

RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING INCREASED ACCESS TO SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT
(BOH 18 – 01)

WHEREAS, in 2016, more than 11 million Americans abused prescription opioids, nearly one million used heroin, and 2.1 million had an opioid use disorder from prescription opioids or heroin; and

WHEREAS, millions of Americans are addicted to opioids, only 1 in 10 of those Americans receive treatment; and

WHEREAS, 300,000 Americans have died from overdoses involving opioids since 2000 and the total number in 2016 exceeded the number of Americans killed during the Viet Nam War; and

WHEREAS, DuPage County has not been immune from the Opioid crisis with the DuPage Narcan Program recording 429 saves and the DuPage Coroner recorded 274 deaths from 2014 through 2018; and

WHEREAS, the National Safety Council estimates that the yearly economic impact of substance use disorder is over \$442 billion dollars; and

WHEREAS, Workplaces bear a significant portion of those costs due to absenteeism, increased healthcare expenses and lost productivity; and

WHEREAS, according to the University of Wisconsin-Madison, 24 million people have a substance use disorder, yet only 4 million are in some form of treatment for their addiction to alcohol, illicit drugs or opioid painkillers; and

WHEREAS, when you include family members of those affected by substance use disorder, nearly 1/3 of the US population is impacted by addiction; and

WHEREAS, treatment facilities do not endanger the surrounding communities; but will provide much needed resources to the resident of our County who are in need of those services; and

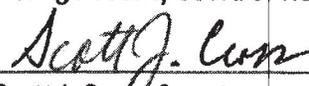
WHEREAS, Substance use disorder and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) notes that treatment programs can include inpatient treatment, residential programs, partial hospitalization or day treatment, outpatient and intensive outpatient programs, and opioid treatment programs; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the DuPage Board of Health, through its unwavering commitment to the public's health, supports increasing access to substance use disorder treatment for the residents of DuPage County.

Approved this 8th day of March 2018.



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