

RESOLUTION NO. 20230413-043

WHEREAS, opioid overdose is a major public health crisis in the United States and affects countless individuals, families, and communities, including the City; and

WHEREAS, during an opioid overdose brain damage can occur after 4 minutes without breathing and death can occur 4-6 minutes later; and

WHEREAS, Naloxone is also referred to as “Narcan”, the brand name for the nasal spray naloxone, is safe, easy to administer, and has an exceptionally high safety profile with a shelf life ranging from 24 months to 36 months, and is highly effective at reversing opioid overdoses; and

WHEREAS, Narcan (Naloxone) is a life-saving medication that can reverse an opioid overdose and is an essential tool for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to have at their disposal; and

WHEREAS, timely administration of Narcan by EMS can significantly increase the chances of survival for individuals experiencing an opioid overdose; and

WHEREAS, Narcan is a proven and effective tool that EMS has used in the City to save lives and access to Narcan resources are critical for the continued success of EMS efforts to address opioid overdose in the City; and

WHEREAS, the EMS inventory of Narcan is currently dependent on a third-party grant, and the supply and pricing of the product is not independently contracted by the City; and

WHEREAS, Council passed Resolution No. 20220616-053 on June 16th, 2022, addressing the opioid crisis and providing direction to explore harm reduction strategies including increased access to and supply of Naloxone; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Manager is directed to ensure that EMS, or other appropriate departments, has consistent and reliable funding for the acquisition of opioid overdose reversal medication, such as opioid antagonists like Naloxone, for staff to use to assist persons in the community at risk of an opioid-related drug overdose and for distribution to community partners and Narcan training to local business owners in areas where opioid use is the highest and return to Council with a Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget amendment and any necessary instruments needed to accomplish that goal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to explore having EMS, or other appropriate departments, distribute opioid overdose reversal medication, such as opioid antagonists like Naloxone, and related personal protective equipment and training to business owners, or other appropriate persons at the business, that are in a position to assist individuals at risk of an opioid-related drug overdose due to the proximity of their business to hot-spots for opioid use for their use to assist such at-risk persons and return to Council with budget recommendations and a proposed funding mechanism to accomplish that goal during the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget adoption.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

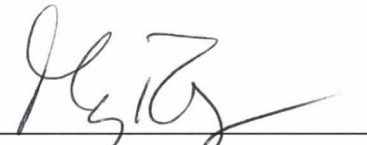
The City Manager is directed to return to the Public Safety Committee with a progress report regarding Naloxone funding and resources no later than July 28th, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to explore and consider opportunities to place Narcan and opioid kits in any recommended City-owned buildings inside automated external defibrillators' compartments or within their own compartment, and to partner with CapMetro to explore opportunities to equip appropriate CapMetro staff with Narcan and opioid kits.

ADOPTED: April 13, 2023

ATTEST:



Myrna Rios
City Clerk