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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Grant Colfax, Director, Department of Public Health
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FROM: Alisa Somera, Clerk, Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee
Board of Supervisors

DATE: January 5, 2022

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

The Board of Supervisors' Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee has received the following proposed legislation, introduced by Mayor Breed on December 14, 2021:

File No. 211304 Departmental Overdose Prevention Policies - Annual Submission - 2021

Resolution receiving the 2021 Overdose Prevention Policies for the Department of Public Health, Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing, Healthy Streets Operation Center through the Department of Emergency Management, and Human Services Agency describing how the department and its grantees that provide direct services to clients who use drugs will promote strategies to reduce drug overdoses, submitted as required by Administrative Code, Section 15.17.

You are being provided this informational referral since the legislation may affect your department.

If you have any comments or reports to be included with the file, please forward them to me at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102 or alisa.somera@sfgov.org.

c: Greg Wagner, Department of Public Health
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1 [Departmental Overdose Prevention Policies - Annual Submission - 2021]

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3 **Resolution receiving the 2021 Overdose Prevention Policies for the Department of**
4 **Public Health, Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing, Healthy Streets**
5 **Operation Center through the Department of Emergency Management, and Human**
6 **Services Agency describing how the department and its grantees that provide direct**
7 **services to clients who use drugs will promote strategies to reduce drug overdoses,**
8 **submitted as required by Administrative Code, Section 15.17.**
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10 WHEREAS, On June 25, 2021, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors passed an
11 ordinance amending the Administrative Code to require the Department of Public Health,
12 Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing, Human Services Agency, and
13 Department of Emergency Management to develop and submit to the Board of Supervisors
14 departmental overdose prevention policies; and

15 WHEREAS, Administrative Code, Section 15.17, requires each department to submit to
16 the Board of Supervisors a departmental policy describing how the department and its
17 grantees that provide direct services to clients who use drugs will promote strategies to
18 reduce drug overdoses (“Overdose Prevention Policy”); and

19 WHEREAS, All City Departments who interact with persons who use drugs have an
20 equal responsibility to respond to the rise in overdoses in a universal way that will have the
21 most impact; and

22 WHEREAS, The Department of Public Health, Department of Homelessness &
23 Supportive Housing, Department of Emergency Management, and Human Services Agency,
24 are committed to a collective and collaborative approach to overdose prevention; and
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1 WHEREAS, Each submitted departmental overdose prevention policy includes the
2 following components:

3 (a) A description of how departmental programs provide drug treatment and
4 harm reduction programs and services; and

5 (b) A description of where the department will post the following materials to
6 ensure that they are available and accessible to all clients:

7 (1) Up-to-date information about the location and schedule of syringe
8 access and disposal services; and

9 (2) Up-to-date referral information about naloxone access and the
10 schedule of overdose prevention and naloxone distribution services; and

11 (c) An onsite overdose response policy that describes the steps the department
12 will take in the event that an individual overdoses on property managed by the
13 department or in the presence of department personnel; and

14 (d) A plan for department staff who work with people who use drugs to receive
15 training in overdose prevention strategies; and

16 (e) A description of the process by which the department will ensure that
17 grantees that manage property on behalf of the department and/or provide direct
18 services to people who use drugs implement overdose prevention policies; and

19 WHEREAS, The aforementioned Overdose Prevention policies for each department
20 are on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 211304, which is hereby
21 declared to be a part of this Resolution as if set forth fully herein; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby receives the 2021 departmental
23 overdose prevention policies for the Department of Public Health, Department of
24 Homelessness and Supportive Housing, Human Services Agency, and Department of
25 Emergency Management.