



Council Report

Report Number: EMS2024-001

Meeting Date: January 30, 2024

Title: Opioid Overdose Training and Naloxone Distribution Agreement

Description: This is a data sharing agreement between the Kawartha Lakes Paramedic Service and the Board of Health for the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit (HKPRDHU)

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Recommendation(s):

That Report EMS2024-001, **Opioid Overdose Training and Naloxone Distribution Agreement**, be received;

That the **Opioid Overdose Training and Naloxone Distribution Agreement** as generally outlined in Appendix A to Report EMS2024-001, be approved; and

That the Mayor and Clerk's Office be authorized to execute the agreement.

Department Head: _____

Financial/Legal/HR/Other: _____

Chief Administrative Officer: _____

Background:

Naloxone is a medication that is used to prevent and to reverse an opioid overdose. With the increase in occurrences in opioid overdoses across the country there are a number of initiatives that are now available to Paramedic Services. We currently carry and administer Naloxone to patients experiencing an overdose, although this program will additionally assist them, the program will also assist with family members and individuals that accidentally overdose in our community – through education and distribution of Naloxone.

This agreement is actually a two-step process. This agreement refers to step one. Step two will take place after this agreement is signed.

With respect to this agreement, the HKPRDHU will act as a Naloxone distribution lead for the Kawartha Lakes Paramedic Service in order to increase dissemination of Naloxone Kits/refills for use in priority populations. HKPRDHU will be responsible to ensure access to Naloxone and to support the KLPS. The KLPS will develop policies and procedures related to the distribution, training, quality assurance and reporting.

Once this agreement is signed, the KLPS will conduct a gap analysis in order to demonstrate a need for this program for our local community. From the gap analysis the Service will need to apply to the Ministry of Health to be enrolled in this program.

Rationale:

This signed agreement is necessary for our Service to move forward with the Naloxone Distribution Program. Once the agreement is signed, a proposal will be made to the Ministry of Health – with the help of the local Health Unit to facilitate the distribution of Naloxone. It is felt that we should be taking extra measures to ensure our community is safe and this program will assist in these efforts.

Alignment to Strategic Priorities

This Data Disclosure Agreement aligns with several components of the Kawartha Lakes Strategic Plan:

- **Mission:** To deliver the highest standard of municipal service, while creating a healthy and sustainable future for all Kawartha Lakes residents and businesses
- **Values:** The agreement allows the Paramedic Service to be accountable, respectful of the process, and work in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and the Local Health Unit
- **Strategic Priorities:**

1. **An Exceptional Quality of Life:** This agreement allows the Paramedic Service to assist with Opioid training and Naloxone distribution to the local community.
2. **Good Government:** This agreement allows our team to collaborate with the local community and both the Ministry of Health and the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge Health Unit.

Financial/Operation Impacts:

There are no financial obligations on behalf of this Agreement.

Attachments:

Appendix A – Opioid Overdose Training and Naloxone Distribution Agreement



Opioid Overdose
Training and Naloxon

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