



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#22-1169

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

FROM: Greg Chavarria, City Manager

DATE: January 10, 2023

TITLE: Motion Approving a Memorandum of Agreement with the State of Florida
Department of Health through the Broward County Health Department for
Data Sharing until August 2023 - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a Memorandum of Agreement, in substantially the form attached, with the State of Florida Department of Health through the Broward County Health Department to share monthly reports between State of Florida Department of Health, Broward County Health Department, and the City of Fort Lauderdale on opiate overdoses until August 31, 2023.

Background

Overdose Data to Action is a 3-year cooperative agreement that began in August 2019 and focuses on the complex and changing nature of the drug overdose epidemic and highlights the need for an interdisciplinary, comprehensive, and cohesive public health approach. Data supplied as part of this agreement will support state, territorial, county and city health departments in obtaining high quality, more comprehensive, and timelier data on overdose morbidity and mortality using the data to inform prevention and response efforts. This Agreement is the same as the agreement that was approved on May 21, 2021 (CAM #21-0364) but with a new end date of August 31, 2023.

Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue (FLFR) was asked last year by the Broward County Department of Health to partner with them on the Overdose to Action Program. FLFR purchased a software package (DataMart) from our current Emergency Medical Service (EMS) electronic patient reporting system ImageTrend and has provided the Broward County Department of Health full access in Biospatial (syndromic surveillance platform that utilizes EMS data) and shares monthly reports of its own ImageTrend Elite DataMart overdose data.

ImageTrend's DataMart is an add-on for reporting that allows the user to get a copy of its reporting database to run queries and reports against their own preferred reporting tool. It is designed and tuned to efficiently get data into the system, allowing for the user to save quickly as information is entered. When working with DataMart, the user can query data

from ImageTrend, as well as from other external databases that may have access (such as crash data, hospital outcome data, etc.), as allowed by the reporting software being used. DataMart allows the City to invite outside partners to view live data in dashboards/GIS form, rather than the typical raw data seen with spreadsheets and PDF reports. This allows for a huge savings in time that can be applied towards analytics versus manual entry.

The Agreement requires FLFR to share monthly reports. All the data acquired by the State of Florida, Department of Health and Broward County Health Department will allow for quick identification to inform targeted interventions for prevention.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *2022 Commission Priority*, advancing the Safety initiative.

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: Provide quick and exceptional fire, medical, and emergency response and be the leading model in domestic preparedness

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

This item supports the *Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040* Comprehensive Plan specifically advancing:

- The Public Safety Focus Area
- Coastal Management, Community Health, and Safety Element

Goal 3: Prepare and guide coastal areas, residents, and resources before, during and after hazard and emergency events.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Memorandum of Agreement

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