

# Agenda Item Report



**Winnebago County**  
*The Wave of the Future*

DATE: June 16, 2023

FROM: Doug Gieryn, Public Health Director

RE: Budget Transfer \$80,083 – Public Health Vending Machine Grant

## **General Description:**

The State Department of Health Services has awarded the health department grant funding to increase availability and accessibility of Narcan and Fentanyl Test Strips via vending machine access. Two vending machines would be funded with this grant.

## **Action Requested:**

Approval of the budget transfer.

## **Procedural Steps:**

Committee of Jurisdiction: Public Health  
Action taken: Budget transfer approval

Meeting date: 6/16/2023  
Vote: 7-0

Personnel & Finance Committee  
Action taken: Budget transfer approval

Meeting date: 8/3/2023  
Vote: 3-1

County Board

Meeting date: 8/15/2023

## **Background:**

Public Health, in collaboration with Human Services and the DA's office, applied to a funding opportunity to install vending machines with access to Narcan and Fentanyl Test Strips in Oshkosh at CAB (outdoor on Otter Street in vestibule) and at Neenah Human Services building (outdoors). These vending machines are climate controlled and monitored with on-line/internet connection. The machines will require a user specific code to access through the health department harm reduction program. Codes will only allow a specific number of uses and access must be renewed monthly.

## **Policy Discussion:**

Access to Narcan reduces overdose deaths, most of which are accidental and due to fentanyl addition to opioid and non-opioid substances. Fentanyl test strips can alert a substance user to the presence of fentanyl and modify use or avoid use to lessen the likelihood of an overdose. This proposal has been reviewed by corporation counsel to address any concerns related to liability.

## **Attachments:**

Budget Transfer