  
Township Clerk