



TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Greg Chavarria, City Manager

DATE: September 22, 2022

TITLE: Motion Approving Execution of a Memorandum of Agreement with the Florida Department of Health under the Overdose Data to Action Surveillance and Prevention Implementation Project **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Florida Department of Health under the Overdose Data to Action (OD2A) Surveillance and Prevention Implementation Project.

Background

In 2019, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued a Notice of Award to the Florida Department of Health (FDOH) to fund the OD2A Project. The goal of OD2A is to gather information on a local level related to the prevalence of opioid use. The Fort Lauderdale Police Department (FLPD) has first-hand experience with fentanyl and other opioid drugs. Not only are these drugs incredibly hazardous to the public, fentanyl exposure is putting first responders' lives at risk. As the crisis grows, so does the potential for exposure.

As a component of the OD2A Project, FLPD Detectives will track changes in the illicit opioid supply by conducting enhanced field surveillance using ion mobility spectrometry. This will be accomplished thru the use of a mass spectrometer device that is able to detect trace amounts of fentanyl and provide quick and easy lab-quality results in the field, assisting with evidence collection and processing, and reducing crime lab backlog. Faster, more accurate detection and testing are critical to reduce fentanyl deaths and help our communities to turn the corner on the deadly crisis. FLPD will share data with FDOH to allow for quick identification of emerging drug trends in order to ensure prevention activities are targeted to the appropriate populations and locations. On May 25, 2021, the City and the FDOH entered into an Agreement to implement the above-described process. This Agreement expires on August 31, 2022. The present MOA will extend the cooperation between the City and FDOH from the date of execution to August 31, 2023.

Resource Impact

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the City.

Strategic Connections

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Public Safety Focus Area
- Goal 6: Build a safe and well-prepared community.
- Objective: Prevent and solve crime in all neighborhoods.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035* Vision Plan: We Are Community.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Florida Department of Health Memorandum of Agreement

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