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March 10, 2020

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

30 March 10, 2020

CELIA ZAVALA
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ACCEPT DONATION OF NALOXONE KITS FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES (FIRST DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

The Los Angeles County (County) Sheriff's Department (Department) is seeking Board approval to accept the donation of 2,004 Naloxone kits (Narcan) from the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Naloxone Distribution Project (NDP).

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Approve and authorize the Sheriff, as an agent for the County, to accept the donation of the Narcan, valued at \$150,300.
2. Upon Board approval, instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to send a letter of appreciation to the California Department of Health Care Services, Community Services Division, Attn: Naloxone Distribution Project, Post Office Box 997413, MS 2603, Sacramento, California 95899-7413, for the generous donation.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Naloxone is a life-saving medication that reverses an opioid overdose while having little to no effect on an individual if opioids are not present in their system. The donated Narcan will be provided to all newly assigned Department Custody Division personnel to

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combat opioid overdose-related incidents within the jail system. Previously 7,008 Narcan kits were distributed to Department's Custody Division personnel working within the jail system. The additional Narcan was placed in reserve at each jail facility for use in a potential mass casualty opioid overdose incident. Narcan kits were also deployed in emergency response kits throughout the jail system. Each emergency response kit contains four doses of Naloxone. It is suggested that each possible opioid overdose patient be provided with 2 doses of Naloxone within a short period of time.

The illicit use of the highly dangerous and potent opioid Fentanyl has become increasingly common within jail environments nationwide. Fentanyl can be 1,000 times more potent than morphine, and 100 times more potent than heroin. Unsuspecting nearby inmates and first responders can be inadvertently exposed to hazardous levels of Fentanyl, as it can be absorbed through the skin or inhaled if airborne. Narcan is the only safe way to quickly treat victims of an opioid overdose.

Mass exposure incidents are increasing nationwide, especially in jail settings. Therefore, the procurement of the lifesaving medication Naloxone is imperative for the safety of inmates and staff in the nation's largest jail system.

Narcan costs \$75 per kit for entities not seeking reimbursement. The Department requires 2,004 kits to outfit all incoming Department Custody Division personnel, including anticipated hires and promotions over the next year, and to maintain an inventory for potential mass casualty incidents.

Since the deployment of Narcan in May of 2018, there have been 86 incidents of which 143 doses of Narcan were administered. Both male and female inmates admitted to consuming heroin and methamphetamine laced with Fentanyl prior to their overdose. 1 employee required 2 doses of Narcan after exposure to an inmate suspected of ingesting Fentanyl.

The Department has a robust opioid awareness program for staff and inmates, which includes informational bulletins, posters, and an informational video for inmates. All custody personnel have already been trained on how to administer Narcan.

The DHCS will provide the Narcan through the NDP without cost to the Department. Acceptance of the Narcan will substantially increase the Department's ability to save lives due to opioid overdoses within the jail system.

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Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Acceptance of this donation supports the County's Strategic Plan, Goal 3, Integrated Services Delivery. The Narcan will enhance both the quality and productivity of services provided by the Department's Custody Division.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no additional cost associated with this donation.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

California Government Code Section 25355 permits the County to accept donations or other gifts for public purpose. Donations in excess of \$10,000 must be placed on the Board's agenda for consideration and acceptance.

This Board letter has been reviewed by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of this request will help ensure continued delivery of quality law enforcement services to the in-custody residents served by the Department's Custody Division. There will be no negative impact on current Department services or projects as a result of this donation.

CONCLUSION

Upon Board approval, please return a copy of the adopted Board letter to the Department's Custody Division.

Sincerely,

ALEX VILLANUEVA, SHERIFF


TIMOTHY K. MURAKAMI
UNDERSHERIFF

March 11, 2020

California Department of Health Care Services
Community Services Division
Attn: Naloxone Distribution Project
P.O. Box 997413, MS 2603
Sacramento, CA 95899-7413

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Naloxone Distribution Project for your generous donation of nasal atomizing Narcan. This Narcan will be used immediately to help mitigate the opioid overdoses concerns within the County jail system served by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

I wish to thank you for your continued support of the Sheriff's Department in its mission to provide the best possible law enforcement services to the communities it serves.

Sincerely,

Celia Zavala
Executive Officer