



Recommendation for Action

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Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with the Health and Human Services Commission to conduct a pilot program to reduce opioid overdose death and improve access to opioid response services.

Lead Department

Emergency Medical Services

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

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Additional Backup Information:

The Texas Department of Health and Human Services (“HHSC”) administers the Texas Targeted Opioid Response (“TTOR”) program, and provides grant funds to local governments, including local first responders, in order to leverage all resources to fight the opioid crisis through public awareness efforts, prevention, treatment, and recovery support services.

The EMS Opioid Response programs supported through the TTOR program combine prevention, treatment, and recovery support strategies with a primary focus on reducing overdose death. The programs implement programming using four key strategies: provide overdose reversal education and disseminate opioid overdose reversal medication; provide induction onto U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved medications used to treat opioid use disorder and link patients to ongoing care; provide peer recovery support services; and provide community pre-hospital health care provider follow-up and support.

Approval of this interlocal agreement with HHSC will authorize the Emergency Medical Services Department to partner with HHSC to improve access to opioid response services.