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Board Summary Report

To: Board of County Commissioners

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Subject:

Opioid Litigation Settlement Document - Kroger

Purpose and Request:

The purpose of this item is to request approval of a resolution authorizing the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners to execute a settlement participation form, including a release of claims, regarding a nationwide settlement with Kroger Co.

Background and Discussion: A national settlement has been negotiated with Kroger, Co. a defendant in the nationwide opioid litigation. The money that flows from this settlement to the state of Colorado will be distributed pursuant to the statewide MOU between the Colorado Attorney General and local governments, so long as enough jurisdictions sign settlement participation forms to meet the threshold requirements for the settlement.

Alternatives: The alternative is to not sign the participation forms, and to continue to press forward with Arapahoe County's individual claims.

Fiscal Impact: The fiscal impact is that Arapahoe County and its region will receive additional opioid settlements funds that will be available to fund opioid abatement efforts.

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

- ⊠Be fiscally sustainable
- ⊠Provide essential and mandated service
- ⊠Be community focused

Resolution: Attached is a copy of the draft resolution.