



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.

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For the meeting of: March 20, 2018

Date: March 13, 2018
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Supervisors Virginia Bass
Subject: Rx Safe Humboldt Coalition Presentation and Proclamation for Prescription Drug Abuse Awareness Month in Humboldt County

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Board of Supervisors hear the presentation and adopt the Proclamation.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: In partnership with many local health care providers and organizations, the Humboldt Independent Practice Association and the RX Safe Humboldt Coalition is working to improve the diagnosis and treatment of chronic pain and develop strategies for minimizing the misuse of prescription pain medication.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

Prepared by Tracy Damico

Signature Virginia Bass

REVIEW:

Auditor County Counsel Personnel Risk Manager Other

TYPE OF ITEM:

- Consent
Departmental
Public Hearing
XX Other Board Initiated (10 minutes)
PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Upon motion of Supervisor Bass Seconded by Supervisor Fennell

- Ayes Bass, Fennell, Sundberg, Bahn, Wilson
Nays
Abstain
Absent

Board Order No.

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and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: 3/20/18

By: Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Proclamation and Rx Safe Humboldt information sheet

Prepared by Tracy Damico Signature _____

REVIEW: Auditor _____ County Counsel _____ Personnel _____ Risk Manager _____ Other _____
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Rx SAFE HUMBOLDT

Safer Care and Better Outcomes

Est. 2013

Mission

Develop and implement community standards and supporting infrastructure for diagnosis and treatment for chronic pain

- Provide patients with optimum care consistent with the risks of treatment
- Support diagnosis and treatment for acute pain recognizing the risks of treatment, across providers and settings prescribing opioids
- Develop strategies for minimizing misuse and diversion of prescription pain medications.

Coalition Partners

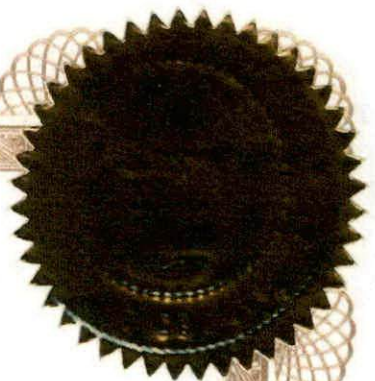
- Humboldt Independent Practice Assoc.
- North Coast Health Improvement and Information Network
- Open Door Community Health Centers
- North Coast Clinics Network
- Partnership Healthplan of California
- Mad River Community Hospital
- Humboldt County Sheriff's Department
- Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Service
- Humboldt County Public Health Department
- St. Joseph Health, Humboldt County
- Humboldt Area Center for Harm Reduction
- Cloney's Pharmacy
- Aegis Treatment Centers

Active Workgroups

- Coordination and Communication
- Medication Assisted Treatment
- Opioid Safety Review Committee
- Prescription Disposal
- Naloxone Training and Distribution
- Marketing and Public Outreach
- Data
- Resources

2017 Workgroup Accomplishments

- [Stop Overdose Humboldt](#) Campaign
- Destroyed over 2,300 lbs. of unwanted prescriptions
- 12 new Buprenorphine prescribers
- Over 3,200 Naloxone kits distributed
- Increased communication between health care providers
- 242 reported overdose reversals



**PROCLAMATION
OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**

WHEREAS, prescription drug abuse continues to be the nation's fastest growing drug problem and Humboldt County is deeply affected, losing many residents each year to unintentional drug overdoses; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, drug overdoses in the United States caused more than 63,600 unintentional deaths (more people than those who were killed in the Vietnam War) with 29,728 caused by prescription drugs; and

WHEREAS, Humboldt County drug poisoning mortality rates have been significantly higher than the US and California rates for over a decade, ahead of the opioid epidemic that is currently affecting the entire country; and

WHEREAS, in Humboldt County, opioid overdose deaths are 4.9 times the state rate; and

WHEREAS, there were 546 drug overdose deaths in Humboldt County from the years 2005-2017, equaling 42 overdose deaths each year; and

WHEREAS, more people died from unintentional drug overdoses than car crashes in 2017 in Humboldt County; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 rate of opioid prescribing decreased in Humboldt County; however it was still nearly two times the state rate; and

WHEREAS, the Rx Safe Humboldt Coalition has developed and implemented community standards and created strategies for minimizing misuse and diversion of prescription pain medications, creating a forum to bring all health care providers, local pharmacies, law enforcement, public health and other community allies together; and

WHEREAS, Humboldt County's Department of Health & Human Services, Public Health Branch and the Humboldt Area Center for Harm Reduction has been instrumental in the distribution of Naloxone, the opioid overdose antidote; and

WHEREAS, Humboldt Allies for Substance Abuse Prevention (ASAP) has worked to raise awareness of the negative impact of prescription drug abuse, promote safe disposal and storage of medication; and

WHEREAS, Local Community Pharmacies, in partnership with Rx Safe Humboldt and the Humboldt Allies for Substance Abuse Prevention (ASAP) has established six medication disposal bins where community member can dispose of unused medications, including controlled substances such as prescription opioids.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors and the National Coalition Against Prescription Drug Abuse hereby declare the month of March as Prescription Drug Abuse Awareness Month, and encourage the continuous development of strategies to decrease prescription drug abuse, promote safe disposal and storage of medications, and encourage all members of our community to participate in prevention and education.

Dated: March 20, 2018


Ryan Sundberg, Chair