



CITY OF WHEATLAND

CITY COUNCIL MEETING STAFF REPORT July 14th, 2020

SUBJECT: Council discussion and potential direction to staff regarding the potential of banning needle exchange programs within the City of Wheatland

PREPARED BY: Damiean Sylvester, Police Chief

Recommendation

Provide direction to staff regarding banning the operation of needle exchange programs with the City of Wheatland.

Background/Discussion

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) is authorized by Health and Safety Code section 121349 et seq. to approve a needle exchange program (NEP). CDPH has authorized Yuba Sutter Harm Reduction and Community Outreach (YHRCO) to provide syringe services within Yuba and Sutter Counties (Attachment 1). Details of the authorization are as follows:

1. Effective May 11th, 2020 through May 11th, 2022 and may apply for renewal before the end of the two-year period.
2. Syringe services may be provided at the following times and locations:
 - a. Harmony Health: Tuesday and Thursday from 5:00 – 7:00 pm at 1908 North Beale Road, Maysville, CA;
 - b. Yuba County Mobile Location: The area bound by the Yuba River, F Street and Second Street, extending as far west as Second Street is paved. Monday from 9:00 am – 11:00 am; and
 - c. Sutter County Mobile Location: The area bound by 9800 block of Second Street and the area where Second Street and Levee Road merge, extending as far west as the Feather River edge. Monday from 11:30 am – 3:00 pm

The application and authorization letters are attached.

Neighboring jurisdictions in both Yuba and Sutter counties are in the process of establishing ordinances to ban the program. Even though there are no sites proposed in the City of Wheatland, it may be prudent to address the issue before it becomes a more local issue.

Improper collection and disposal of used hypodermic needles and syringes is detrimental to, and presents an imminent threat to, the health, property, safety and welfare of the public. The needles create a hazardous condition for community members and increase the risk of injury.

In the past two years we have had approximately 5 incidents where community members and City staff have found used syringes discarded at local parks and within the community of Wheatland. If the needle exchange program is allowed in Wheatland, it is likely these incidents will be more frequent, which carries the risk of negatively impacting the City.

Council Alternatives

The Council could choose not to take any action at this time.

Fiscal Impact

There are staff costs associated with drafting an ordinance to implement a ban on needle exchange programs within the jurisdiction of the City of Wheatland.

Attachments

1. YHRCO application
2. CDPH Letter

SYRINGE EXCHANGE PROGRAM (SEP) Certification Application

I. Applicant Organization Information

Organization Name: Yuba Sutter Harm Reduction & Community Outreach		Telephone Number: (530) 235-6123	Date of Application (mm/dd/yyyy): 12 / 23 / 2019		
Proposed SEP Name (if different from above): Yuba Sutter HRCO SSP					
Address (Number, Street, Suite #):		City:	County:	State:	ZIP Code:
Mailing Address (if different from above): 407 C st PO Box 2317		City: Marysville	County: Yuba	State: CA	ZIP Code: 95901
Name of SEP Administrator: Tenesha McFadden		Title: Coordinator	Telephone Number: (253) 973-8200	E-Mail Address: Tmcfadden@yubasutterhrc.org	

II. Services Applicant Currently Provides to Injection Drug Users (IDUs)* (check all applicable boxes)

Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Directly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Via Referral
HIV or Hepatitis Screening	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Directly	<input type="checkbox"/> Via Referral
Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B Vaccination	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Directly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Via Referral
Screening for Sexually Transmitted Infections	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Directly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Via Referral
Housing Services for the Homeless, Victims of Domestic Violence, or Other Similar Housing Services	<input type="checkbox"/> Directly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Via Referral
Distribution of Condoms	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Directly	<input type="checkbox"/> Via Referral
Risk Reduction Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Directly	<input type="checkbox"/> Via Referral
* IMPORTANT: All services must be currently offered (directly or via referral) in order to apply for Certification.		

