

RESOLUTION NO. 209 -2013, DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES TO BECOME A CERTIFIED TRAINING CENTER FOR NARCAN OVERDOSE RESPONDERS

WHEREAS, opioid addiction is a growing problem in the County of Suffolk; and

WHEREAS, the County has established a number of programs to stem the tide of opiate addiction, including a heroin overdose tracking website and an opiate addiction task force; and

WHEREAS, the County has successfully implemented the Police Narcan Pilot Program, which has thus far saved at least 50 lives from opiate overdoses; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Health established a program that allows municipalities to develop and maintain a program to train individuals as overdose responders authorized to administer Narcan; and

WHEREAS, trained overdose responders can help additional opiate users who overdose and would complement the County's Narcan Pilot Program; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health Services should become a certified Narcan training center to increase the number of responders capable of administering Narcan safely and legally; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the Department of Health Services is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to develop and submit to the New York Department of Health an Opioid Overdose Prevention Program to train individuals to administer Narcan; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that the Department of Health Services shall begin administering this program once it receives a certification of approval from the State; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED, that the Department of Health Services shall evaluate the program after its first year of operation and prepare a written program evaluation report detailing the number of people trained, location of trainings and any additional information necessary to determine the success of the program; and be it further

4th RESOLVED, that the Department of Health Services shall provide a copy of the report with its findings and determinations to the County Executive, each member of the County Legislature and the Clerk of the Legislature within 90 days of the program's first anniversary; and be it further

5th RESOLVED, that this Legislature, being the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) lead agency, hereby finds and determines that this resolution constitutes a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(20), (21) and (27) of Title 6 of the NEW YORK CODE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS (6 NYCRR) and within the meaning of Section 8-0109(2) of the NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW as a promulgation of regulations, rules, policies, procedures, and legislative decisions in connection with continuing agency administration, management and information collection, and the Suffolk County Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) is hereby directed to circulate any appropriate SEQRA notices of determination of non-applicability or non-significance in accordance with this resolution.

DATED: March 19, 2013

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: March 21, 2013