



Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Item Title

A Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Park District of Oak Park and the Village of Oak Park for the Installation of a Naloxone Box on Park District Property and Authorizing its Execution

Overview

The Village of Oak Park is addressing the issue of opioid overdose in our community through a project that provides free Naloxone - a medication that will block an opioid overdose - education and training on how to provide aid in the event of an opioid overdose, and resources for those who wish to seek care or recovery services.

The Naloxone and resources will be distributed through seven boxes throughout the community, and this agreement with the Park District of Oak Park will allow the placement of one of the boxes in Maple Park.

Recommendation

Adopt the Resolution.

Background

In 2022, 151 people in Oak Park experienced an opioid overdose. That means that someone in Oak Park overdoses due to opioid use almost every other day. In 2019, 10.1 million U.S. residents (3.7% of the population) reported nonmedical use of an opioid. Of those, the majority reported misusing prescription opioids.

Any opioid use, including opioids prescribed by a medical provider, puts individuals at risk of accidental overdose and developing opioid use disorder.

To address the issue of opioid use disorder in our community, the Village of Oak Park's Public Health Department created a program to offer free Naloxone and accompanying resources to community members. These resources will be distributed via boxes placed in areas where Police and Fire department call response data indicate there is a need for emergency first aid for opioid overdose. One of these areas is near the Oak Park Public Library's main branch, and the Library leadership has indicated a willingness to have a box placed in the lobby. This intergovernmental agreement will allow a box to be placed in the library.

The Health Department will be responsible for maintaining and restocking the boxes.

Fiscal Impact

There is no revenue or expenditure impact related to this agreement.

DEI Impact

The intent of placing one of the Village's Naloxone boxes on Park District property in Maple Park is to make the life-saving medication of Naloxone and accompanying educational resources available for free to all visitors to the park, including those experiencing opioid use disorder, and possibly homelessness. The program of which this agreement is part aims to address the stigma of treating and addressing opioid use in our community, as well as provide medication that can save the life of someone experiencing an opioid overdose. Maple Park was chosen as a location based on overdose data collected by Police and Fire departments. The Health Department worked with community organizations that regularly engage with people who use substances to choose locations and methods for Naloxone distribution. We do not foresee any environmental impacts. This agreement endorses DEI principles by supporting those stigmatized and marginalized by opioid use disorder.

Alternatives

Not adopt the Resolution.

Previous Board Action

N/A

Citizen Advisory Commission Action

N/A

Anticipated Future Actions/Commitments

N/A

Intergovernmental Cooperation Opportunities

This allows for the cooperation and future collaboration with the Park District on community health programming.