III. Applicant Organization Description

Please briefly describe the organization's mission and core services: See attached section 3
Please provide a description of the proposed syringe exchange services and any additional services that will accompany syringe exchange, such as overdose prevention supplies and education: See attached Section 3-2

IV. Description and Summary of Proposed SEP

Program Service Delivery Mode <i>(check one)</i> : <input type="checkbox"/> Fixed Site <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both Fixed and Mobile Sites	Estimated Annual Number of Clients to be Served:	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; font-size: 1.2em;">200</div>	Estimated Annual Number of Syringes Dispensed & Collected:	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; font-size: 1.2em;">70,000</div>	&	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; font-size: 1.2em;">68,000</div>
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Please provide a short summary paragraph that will be posted on the California Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS website, which summarizes the proposed program and includes the name of the applicant organization, the name of the SEP *(if different)*, the location(s), hours and days of service, and types of services to be delivered *(not to exceed 150 words)*:

See attached section 4

Please provide the description of staffing *(please indicate number of staff, titles of positions, and a brief description of their duties)*:

Number of Staff	Title of Position(s)	Description of Duties
# 3	SEP Coordinator	Oversees the staff and logistics of each syringe service day, provides HIV and Hep C testing
	Intake Staff	<small>Will help patrons fill out forms to determine their specific needs while answering questions about MAT, where to go for testing and other resource related questions</small>
	Syringe Exchange Staff	Distributes and oversees disposal

Is there a neighborhood association affiliated with the location(s) of your proposed SEP site(s)? Yes No

If yes, please provide the contact name, phone number, and e-mail for the neighborhood association(s) for each location.

Contact Name	Phone Number	E-mail Address
1.	()	
2.	()	
3.	()	

V. Needs Statement

Please provide the rationale for the request for Certification in the location(s) specified and use data and other objective sources to document the need. Examples include statistics on HIV infection among IDUs in the local health jurisdiction (LHJ), statistics on viral hepatitis among IDUs in the LHJ, and the presence or absence of other syringe exchange services in the proposed location(s):

See attached section 4

VI. Additional Required Information

Additional requirements for SEP Certification are listed in the California Code of Regulations Subchapter 15, Sections 7000 through 7016, Title 17, Division 1, Chapter 4.

Applicants must attach a copy of each of the following:

- a) Syringe Dispensing Plan as described in Section 7012(a);
- b) Syringe Collection and Disposal Plan as described in Section 7012(b);
- c) Service Delivery Plan as described in Section 7012(c);
- d) Data Collection and Program Evaluation Plan as described in Section 7012(d);
- e) Community Relations Plan as described in Section 7012(e); and
- f) A budget for the program which includes a minimum projected income and costs for personnel, outside services and operating expenses, including but not limited to rent, utilities, equipment, materials including syringes and disposal containers, transportation, insurance, training, meetings, syringe disposal services, and indirect costs.

A description of each plan can be found on the CDPH/OA Syringe Exchange Certification Program Application Checklist.

VII. Applicant Acknowledgement and Attestation**


The following SEP services must be provided to all participants by State-certified SEPs per Health and Safety Code Section 121349(d)(3):

- Needle and syringe exchange services;
- HIV and viral hepatitis prevention education services; and
- Safe recovery and disposal of used syringes and sharps waste.

The Applicant attests that upon Certification it will comply with state laws, regulations, and local ordinances.

The Applicant also attests that it has the capacity to begin syringe exchange services within ninety (90) days of Certification.

The Applicant further acknowledges and agrees to the involvement of program participant input into program design, implementation, and evaluation.

