



State-Local Government Collaboration in Preparing for Use of Opioid Settlement Funds: The Colorado Example

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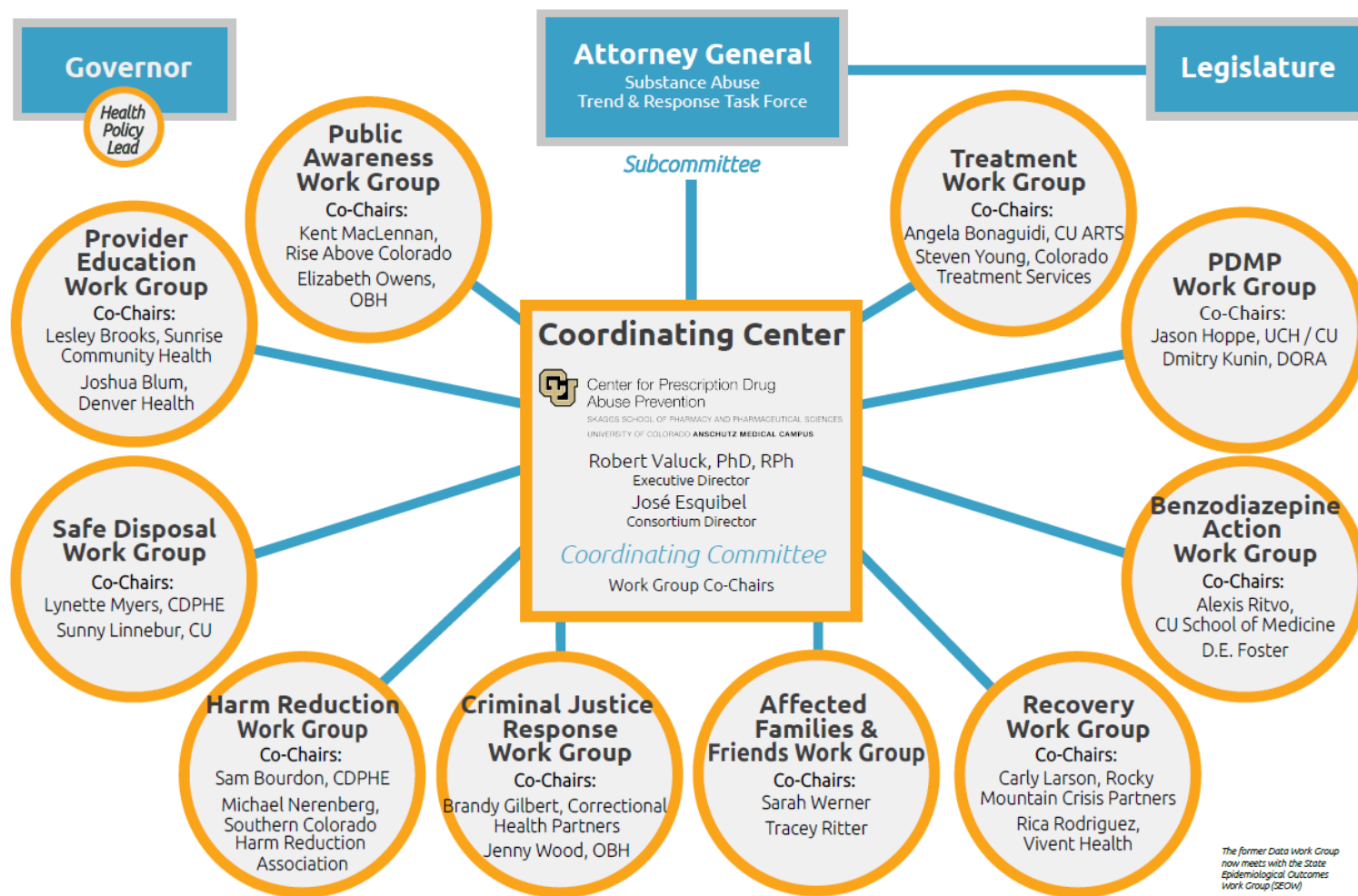
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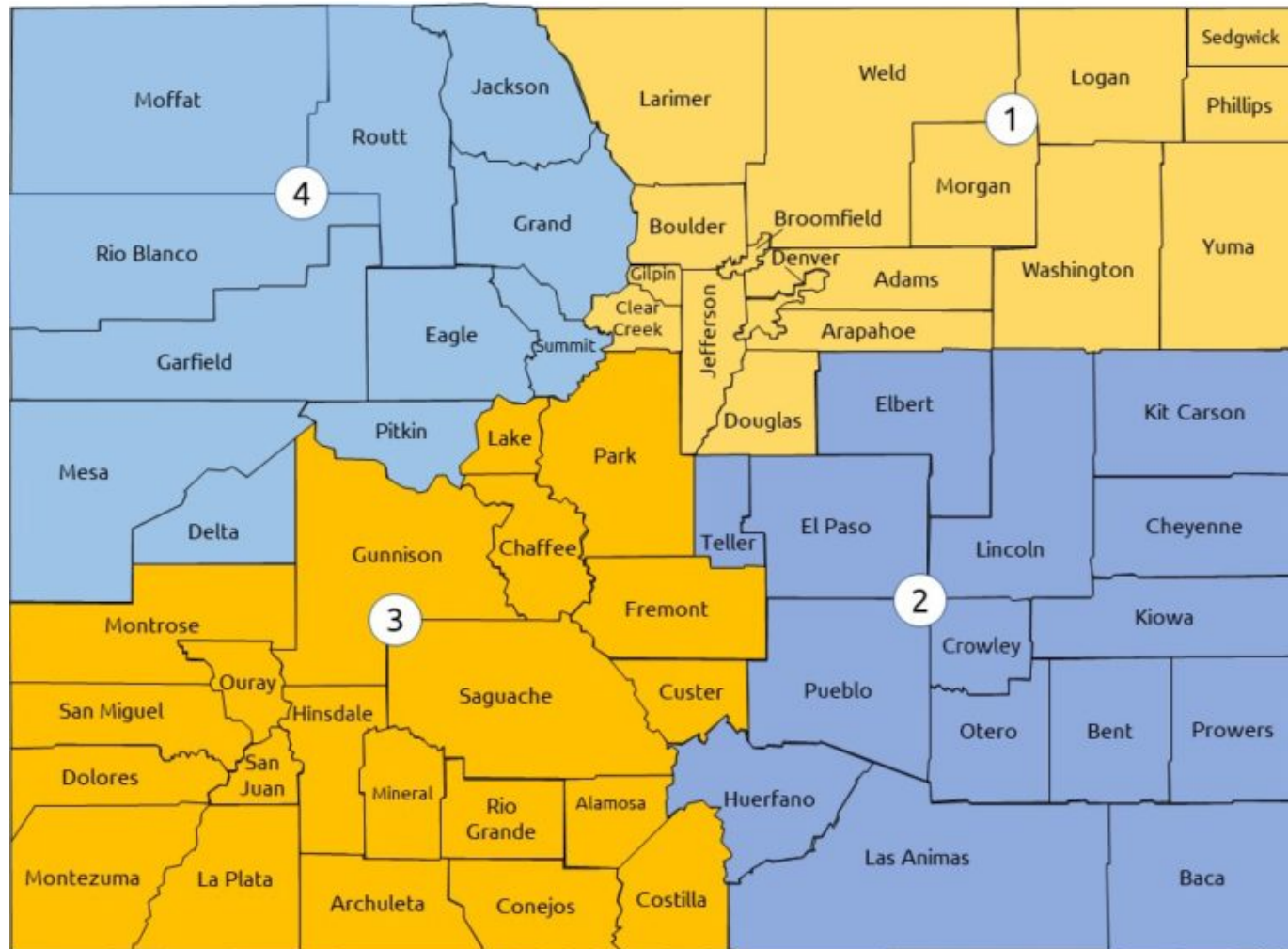


