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**TRANSFERRING EMERGENCY HARM REDUCTION AND PREVENTION ACT FUNDS
FROM EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO
DCDHS – BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIVISION**

Deaths involving opioids, particularly fentanyl, have been steadily increasing in Dane County since 2016. In 2021, 149 people in Dane County passed away due to opioid-related overdoses – reflecting 86% of all overdose deaths. Opioid-related deaths in Dane County have increased more than 30% in the past five years. Overall, overdose deaths involving fentanyl are up close to 70% in that same time frame. Fentanyl was determined to be a contributing factor in over three quarters of the county’s overdose deaths in 2021.

Funds from the settlement of lawsuits with opioid manufacturers have come through to Dane County. These funds were allocated as part of the Emergency Harm Reduction and Prevention Act (Res 2022-184) and as part of the 2023 adopted budget.

As these funds were allocated in the 2023 adopted budget, a portion of the funding that was intended for a research based prevention curriculum for high school and late-elementary school age youth, instead was added to the budget for the Leave Behind Program at Emergency Management Services. Both programs are critical pieces to Dane County’s overall harm reduction approach combatting this problem. This transfer of funds preserves the original budget for the Leave Behind Program in EMS. This transfer will allow Safe Communities to provide ongoing oversight, coordination and implementation of the Life Skills and Safety First programming, in partnership with various Dane County schools that was started in 2022. The Life Skills and Safety First curriculum provides developmentally appropriate prevention and harm reduction programming, which focuses on building resiliency, identifying risk, being and staying safe. The specific pilot schools have not yet been finalized, though the Wisconsin Heights and Madison School Districts have expressed interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following expenditure accounts be adjusted so that the revenue is transferred from the Emergency Management Services Department to the Department of Human Services:

Revenue Account Number	Account Title	Amount
EMEMS 89000	Operating Transfer In	(\$40,000)
96000 89000	Operating Transfer In	\$40,000
Expenditure Account Number	Account Title	Amount
EMEMS 21684	Narcan Leave Behind Initiative	(\$40,000)
96000 35408	Community Prevention, Organization, and Awareness	\$40,000