



Legislation Text

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Ordinance number 2372-2016, approved by City Council on September 26, 2016, authorized the Board of Health to enter into a contract with Equitas Health, formerly the AIDS Resource Center, in the amount of \$20,000.00 for a period of September 26, 2016 through March 31, 2017, to continue a partnership with Columbus Public Health Harm Reduction Program. Part of this effort includes making Naloxone readily available to heroin and opiate users in order to save lives.

This ordinance is needed to extend contract PO034852 for a time period ending August 31, 2017 with Equitas Health. This modification is needed to continue to provide Naloxone to opiate users and continue to save lives.

The harm reduction services provided by Equitas Health during FY 2016 were responsible for 60.3% of clients having access to the lifesaving drug, Naloxone. According to client data, at least 187 lives were saved because of naloxone access provided by Safe Point. 43.79% of clients were given access to an alcohol and drug consultant; 13.16% of clients were given referrals for medical services; and 13.61% of clients were provided referrals to behavioral healthcare services.

Equitas Health (Contract Compliance No.CC004721 - expires 02/17/2018) is a nonprofit organization and therefore exempt from contract compliance certification.

Emergency action is requested for this contract modification in order to ensure that Naloxone is made available to opiate users to continue to save lives.

FISCAL IMPACT: No additional funds are needed to modify this contract with Equitas Health.

To authorize and direct the Board of Health to modify, by extending, an existing contract with Equitas Health to continue to provide Naloxone to opiate users through August 31, 2017; and to declare an emergency. (\$0.00)

WHEREAS, it is necessary to modify contract PO034852 with Equitas Health by extending these services through August 31, 2017; and,

WHEREAS, this ordinance is being submitted as an emergency measure so that timely services can proceed without interruption; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of Columbus Public Health in that it is immediately necessary to modify the contract with Equitas Health, Number PO034852, for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare; Now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That the Board of Health is hereby authorized to modify, by extending, the contract PO034852 with Equitas Health through August 31, 2017.

SECTION 2. That this modification is in compliance with Section 329 of the Columbus City Code.

SECTION 3. That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated, and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

SECTION 4. That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications associated with this ordinance.

SECTION 5. That for reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.