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State Opioid Crisis Recovery Funds Advisory Committee Statute, 2019



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Opioid and Other Substance Use Disorders Study Committee

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SUBJECTS: Health Care & Health Insurance, Human Services

The study committee must review data and statistics on the scope of the substance use disorder problem in Colorado; compile an overview of the current resources available to Coloradoans; review the availability of medication-assisted treatment options and whether pharmacists can prescribe those medications; examine what other states and countries are doing to address substance use disorders; identify the gaps in prevention, intervention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery resources; and identify possible legislative options to address these gaps.

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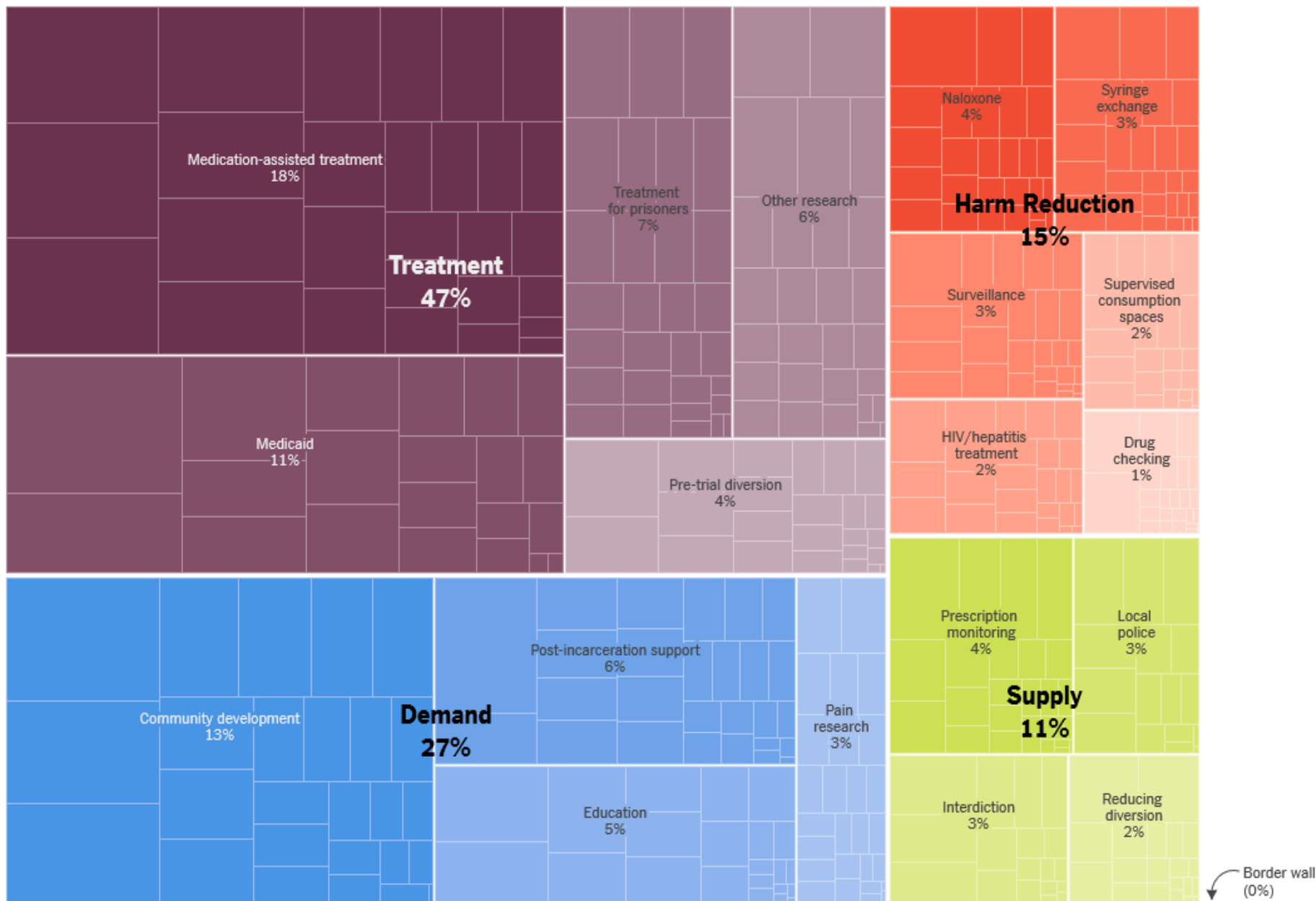
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How a Police Chief, a Governor and a Sociologist Would Spend \$100 Billion to Solve the Opioid Crisis

By JOSH KATZ FEB. 14, 2018

The American opioid epidemic has defied all efforts to contain it, and the number of overdose deaths continues to grow. President Trump directed the Department of Health and Human Services to declare the opioid crisis a public health emergency in October and said “we have to do something about it” in his [State of the Union](#) address, but his administration has yet to pursue a specific strategy.



Katz, Josh. "How a Police Chief, a Governor and a Sociologist Would Spend \$100 Billion to Solve the Opioid Crisis," [The Upshot](#) (NY Times), February 14, 2018.

