FY 2025–26 Budget Overview

Substance Use Disorder (Fund 141, BU 4015)

Budget Summary

- Total Projected Revenue: \$25,999,620
- Total Projected Expenditures: \$19,163,470
- Fund Balance Carry Over: \$543,956
- Reserve Adjustments: \$7,380,106

Opioid Settlement Funds & Service Expansion

Lake County anticipates Continued Opioid Settlement funds in FY 2025-26

Planned Use of Funds:

- Expansion of low-barrier MAT services
- Increase in street outreach and peer navigation
- Community education and stigma reduction
- Naloxone distribution and overdose prevention
- Infrastructure support for SUD continuum of care
- These investments aim to address rising opioid-related harms and strengthen long-term recovery resources.

Friday Night Live (FNL) – Youth Prevention Program

- Lake County Behavioral Health partners with the Tulare County Office of Education to implement Friday Night Live, a youth-led prevention program.
- FNL promotes leadership development, healthy choices, and community engagement among middle and high school students.
- Program Goals:
- Prevent youth alcohol, tobacco, and other drug (ATOD) use.
- Foster resilience, leadership skills, and civic responsibility.
- Encourage positive peer influence and alternatives to substance use.

FY 2025-26 Focus:

- Expand implementation in Lake County schools.
- Increase youth participation and project-based learning opportunities.
- Support school/community partnerships with training and technical assistance through Tulare's regional hub.

Additional Program Highlights

- Launch of transitional housing partnership to support reentry and recovery
- Increased mobile crisis response coverage with enhanced staff support
- Workforce investments including peer certification support and clinical supervision
- Integration of SmartCare EHR for improved data tracking and service coordination
- Expansion of culturally responsive services, especially for tribal and rural communities

These initiatives reflect our ongoing commitment to equity, accessibility, and community-driven care.