

Resolution No. 2019 -

RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING THE 1 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF “DRUG SAFE SOLANO” AND ITS WORK TO SAVE LIVES FROM OPIOID OVERDOSES

WHEREAS, drug overdoses have taken over 700,000 lives in the U.S. in the past two decades; the opioid epidemic is taking over 2,000 lives a year in California and, as opposed to most states, California’s rate is still rising; and

WHEREAS, the opioid epidemic has come in three waves: first over-prescribing of opioids; second, users of legitimate opioids substituting heroin for opioids when prescriptions are reduced, as 80% of people using heroin today started with prescription opioids; and third, with the introduction of fentanyl, a drug 50 to 100 times more potent than morphine; and

WHEREAS, in September 2018, the Solano Opioid Safety Coalition, now known as “Drug Safe Solano,” formed to convene monthly meetings of medical professionals, drug treatment providers, and law enforcement, to address treatment and prevention of opioid use disorder; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 rate of opioid prescribing in Solano County (654 per 1,000 residents) is above the State average (517 per 1,000 residents); and

WHEREAS, the County Sheriff’s Office reported that it observed 571 drug withdrawals among inmates being admitted to the County jail in the past year; and

WHEREAS, naloxone can be used to reverse drug overdoses. Most law enforcement in Solano County did not carry it back in 2016, however most do carry it now and have used it to reverse at least 12 drug overdoses in the last year; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Public Health relies heavily on local non-profits to take the lead in increasing access to opioid use disorder treatment and prevention; and

WHEREAS, medication-assisted treatment (MAT) is a comprehensive way to treat opioid use disorder and access to MAT has increased over the last year in Solano County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors commends “Drug Safe Solano”, the organizations that have managed the coalition, the Solano Coalition for Better Health, Touro University and the County’s participating medical professionals, first responders, treatment providers, and law enforcement partners in their life-saving work to prevent and treat opioid use disorder.

Dated this 24th day of September, 2019

ERIN HANNIGAN, Chairwoman
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
BIRGITTA E. CORSELLO, Clerk
Solano County Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Jeanette Neiger, Chief Deputy Clerk