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A Guide for
Opioid Settlement
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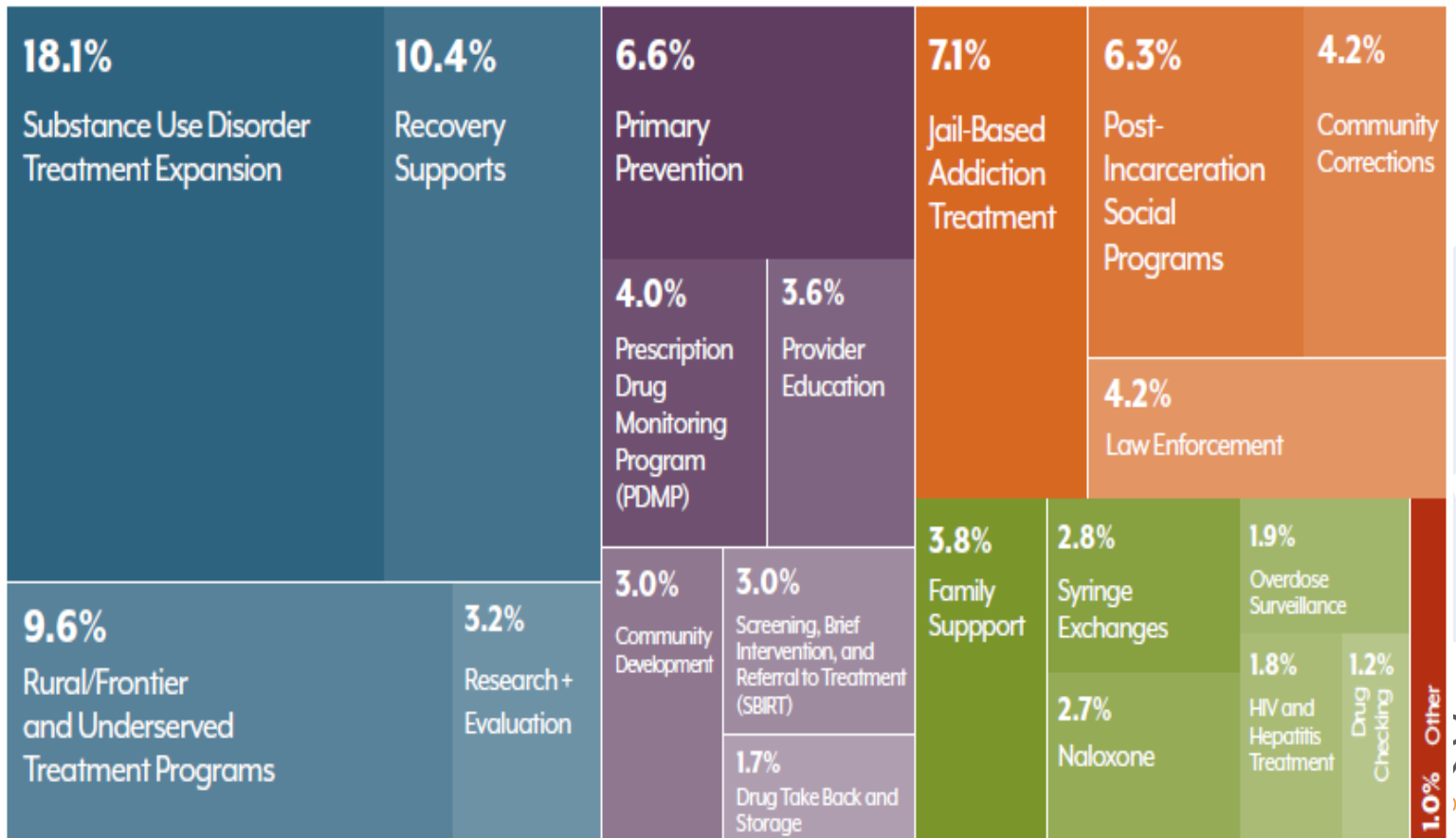
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Aggregate Survey Results

- Treatment and Recovery (41.3 percent)
- Prevention (21.8 percent)
- Criminal Justice (21.7 percent)
- Harm Reduction (14.2 percent)
- Other (1.0 percent)



