



# County Officials E-News

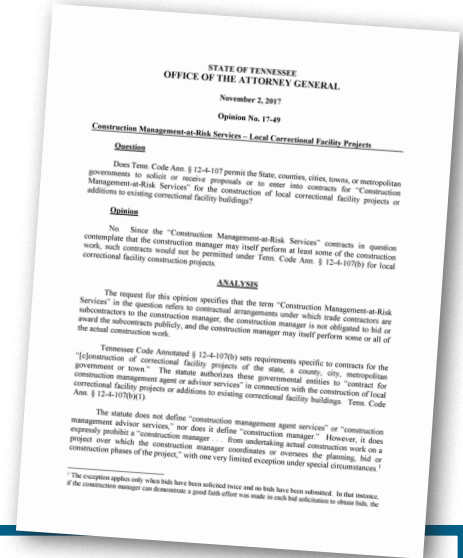
Promoting better county government through direct assistance to county officials and their associations.

## Attorney General Opinion Issued on Construction Management-At-Risk Services

The Tennessee Attorney General has issued an opinion (Opinion No. 17-49) relating to construction management-at-risk services for the construction of local

correctional facility projects or additions to existing correctional facility buildings. According to the Attorney General, these construction manager-at-risk contracts are not permitted under T.C.A. § 12-4-107(b). Click the link below to read the opinion.

<http://www.ctas.tennessee.edu/sites/default/files/op17-049.pdf>



## Opioid Crisis Resources

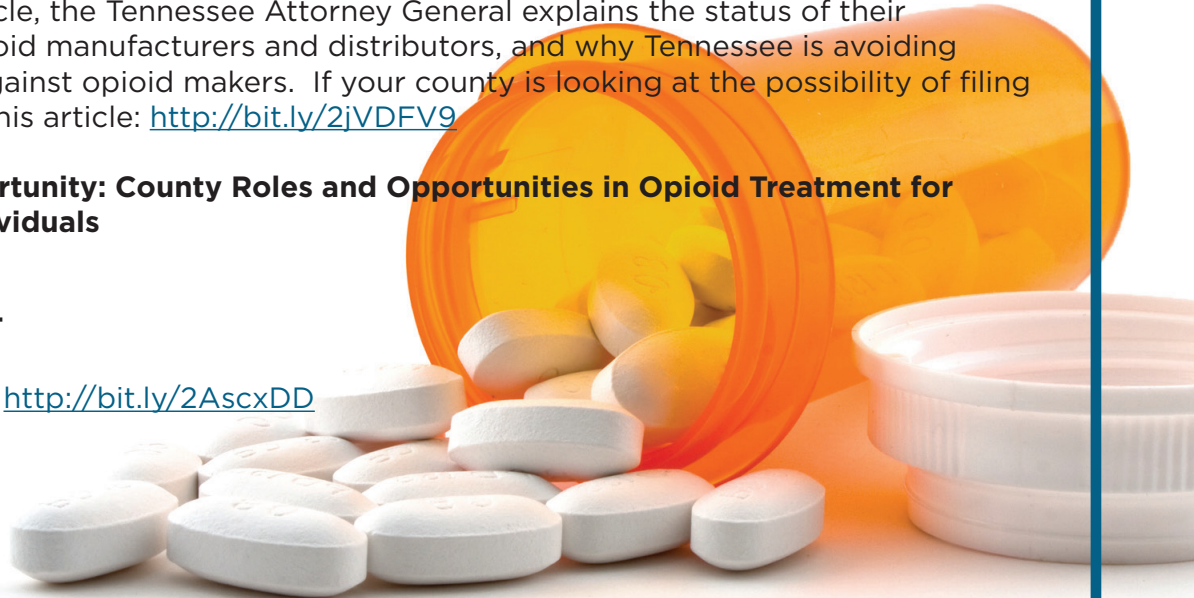
### Litigation Against Opioid Manufacturers and Distributors

In a recent op-ed article, the Tennessee Attorney General explains the status of their investigation into opioid manufacturers and distributors, and why Tennessee is avoiding litigation (for now) against opioid makers. If your county is looking at the possibility of filing suit, be sure to read this article: <http://bit.ly/2jVDFV9>

### NACo Webinar Opportunity: County Roles and Opportunities in Opioid Treatment for Justice-Involved Individuals

**February 8, 2018**  
**2:00pm - 3:15pm EST**

Click here to register: <http://bit.ly/2AscxD>



## In This Issue...

County Spotlight: Knox County.....page 2  
Rural Health Information Hub.....page 2

**CTAS will be on winter break**  
**Dec 25- Jan 2.**  
**See you next year!**

## County Spotlight Knox County

County Seat: Knoxville  
2010 Population: 432,226  
County Government  
Consultant:  
Kaley Walker  
[kaley.walker@tennessee.edu](mailto:kaley.walker@tennessee.edu)

The University of Tennessee, or “UT” as it is known in Tennessee, traces its origins to Blount College, which was founded in Knoxville in 1794.

Blount College wasn’t like most colleges today. There were very few students. There were no sports teams. Like most colleges of that day, it taught the so-called “classics” – subjects like Latin, Greek, logic, and philosophy.

Blount College later became known as East Tennessee University. After the Civil War, Congress passed a law creating land grant colleges. East Tennessee University became the main land grant college of Tennessee. The college’s name was later changed to The University of Tennessee.

## Rural Health Information Hub and Grant Opportunities

The Health Resources and Services Administration of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has created a website resource for rural health, [the Rural Health Information Hub \(RHIfhub\)](http://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/funding/4028).

Formerly the Rural Assistance Center, RHIfhub is funded by the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy to be a national clearinghouse on rural health issues. RHIfhub provides access to current and reliable resources and tools to plan,

develop, and implement solutions for addressing health-related issues facing rural communities.

As rural designation may not always be clear, the website also includes a tool, “[Am I Rural?](http://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/funding/4007)”, for determining whether an area is classified as rural.

Two examples of some of the grants available are:

### Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Grant Program

<https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/funding/4007>

CPR Savers provides grants to eligible organizations to cover all or part of the costs associated with purchasing an automated external defibrillator (AED).

### Economic Impact Initiative Grants

<https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/funding/4028>

Economic Impact Initiative Grants provide funding to assist in the development of essential community facilities in rural communities that have extreme unemployment and severe economic depression.



## County Technical Assistance Service INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

226 Anne Dallas Dudley Boulevard, Suite 400 Nashville, TN 37219  
(615) 532-3555 [ctas.eneews@tennessee.edu](mailto:ctas.eneews@tennessee.edu)