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Kane County Fights Opioid Overdoses with Prevention Grants

Seven community organizations serving Kane County residents will share \$211,880 in grants awarded from the Kane County Health Department to continue efforts to combat the opioid epidemic.

The following local organizations will use the grant money for continued overdose prevention and education efforts:



VNA Health Care, Aurora - \$45,000

Lighthouse Recovery Inc., St. Charles - \$45,000

Association for Individual Development (AID), Aurora- \$33,680

Ecker Center for Behavioral Health, Elgin - \$33,500

Path to Recovery Foundation in Naperville - \$25,000

Southern Fox Valley EMS System, Northwestern Delnor Hospital, Geneva- \$23,500

Kane County Pre-Arrest Diversion Program, Geneva- \$6,200

Funding for the grants comes from the Illinois Department of Human Services and will help support local efforts including a street outreach program targeted to homeless encampments, harm reduction supplies including Narcan, additional staffing for peer recovery and support and educational outreach programs at schools, shelters, hospitals, fire departments and rehab centers.

"Harm reduction is a better term than just dealing with addiction, and all that we can do on the front end to make this more of a public health issue instead of a criminal issue I think is extremely important and necessary for society," said Jarett Sanchez, Chairman of the Public Health Committee.

In its resolution, the Kane County Board Public Health committee affirmed that “Kane County residents are overdosing and dying of opioid use at an alarming rate, and an effective overdose mitigation strategy is the engagement of community partners, including recovery centers and healthcare providers, in order to better serve the County’s residents.”

Michael Isaacson, Assistant Director of Public Health for the Kane County Health Department, noted Kane County is fortunate to have a united front among multiple partners which is necessary for the ongoing fight against the opioid crisis. “With Chief Judge Clint Hull, Sheriff Ron Hain and State’s Attorney Jamie Mosser we have so many pieces in place at the County right now that there is tremendous opportunity to really move things forward,” Isaacson said.