Signature:  Date (mm/dd/yyyy): 12/23/2019

**** IMPORTANT:** Submission of an application does not constitute Certification.

Completed applications for Certification can be submitted via:

Mail:

California Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS
Attention: SEP Certification Program
P.O. Box 997426, MS 7700
Sacramento, CA 95899-7426

or:

E-Mail:

SEPAApplication@cdph.ca.gov

Additional information on SEP Certification can be found at:

https://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/CID/DOA/pages/OA_prev_sep.aspx

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Appendix

Applicant: Yuba Sutter Harm Reduction & Community Outreach (YSHRCO)

Section 3 - Please briefly describe the organization's mission and core services:

Yuba Sutter Harm Reduction & Community Outreach (YSHRCO) was founded in January of 2019 by an emergency room provider working for Vituity, a physician group that staffs the ER of Adventist Health and Rideout in Marysville, California. YSHRCO's mission is to provide compassionate care to the community and its members through evidence based harm reduction services, outreach and education while empowering individuals to learn more about their health. YSHRCO also seeks to develop collaborative relationships amongst stakeholders within the community for the individuals it serves. As an ER we began distributing Naloxone, no questions asked, as of April of 2019. This service has given out boxes of Naloxone at community events such as our local peach festival. We also distribute naloxone from our ER lobby and have given a total of 60 out to date. YSHRCO volunteers our time at community events with local churches including bicycle fixing days for the homeless. There we discuss what to do if sharps are found on the ground, and the risk contracting hep C associated with needle stick exposures and sharing syringes with other people. In ER we are able to begin patients on medication assisted treatment, MAT, through the California Bridge grant. YSHRCO has also gone to other counties such as Plumas County to interview their outreach program to hear about what methods have worked well for them, in order to create a sustainable program. YSHRCO is also partnering with Harmony Health, a non-profit organization that has been involved in the community for greater than 20 years, to increase access to health care and other services through their outreach efforts. Harmony Health (HH) became a nonprofit rural health clinic in 2013, and is now a federally qualified health center since 2015. They offer treatment in the community for primary care as well as offer mental health services, medication assisted treatment therapy and other modalities for those suffering from substance use disorder. HH tests and treats for Hepatitis A,B and C, HIV, and other STIs. In 2019 alone HH was able to treat 50 individuals with MAT alone this year. YSHRCO is also partnering with the Yuba Sutter Opioid Coalition to increase awareness in the community about substance use disorder, treatment and prevention within the community.

Section 3-2 - Please provide a description of the proposed syringe exchange services and any additional services that will accompany syringe exchange, such as overdose prevention supplies and education:

We will provide harm reduction kits which include syringes and other safe injection material handed out in a 1qt sharps container. These kits will also include information on how to reduce infection while injecting drugs, the risk of hep C and HIV as well as other infections while injecting drugs and sharing needles and also include a resource card for local shelters in the area. At the syringe service program (SSP) we will have information on MAT services provided by our ER 24/7 for those who are in opioid withdrawal, as well as local MAT services in the

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community for those who want the information for when they are ready to seek treatment. We can screen for STIs and refer patients to the ER for testing and treatment as needed. We can screen for Hep C, HIV with finger stick testing and refer patients to local clinics for testing and treatment if necessary. We will then report any positive tests to the public health department. We will also be able to educate individuals on Naloxone and how to obtain naloxone for free without any questions asked. Finally, we will have a list of community resources available for food, shelter, domestic violence victim assistance and for those who identify with the LGBTQ community.

Section 4 - Please provide a summary paragraph that will be posted on the California Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS website, which summarizes the proposed program and includes the name of the applicant organization, the name of the SEP (if different), and types of services to be delivered:

Yuba Sutter Harm Reduction & Community Outreach (YSHRCO) is proposing a syringe access and disposal program. The program aims to increase access to safe syringe disposal and information about resources available for people who use drugs. YSHRCO proposes condom distribution, HIV, Hep C and STI prevention information, screening, and information on how to obtain testing and treatment. Information will be provided on various treatment options in the area for substance use disorder as well as information on how to begin medication assisted treatment for opioid use disorder on an emergency or scheduled basis. Opioid overdose education will be given with information on how to obtain naloxone for those who request it. There will also be information on resources such as food, shelter and life skills classes offered in the community. The program will be run by YSHRCO volunteers.

