

*The purpose of this annual audit is to ensure compliance with ARORP requirements; to confirm appropriate progress in the opioid abatement project approved by ARORP, city and county officials, the ARORP Advisory Board, administrators of the Qualified Settlement Fund (QSF), the Association of Arkansas Counties, and the Arkansas Municipal League; and to verify proper stewardship of opioid settlement dollars.*

*Please produce all receipts requested. If you are not able to produce requested receipts, ARORP will request the funding returned within three business days of the audit or as otherwise specified. If you can produce the receipt or invoice within one business day of the ARORP audit, the request for returned funding may be waived.*

**General Information:**

Organization: Arkansas Pharmacist Association

ARORP #: 23-177

Project Title: Under 100

Date of Audit: February 12, 2025

How many years has this project been active: 1

How many years remain: 0

Is this the project's final audit? YES

Attendees Present at Audit: Tenesha Barnes, Joy Spence, Marlene Battles

Counties Served: Ouachita, Baxter, Garland, Craighead, Phillips

Total Funding Amount: \$78,584.77

**Annual Evaluation**

**Milestones**

Were all ARORP-issued milestones completed this year? **YES**

**Notes:** *All milestones have been completed on time.*

**Summary of Process Data:**

Training

Number of people trained: 159 (Of this number, 145 claimed CE credits)

Q1: 31 (Garland, Saline, Pulaski, Montgomery, and Hot Spring)

Q2: 116 (Craighead, Poinsett, Mississippi, Greene, Lawrence, Baxter, Sharp, Izard, Stone, Fulton, Searcy, Marion, Boone, Cross, Clay, Poinsett, Independence, Jackson, Pulaski, Grant, Ouachita, Columbia, Lafayette, Calhoun, Union)

Q3: 12 (White, Arkansas, Phillips, Crittenden, and Pulaski)

Q4: 0

Types of training held: Education on opioids/opioid prescribing rates in Arkansas

Partner organizations: NA

**Notes:**

- *Breakdown of attendance by profession who claimed CE credit:*

Pharmacists	108
Pharmacy Technicians	2
Medical Doctors	21
Dentists	6
APRN	5
CRNA	1
Physician Assistant	1
Nurse	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>145</b>

- *Recruitment strategies included targeting pharmacists who could recruit high prescribers in their area. They also reached out to the Medical Board and the Medical Society. Their most impactful strategies were:*
  - o *Reaching out to the pharmacists directly to contact prescribers.*
  - o *Having someone native to the area pass out flyers.*
- *In the meetings, they:*
  - o *Gave alternative strategies to pain medications.*
  - o *Discussed high prescribing rates in the areas. They provided copies of the opioid prescribing rates in the area, and they suggested continuing the conversation after the meeting.*
  - o *Had pharmacists and prescribers look at the metrics that the wholesaler was using to evaluate; they were not aware.*
- *Some notes for the future:*
  - o *The data reflects where prescriptions are being filled, not where they are being prescribed.*

- *Pharmacists were interested in what to do if they are notified of overprescribing/overfilling.*

### **Financial Audit**

Which receipts were requested? **ALL RECIEPTS**

Were requested receipts presented within the requested time frame? **YES**

How much unused or misspent funding must be returned to the Arkansas Opioids Qualified Settlement Fund?

**Amount:** \$3,429.07

Date funds were returned to the Arkansas Opioids Qualified Settlement Fund: 4/7/25

### **Project Compliance**

Following the annual evaluation, what was needed for this project to gain compliance ARORP requirements? **NA**

Were all items listed above completed? **NA**

Date program regained compliance: 4/7/25

Is this project currently in compliance? **YES**

Additional notes on this project: **NA**

### **Partnership**

What were some successes and challenges with your project?

#### **Successes:**

- The collaboration and partnerships that were formed between prescribers and pharmacists was helpful. They were able to have open and honest conversations to understand each other's thought processes. It was also helpful to understand the wholesaler's needs and injunctive relief.

#### **Challenges:**

- Recruiting pharmacists and prescribers was difficult, especially prescribers.
- Additional incentives in addition to food and continuing education.
- Finding effective communication strategies between pharmacists and prescribers. Sometimes prescribers don't have great access.

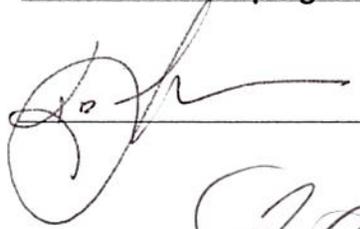
Is there anything ARORP could do differently to make your partnership more successful?

**Notes:**

- Recruitment and promotion efforts from everyone.

**ARORP Leadership Signature**

Signature of Director Kirk Lane



Date

2-7-2025

Signature of Deputy Director Tenesha Barnes



Date

4/7/25