



Health and Community Services

Cynthia Foley

Council Initiated:

Yes

No

ECAF: 2024-0388

Motion: 24-136

Type:

- Contract
- Board Appt.
- Code Amendment
- Budget Action
- Other

Requested Handling:

- Normal
- Expedite
- Urgent

Fund Source:

- General Fund
- Other
- N/A

Executive Rec:

- Approve
- Do Not Approve
- N/A

Approved as to

Form:

- Yes
- No
- N/A

Subject: Leave-Behind Naloxone Agreement Between Snohomish County and Snohomish Regional Fire and Rescue

Scope: The Snohomish County Department of Health is establishing an agreement with Snohomish Regional Fire and Rescue under which the County will provide naloxone in exchange for data regarding opioid overdoses. The data will be used to track demand for naloxone and distribute it where it is most needed.

A naloxone leave-behind agreement provides local jurisdictions and tribes with naloxone to leave behind with individuals they encounter.

Duration: Upon execution through December 31, 2026. Agreement may be extended for one additional three-year term, contingent upon appropriation of funds for this specific purpose.

Fiscal Impact: Current Year Future-Year N/A

There is no exchange of funds.

Authority Granted: Motion 24-136 authorizes the execution of an agreement with Snohomish County and Snohomish Regional Fire and Rescue to implement a leave-behind naloxone distribution program.

Background: Snohomish County Council passed Ordinance No. 23-048¹ approving form agreements for naloxone distribution (leave-behind program) between Snohomish County and local jurisdictions within Snohomish County on June 7, 2023.

RCW 69.41.095² establishes that any person or “entity” (e.g., police department, homeless shelter) can obtain, possess, and administer naloxone.

In response to an Executive Directive³ issued by Executive Dave Somers on May 18, 2023, the Opioid Response Multi-Agency Coordination developed goals including “Reduce negative health outcomes, including death, by expanding available resources for individuals who misuse or abuse drugs,” and identifies near-term strategies, including “supply and support naloxone leave-behind program for first responders⁴.”

Requested Action: Move to the GLS agenda on April 17, 2024, for Council to consideration.

¹ [2023-0479 - Ordinance 23-048 \(legistar.com\)](#)

² [RCW 69.41.095: Opioid overdose reversal medication—Standing order permitted. \(wa.gov\)](#)

³ [Executive Directive - Opioid Epidemic \(snohomishcountywa.gov\)](#)

⁴ [MAC-Goals-and-Immediate-Strategies-083023 \(snohomishcountywa.gov\)](#)