Services will be located at a fixed location at Harmony Health and two mobile location.

Fixed Location

- Harmony Health: Tuesday and Thursday from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. at 1908 N Beale Rd, Marysville, CA 95901

Mobile Locations

Both mobile locations are essentially homeless encampments on public land where people stay in motor homes and tents

- Yuba County Mobile Location: The area bound by the Yuba river, F street and second street, extending as far west as second street is paved. Monday from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
- Sutter County Mobile Location: The area bound by 98 hundred block of Second street and the area where Second street and Levee road merge extend as far west as the Feather River edge. Monday 11:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Section 5 – Needs Assessment - Provide the rationale for the request for Certification in the location(s) specified and use data and other objective sources to document the need. Examples include statistics on HIV infection among people who inject drugs (PWID) in the

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local health jurisdiction (LHJ), statistics on viral hepatitis among PWID in the LHJ, and the presence or absence of other syringe exchange services:

Our emergency room commonly treats abscesses amongst people who inject drugs and needle stick injuries from syringes found on the ground. When investigated it was found that the closest SSP was over 40 miles away. When I began to interview patients I found that many were sharing needles, were using them well beyond one time and had no way to properly dispose of them which was leading to more needles found on the ground by community members. One individual expressed to me that she was getting needles by the hundreds and bringing them to Yuba County from Sacramento, but expressed concern she had nowhere to properly dispose of her syringes. Yuba County has only one syringe disposal location at the Recology center in Yuba City. The lack of establishment and access to syringe disposal centers is a barrier to the proper disposal of needles. Hospitals, bathrooms in public restrooms and clinics where syringe users frequent, do not have an option for community members to dispose of their sharps. Currently our local health department does not test for Hep C, but the 2016 state surveillance report shows there was a 46% increase in chronic hep C cases in Yuba County from 2014-2016, placing Yuba County with the tenth highest number of chronic hep C patients in the state of California. YSHRCO will increase access to testing and information on how to obtain confirmatory testing and treatment within Yuba County, which is essential with the growing numbers of Hep C reported from the surveillance report. Yuba County is ranked the 7th highest among counties for drug overdose/poisoning deaths overall at 23.54/100k vs 11.58/100k statewide, as well as the 4th highest rate among counties for fatal amphetamine + opioid deaths at 7.1/100k, vs. 1.43/100k statewide according to the CDPH overdose surveillance dashboard. Sutter County's mortality for methamphetamine is 25% higher than the state of California's, Sutter County is 6.94/100,000 deaths whereas the state of California is 5.57/100,000. Sutter's all opioid mortality is 10.05/100,000, which is 81% higher than California's rate which is 5.55/100,000. Our SSP can spread information on ways to prevent deaths and make our community safer. Sutter's HCV rates are 7.7% lower than the State of California, however, Sutter County had a large increase in new HCV cases of men in their 20's in 2018. These statistics support the necessity of a SSP in both counties.

Yuba Sutter Harm Reduction and Community Outreach Budget Form

Personnel		Annual Salary	FTE	Total
Staff 1 – McFadden, Directors salary based off of PA salary at local ER		\$ 120,500	0.10	\$12,000
Staff 2 – Intake Staff	Volunteer	\$ 12,277	0.25	In kind
Staff 3 – Syringe Exchange Staff	Volunteer	\$ 12,277	0.25	In kind
Total Salaries and Wages				\$12,000
B. Operating Expenses				
Facilities Cost (Rent and office maintenance)	Storage facility \$10 deposit \$42 per month			\$514
General Office Supplies (Pens, paper)	(@ \$630.16 per FTE x 0.60 FTE)			\$378
Communications (Internet and cell phone provider)	(@ \$531.92 per FTE x 0.60 FTE)			\$319
Travel, gas, set up and tare down at each site, vehicle maintenance, unforeseen travel/ equipment cost.				\$5,000
Harm Reduction Supplies	(\$15,000 for 200,000 syringes @ \$0.07 apiece and other supplies)			In kind
Sharps Waste Disposal	\$8,000			In kind
Total Operating Expenses				\$6,211
C. Other Cost				
Outreach materials				\$2,000
Total Other Costs				\$2,000
D. Indirect Costs				
Indirect Costs	10% of Total Personnel			\$1,200
Total Indirect Costs				\$1,200
Total Costs				\$21,411

