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**SANTA FE COUNTY
STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING**

Santa Fe County Fire/Emergency Medical Services,
Santa Fe County Sheriff's Office Regarding
Naloxone Rescue Kits

This Statement of Understanding is entered by Santa Fe County, Santa Fe County Fire/Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Santa Fe County Sheriff's Office:

Recitals

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County is recipient of \$6,000 from the St. Vincent Hospital Foundation for the purchase of naloxone responder kits or "narcan kits"; and

WHEREAS, the County Department Fire Department wishes to purchase naloxone responder kits and provide them to County law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Department of Health is charged with providing training to law enforcement officers who will be charged with carrying and administering naloxone in the event that officers arrive on scene of suspected overdose prior to emergency medical services, and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Department of Health requires the County to provide this Statement of Understanding regarding the County's use of naloxone responder kits.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to define the transfer of naloxone rescue kits, procured by Santa Fe County Fire/EMS to the Santa Fe County Sheriff's Office for use by Santa Fe County law enforcement officers. Under the terms of this Statement of Understanding, trained law enforcement officers of the County Sheriff's Office, who have received training from the New Mexico Department of Health, will be deemed emergency responders by Santa Fe County EMS Services specifically for the administration of naloxone in the event that the law enforcement officer arrives at suspected opioid overdose scene prior to County EMS. As such, medication procured by Santa Fe County Fire/EMS can be administered, under the approved standing order from medical authority, to law enforcement officers with the Santa Fe County Sheriff's Office.

MEDICAL AUTHORITY

Naloxone responder kits will be procured by the County Fire Department/EMS Services and provided to Santa Fe County law enforcement officers under medical authority provided by the County EMS Medical Director.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR ADMINISTRATION OF NALOXONE BY LAW ENFORCEMENT

NMSA 1978, Section 24-23-1, (Authority to administer opioid antagonists; release from liability.) states:

- A. A person authorized under federal, state, or local government regulations, other than a licensed health care professional permitted by law to administer an opioid antagonist, may administer an opioid antagonist to another person if:
 - (1) he, in good faith, believes the other person is experiencing a drug overdose; and
 - (2) he acts with reasonable care in administering the drug to the other person.
- B. A person who administers an opioid antagonist to another person pursuant to Subsection A of this section shall not be subject to civil liability or criminal prosecution as a result of the administration of the drug.

PUBLIC HEALTH RULE

NMAC 7.32.7 defines "opioid antagonist administration program" and recommended guidelines for such a program, under the authority of the New Mexico Department of Health.

TRAINING

The New Mexico Department of Health will provide training to Santa Fe County law enforcement officers who will be trained as "trained targeted responders" charged with carrying and administering the opioid antagonist in the event that County law enforcement officers arrive on scene of suspected overdose prior to the arrival of County EMS.

POLICY


Policy and procedures have been developed, reviewed and approved by the Santa Fe County Fire/EMS, Santa Fe County Sheriff's Office and the New Mexico Department of Health

PERIOD OF AGREEMENT

This Statement of Understanding is effective upon signature of the parties.


IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have executed this STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING in Santa Fe, New Mexico. The effective date is upon approval of all parties.

SANTA FE COUNTY


Katherine Miller
County Manager

Date 1.8.15

Santa Fe County Fire/EMS Department

By: 
David Sperling
Santa Fe County Fire Chief


Date: December 17, 2014

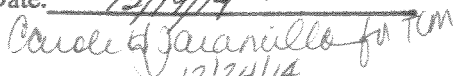
Santa Fe County Sheriff's Office

By: 
Robert Garcia
Santa Fe County Sheriff

Date: 12-18-14

Approved as to form
Santa Fe County Attorney

By: 
Date: 12/19/14


Carole A. Jaramilla for Tom
12/24/14