

Board of Health for Madison & Dane County
Resolution #2017-14

Overdose Fatality Review Grant

Public Health – Madison and Dane County (PHMDC) recognizes the threat overdose poses to the community and works collaboratively with partners to address harm reduction and establish systems of primary prevention. Similar to trends in Wisconsin and nationally, opioid overdose death rates have increased steadily in Dane County over the past decade. The opioid overdose death rate in 2016 (16.4 per 100,000) was more than double the rate in 2007 (7.4 per 100,000), and the county ranks second in the state for total number of opioid overdose deaths in 2016.

Enhanced surveillance of fatal overdoses is critical to the development of evidence-based response to the epidemic. Enhanced morbidity and mortality surveillance will inform key local strategies to better target prevention efforts as well as reduce the incidence of preventable deaths. In an effort to enhance our surveillance efforts, PHMDC applied for funding from the WI Department of Justice (DOJ) to participate in a pilot project to establish an overdose fatality review partnership in Dane County. The grant will provide \$25,000 to establish the fatality review partnership as well as provide us technical assistance from the Medical College of WI (MCW) to collect data and establish a reporting system. Funding will conclude August 31, 2018 with option to renew for a second year.

Partners already committed to work with PHMDC include: Dane County Human Services, Dane County Sheriff, Madison Police Department, Dane County EMS, Madison Fire Department, and the Dane County Medical Examiner's Office. Each partner agency has agreed to:

- Develop or strengthen sustainable, collaborative partnerships with Overdose Fatality Review partner agencies
- Participate in the development and revision of the partnership Memorandum of Understanding, protocols, and procedures
- Share agency data necessary to the fulfillment of the Overdose Fatality Review mission and to the completion of the Overdose Fatality Review data collection instrument provided by state staff
- Attend scheduled meetings of the Overdose Fatality Review and participate in the case review/case sharing process
- Develop agency and county specific policies intended to reduce overdoses within the community

PHMDC is requesting approval to accept the \$25,000 in grant funding (pending final notification from DOJ) to establish the overdose fatality review partnership in Dane County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Health for Madison on behalf of Public Health—Madison and Dane County, is authorized to enter into an agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Justice, and allow PHMDC to receive funding to support the establishment of an overdose fatality review partnership, and the director is authorized to sign the agreement.

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