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Yuba Sutter Harm Reduction & Community Outreach Syringe Access and Disposal Plan

Introduction: Syringe programs operate with the primary goal of providing people who inject drugs with new, sterile injection equipment as a means of reducing the spread of blood-borne viruses and other injection-related infections. The best practice for HIV and Hepatitis C prevention and care for injection drug users is to provide comprehensive services that focus on overall health and wellness. This approach emerges from the philosophy of harm reduction, and the information provided as part of this strategy should be accurate, non-biased and non-judgmental. Services should be provided in a manner that encourages engagement and retention in care.

Scope: This policy and associated plans apply to all Intervention and Prevention staff and volunteers who participate in the syringe access and disposal program.

Syringe Dispensing Plan

- A. The syringe transaction model that is utilized for the syringe access and disposal program is a needs-based/negotiated distribution mode. The number of syringes distributed is based on the participant's need, taking into account the frequency of injection and the length of time until the participant can access the program.
- B. All participants are instructed to return used syringes and dispose of them properly, utilizing the supplies provided. Education on the improper disposal of syringes, including strategies to reduce risk of needle stick injuries to others, is provided, and participants are encouraged to discontinue unsafe practices.
- C. There is not a limit on the number of syringes provided as the goal is to provide as close to 100% syringe coverage as possible in order to meet the U. S. Public Health Service recommendation of having a new, sterile syringe for each injection.
- D. Harm reduction supplies such as alcohol wipes and tourniquets needed to ensure safe injecting practices will be provided upon request. Education on the appropriate use and disposal is provided at the time of distribution.
- E. The number of syringes dispensed is a reporting requirement to the California Department of Public Health/Office of AIDS on an annual basis.

Syringe Collection and Sharps Waste Disposal Plan

- A. All staff/volunteers are expected to follow the Sharps Waste Management Plan for the disposal of sharps and other potentially infectious material generated in the Syringe Exchange Program.

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- B. All sharps are to be placed in a sharps container labeled with the word "Biohazard" and the international biohazard symbol.
- C. The sharps container will be a rigid puncture-resistant container which when sealed is leak resistant and cannot be reopened without great difficulty.
- D. All needles and syringes shall be kept and transported in puncture proof containers designed specifically for this purpose.
- E. YSHRCO will be working in collaboration with Adventist Health and Rideout to properly dispose of the syringes via Stericycle. Depending on the amount collected, other contractors may be sought out to reduce the cost of proper disposal through a company called Sharps Solution.

Service Delivery Plan

- A. The staff/volunteers complete core education on the syringe access and disposal program prior to providing services. The basic topics included in the education are as follows:
 - 1. Comprehensive education on the program standard operating procedures, syringe dispensing plan, syringe collection and sharps waste disposal plan, and the service delivery plan.
 - 2. Overview of harm reduction as is incorporated into the program.
 - 3. Participant education.
 - 4. Referral process to medical, substance abuse treatment, mental health and other services as needed.
 - 5. Cultural and linguistically appropriate service standards.
 - 6. HIV and viral hepatitis transmission and prevention.
 - 7. Overdose prevention and naloxone distribution.
 - 8. Legal basis for the program.
 - 9. Participant confidentiality protocols
- B. Additional recommended training when available includes: polysubstance use, conflict resolution and de-escalation, specialized interviewing techniques such as motivational interviewing, principles of case management, abscess and cellulitis treatment, domestic violence issues, co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders.

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Fixed Site

The Syringe Access and Disposal Program will operate at Harmony Health twice a week Tuesday and Thursday from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. at 1908 N Beale Rd, Marysville, CA 95901

Mobile Sites

1. Yuba County Mobile location: The area bound by the Yuba river, F street and second street, extending as far west as second street is paved.
Days and times: Monday from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
2. Sutter County Mobile Location: The Area bound by 98 hundred block of Second street and the area where Second street and Levee road merge extend as far west as the Feather River edge.
Days and times: Monday 11:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Prevention of Needle Stick Injuries

- A. All staff/volunteers should observe proper safety and security precaution during syringe access and disposal program operations.
- B. All staff/volunteers will follow standard and transmission-based precautions to prevent a needle stick injury or blood borne exposure. All staff/volunteers should never handle or touch used injection equipment.
- C. All injection equipment should be placed in an approved, leak-proof, rigid, puncture resistant container ("sharps" containers). Participants will be provided a personal sharps container that can be disposed of at each encounter.
- D. During syringe access and disposal program transactions, sharps containers should be placed between the participant and staff/volunteers. Staff/volunteers should never hold the sharps container during an exchange; the container should be placed on a secure table, and should be kept level at all times.
- E. Any injection equipment that falls outside of the sharps container should be retrieved by the participant and placed in the sharps container. If this is not possible, staff/volunteers should use tongs to retrieve the injection equipment.
- F. Sharps containers should never be filled beyond the manufacturer's fill line; the container should never be more than 75% full. Staff/volunteers should not insert their hands into the sharps container or forcibly push used injection equipment down into the container.
- G. Needle stick injuries or blood exposures that occur during a Syringe Access and Disposal Program

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transaction are considered a workplace injury, and an Incident Report should be completed and submitted within 24 hours. The employee/volunteer should be sent for immediate medical evaluation and care.

Program Enrollment

A. Program Eligibility

1. Individuals requesting syringe access and disposal services will be screened for, and must meet, program eligibility criteria, to be enrolled in the YSHRCO SSP. Eligibility for enrollment is self-identification as someone who injects drugs or their family/loved one.
2. On the clients' first visit to the needle exchange, trained staff should perform a screening/assessment to determine eligibility. Assessment shall be done prior to enrolling client into the syringe access and disposal program and issuing of an identification number.

B. Enrollment Procedures

1. Each individual who meets program eligibility criteria and is enrolled in the syringe access and disposal program should be issued an assigned a unique ID code.
2. Each participant is given an overdose reversal kit, which includes two doses of naloxone and education on ways to prevent an overdose, if requested. We understand not everyone uses opioids, but we will stress the importance of having naloxone on hand.
3. The anonymous unique identifier (ID code) should be recorded at enrollment and used during subsequent transactions to collect program utilization information.
4. The ID code will use an algorithm consisting of the last 2 letters of first name, fist 2 letters of last name, year born, and month born.

C. Obtaining and Recording Participant Information

1. At the participant's first visit to the syringe access and disposal program, trained staff should request and record the information/characteristic that are needed for the creation for the unique identifier along with other pertinent information needed to complete a program participant's registration form. The registration form will be designed by the syringe exchange program for the purpose of gathering all the information necessary to complete monthly and quarterly reports. Data collected will follow the Data Collection and Program Evaluation Plan.
2. The syringe access and disposal program staff regularly and repeatedly engages individual

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participants over time to provide ongoing opportunities to link them into a variety of services to improve their health. The continuum of care is characterized by participant-focused, multidirectional interventions. The service delivery system includes early intervention, prevention, counseling and testing, and care services for participants. All services, education and counseling, and referrals for care and services will be tracked on the syringe exchange program tracking log, available at request

3. Direct services provided by the HH clinical staff and by the YSHRCO staff on an as needed basis are HIV testing and case management; adult immunizations inclusive of Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B vaccinations for uninsured individuals; Hepatitis C screening; naloxone; sexually transmitted infections, treatment, and contact follow-up. STI screenings and Hepatitis A and B vaccinations may not happen at the program's mobile sites, but rather by Harmony Health at 1908 N Beale Rd, Marysville, CA 95901
4. Education and counseling of participants includes safe injecting practices, HIV/Hepatitis transmission, overdose prevention and response, and safer sex education
5. Referrals for care and services include HIV medical care, Hepatitis C treatment, substance use disorder treatment, medical detoxification, primary medical care, and housing services.

