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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: August 15, 2017

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Jill Blake**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of Grant Agreement Number 16-11034 with the California Department of Public Health for the Naloxone Distribution Project in the maximum amount of \$10,631.25 for the term of June 1, 2017, through June 30, 2019, and authorizing and directing the Auditor-Controller to amend the Public Health Department's Budget for Fiscal Year 2017/18 (4/5 vote required).

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: These State funds support a program under the California Department of Public Health to provide naloxone to local health departments in an effort to reduce the number of fatal opioid overdoses. The Agreement provides a one-time funding amount allocated for naloxone product. No actual dollars will be received; rather, the County will receive direct distribution of naloxone product valued at \$10,631.25. A budget amendment is included and requires a 4/5 vote by the Board members. There are no county general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

BACKGROUND: Senate Bill 833 established a new Naloxone Grant Program within the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) with the goal of reducing the number of fatal overdoses from opioid drugs, including prescription opioids and heroin, by increasing access to the life-saving drug naloxone.

Naloxone is a medication that works almost immediately to reverse opiate overdose. It has few known adverse effects, no potential for abuse, and can be rapidly administered via nasal spray. While many first responders are equipped with naloxone, emergency service providers may not arrive in time to revive overdose victims. Trained and equipped bystanders such as friends, family, and other non-health care providers can effectively respond and reverse an opioid overdose. Given the success of bystander

naloxone programs, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the World Health Organization have recommended expanding the availability of naloxone to lay persons.

Through a non-competitive process, CDPH is granting naloxone product (i.e., Narcan nasal spray) to local health departments. The Nevada County Public Health Department will receive product valued at \$10,631.25. In order to obtain the best purchase price, expedite the delivery, and avoid additional administrative burdens on local health departments, CDPH will procure a bulk purchase of Narcan nasal spray from the manufacturer, and the manufacturer will ship the product directly to local health departments. Half of our product will be delivered to our Public Health Department in 2017 and the second half will be delivered in 2018.

As per the attached Agreement, the Nevada County Public Health Department shall:

- Conduct outreach to identify and select local entities within our jurisdiction that have naloxone distribution systems in place and that are in the best position to save lives from opioid overdose;
- Submit a naloxone distribution plan to CDPH;
- Distribute naloxone product to selected local entities; and
- Document and submit a final report.

The abuse of and addiction to opioids is a serious problem that affects the health, social and economic welfare of our society. The consequences of this issue have been devastating and are on the rise. According to the California Opioid Overdose Surveillance Dashboard, in 2015, Nevada County had four opioid overdose deaths, 32 hospitalizations due to opioid overdose, and 22 emergency department visits due to opioid overdoses.

It is recommended that the Board approve this Agreement so that we may work with the community and our partners to further strengthen our local response to opiate overdoses and save lives of those who suffer from the disease of addiction.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Jill Blake, MPA, Director of Public Health