

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2024**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 25

SUBJECT: PARTNERING WITH THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO THROUGH A REVENUE AGREEMENT TO UTILIZE OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS FOR OVERDOSE PREVENTION AND NALOXONE PUBLIC MESSAGING AND AWARENESS (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

In October of 2022, the Board of Supervisors approved a framework to combat and address the growing opioid and fentanyl crisis in the region. The framework was developed after a series of convenings with regional stakeholders and experts who provided guidance on the expenditure of approximately \$100 million of anticipated opioid settlement funding. In December of 2022, City of San Diego Councilmembers Marni von Wilpert and Raul Campillo also engaged City Council and staff to develop solutions to address the opioid and fentanyl crisis in the City of San Diego (City).

Rates of overdose deaths involving illicit fentanyl and fentanyl analogs have increased dramatically over the last several years. According to the Medical Examiner's Office, the number of accidental fentanyl overdose deaths increased by over 2,300% Countywide, from 33 deaths in 2016 to 815 deaths in 2022. Of the 815 fentanyl-related overdose deaths occurring in the County in 2022, 410 or over 50% of those deaths were due to an overdose event that occurred within the City. These fentanyl-related overdose fatalities in the City represent a rate of approximately 29.7 per 100,000 individuals in the City.

The City of San Diego, along with other jurisdictions in the region, partner with the County to provide essential health services, including public health, medical care, mental health for individual with serious mental illness, and substance use treatment services. The County's efforts to combat the opioid and fentanyl crisis have a significant effect on regional outcomes, including within the City.

To bolster efforts within the City, I recommend strengthening the County's partnership with the City by establishing a revenue agreement and authorizing the transfer and acceptance of approximately \$1.0 million in Opioid Settlement Funds from the City to the County to support multi-media public messaging and awareness efforts specific for opioid overdose prevention and naloxone awareness within the City. This funding will be instrumental in supporting the County's region-wide efforts to combat opioid misuse and its associated impacts on public health and safety. Accepting these funds will enable the County to further expand its initiatives aimed at prevention, treatment, and recovery support for individuals affected by opioid addiction.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

SUPERVISOR JOEL ANDERSON

1. In accordance with Board Policy B-29, authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency or designee to execute a revenue agreement with the City of San Diego for \$1.0 million of Opioid Settlement Funds to support multi-media public messaging and awareness efforts for overdose prevention and naloxone awareness. Opioid Settlement Funds from the City will be transferred to the County by June 30, 2024, to be utilized by June 30, 2025.

2. Authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency or designee to execute all revenue agreement related documents including any extensions, amendments and/or revisions thereto that do not materially impact or alter the services or funding level.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Strengthening our partnership with the City of San Diego by bolstering public health messaging will help to ensure equitable access to information for individuals and communities impacted by opioid addiction across the County of San Diego, regardless of socioeconomic status or geographic location.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

By amplifying public health communication in the City of San Diego and the region at large, channeling opioid settlement funds into broad awareness initiatives to tackle opioid use will significantly enhance the well-being of residents. Heightened awareness of the impacts of opioid and fentanyl use is expected to play a pivotal role in reducing the consumption of detrimental opioid substances and reduce associated deaths in the region.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are not included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 CAO Recommended Operational Plan for the Health & Human Services Agency, but will be included in the FY 2024-25 CAO Recommended Operational Plan Change Letter in the Health & Human Services Agency. If approved, this will result in one-time costs and revenue of \$1.0 million to support multi-media public messaging and awareness efforts for overdose prevention and naloxone awareness in FY 2024-25. The funding source will be Opioid Settlement Funds transferred from the City of San Diego. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Lawson-Remer, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe, Desmond

State of California)
County of San Diego) §

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



Signed
by Andrew Potter