Data Collection and Program Evaluation Plan

- A. The supervising physician of the intervention and prevention (or designee) is responsible for collecting and reporting the data identified for the Evaluation Plan.
- B. The data will be collected on a monthly basis, and specific data as requested by the Office of AIDS will be reported on an annual basis. The following is the data that is to be collected:
 1. Number of syringes dispensed
 2. Number (in pounds) of syringes collected
 3. Number of HIV tests provided
 4. Number of HCV tests provided
 5. Number of referrals to substance use disorder treatment programs
 6. Number of clients served
 7. Number of STD screenings and/or exams referred
 8. Number of HAV, HBV and other immunizations provided to participants

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9. Number of naloxone doses provided

Community Relations Plan

- A. Any adverse and/or positive incident that occurs between law enforcement personnel from within Yuba or Sutter Counties, and syringe access and disposal program staff, volunteers or participants will be documented on the YSHRCO incident report form. This form will be maintained for a period of 3 years.
- B. Any concerns, complaints, problems, and/or positive feedback with the syringe access and disposal program reported by participants, community members or law enforcement will be documented on the YSHRCO incident report form. This form will be maintained for a period of 3 years.
- C. The incident report will be routed to the YSHRCO director and Yuba County or Sutter County Health Officer, depending on which county the IR form originated in, for review and direction for follow-up, if necessary. A good faith effort will be made at the appropriate level to address any reasonable concern, complaint or problem. Any action taken will be documented on the YSHRCO incident report form.
- D. Success of the program will be relayed at Yuba Sutter Opioid Coalition and Homeless consortium and the Medical Society of Yuba Sutter meetings, which are open to the public. Semi-monthly reports will also be posted on our FB page and on our website at YubasutterHRCO.org and Facebook at www.facebook.com/YubaSutterHRCO, which is open to the public.



SONIA Y. ANGELL, MD, MPH
State Public Health Officer & Director

State of California—Health and Human Services Agency
California Department of Public Health



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor

DATE: May 11, 2020

TO: YUBA SUTTER HARM REDUCTION & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION OF YUBA SUTTER HARM REDUCTION &
COMMUNITY OUTREACH SYRINGE SERVICES PROGRAM

This is to inform you that the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Office of AIDS (OA), has approved the Yuba Sutter Harm Reduction & Community Outreach (YSHRCO) application to provide syringe services. CDPH/OA has determined that YSHRCO's program has met the requirements outlined in California Health and Safety Code Section 121349 to qualify for authorization. Additionally, CDPH/OA has determined that conditions exist for the rapid spread of HIV, viral hepatitis, or other blood-borne diseases in Sutter and Yuba Counties. Authorization is effective May 11, 2020 through May 11, 2022. YSHRCO may apply for renewal before the end of the two-year period.

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Operating days, hours, and locations are subject to change after consultation with and approval from CDPH/OA, as the need for services changes.

CDPH/OA requires all state-authorized syringe services programs comply with state laws and regulations. CDPH/OA will contact you to discuss these and all data and reporting requirements.

CDPH Office of AIDS, MS 7700 • P.O. Box 997426
Sacramento, CA 95899-7426
(916) 449-5900 • (916) 449-5909 FAX
Internet Address: www.cdph.ca.gov



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We appreciate the dedication of all who worked to submit this application. Thank you for your efforts in HIV and hepatitis C prevention, and we look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Marisa Ramos'.

Marisa Ramos, PhD
Chief, Office of AIDS

cc: James Watt, MD, MPH
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Acting Chief, Center for Infectious Disease
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