Colorado's Proposed and Final Distribution Agreement: MOU

Allocation Proposal

Attorney General's Proposal

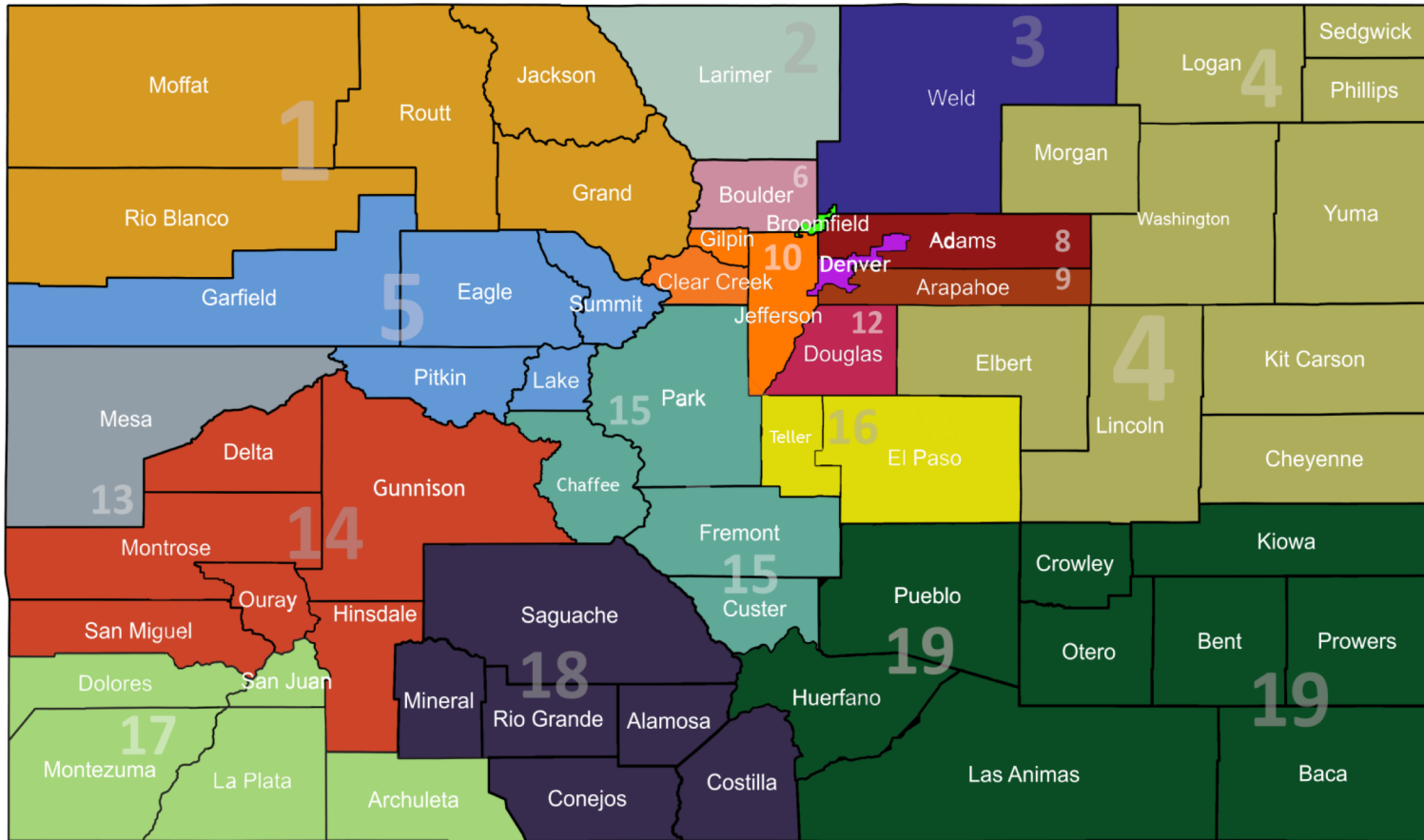
- 15% directly to state
- 15% directly to counties/ cities
- 70% directly into a state abatement fund

Agreement Moving Forward

- 20% direct allocation to local governments
- 60% direct allocation to regions
- 10% for infrastructure
- 10% direct allocation to state

19 Regions for Distribution of Funds

Regions for the distribution of opioid settlement funds



Region 1	Region 5	Region 9	Region 13	Region 17
Region 2	Region 6	Region 10	Region 14	Region 18
Region 3	Region 7 (Broomfield)	Region 11 (Denver)	Region 15	Region 19
Region 4	Region 8	Region 12	Region 16	

Colorado Opioid Response Plan: Outlines Allowable Uses of Settlement Funds

Prevention and Education

Harm Reduction

Treatment

Recovery

Criminal Justice response (Alternatives to Incarceration)

Opioid Abatement in Rural Colorado

Other Considerations

- Give consideration to data collection to determine progress and outcomes
- Give attention to leveraging settlement funds with other state, federal, and private funds
- Review and update state statutes to facilitate the best use of settlement funds as related to the provision of prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery services