

# Memorandum of Understanding

between

## Las Animas-Huerfano Counties District Health Department

and

## Huerfano County

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets forth the terms and understanding between LAS ANIMAS-HUERFANO COUNTIES DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT (LAHCDHD) and HUERFANO COUNTY (COUNTY) to implement activities to reduce adverse health effects associated with opioid abuse in Huerfano County.

### LAS ANIMAS-HUERFANO COUNTY DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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### A. Purpose

The purpose of this MOU is to establish an agreement among the above-mentioned parties concerning their respective roles and responsibilities for implementation of Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) Prevention and Education, Treatment, Harm Reduction, Criminal Justice and Recovery activities.

This agreement is to provide the above-mentioned programs to achieve the following mutually agreed upon goals in Huerfano County:

- reduce adverse health effects associated with opioids by addressing community needs through collaboration and prevention.
- prevent overdose, reduce harms associated with drug use and address substance use as a public health issue rather than a criminal legal system issue.
- reduce the morbidity and mortality associated with OUDs through a combination of prevention, treatment, and recovery strategies.

## **B. Responsibilities**

LAHCDHD will:

- increase awareness that prescription opioids can be addictive and dangerous.
- implement an Anti-Stigma campaign.
- make referrals to Medical Assisted Treatment (MAT) Services and implement educational activities on recovery.
- offer FREE Narcan and Fentanyl Test Strips to Prevent Drug Overdose
- work with the criminal justice system to offer Narcan and training to inmates being released.
- Provide a written quarterly progress report to the Board of County Commissioners that summarizes work completed and funds expended

Activities include, but are not limited to:

- Expand a public education campaign to raise public awareness related to harm reduction and lowering stigma related to substance use.
- Train First Responders and provide community education in using Fentanyl Test Strips and Narcan kits.
- Educate providers to enhance access to treatment and prescribing guidance.
- Raise awareness of Harm Reduction Strategies.
- Refer individuals to clinics for MAT services.
- Re-start SUD/OD screenings in the county that had been put on hold due to the COVID pandemic and a loss of funding in the health and criminal justice systems.
- Distribute Fentanyl Test Strips to prevent overdoses.
- Distribute Narcan (Naloxone) and provide training educational materials on how to use Naloxone for a drug overdose.
- Provide Storage and safe disposal resources.
- Serve as a fiscal sponsor for Huerfano County jail as needed to provide Naloxone supplies and training.
- Refer individuals to recovery services and mental health providers for inpatient and outpatient services.

COUNTY will:

- Provide funds in the amount of \$13,315.36

## **C. Funding**

COUNTY will provide funds to LAHCDHD in a lump sum by June 30 2023. Funding will generally be allocated by LAHCDHD in the following percentages:

- Prevention and Education allocation (30%)(\$3,595.15)
- Treatment (30%) (\$3,595.15)
- Harm Reduction (10%)(\$1,198.38)
- Criminal Justice (10%)(\$1,198.38)
- Recovery (20%)(\$2,396.76)
- Administration Costs: (10%) (\$1,331.53)

COUNTY agrees that LAHCDHD will have permission to vary these categories to maximize program effectiveness, with the exception that administrative costs may not exceed the amount listed above.

**D. Duration**

The MOU shall commence on **June 1, 2023** and shall continue for a period of one-year **May 31, 2023**.

**Signatures**

All parties in this agreement sign to confirm their acceptance of its terms by their signature.

For Las Animas Huerfano Counties District Health Department:

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LAHCDHD Signature

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Printed Name/Title

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Date

For Huerfano County:

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John Galusha  
Chairman, Board of County Commissioners  
Huerfano County, Colorado

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Date