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Opioid Related Overdose Reversal

The Board recognizes that opioid use disorder is a public health crisis and encourages agencies and community partners to be prepared to respond to potential opioid related overdose.

The district has authority to obtain and maintain opioid overdose reversal medication either through a standing order, prescribed and dispensed according to RCW 69.41.095(5), or through one or more donation sources. The district will seek at least one set of opioid reversal medication doses for its high school. However, if the district documents a good faith effort to obtain and maintain opioid overdose reversal medication through a donation source, and is unable to do so, the district is exempt from the obligation to have a set of opioid reversal medication doses for the high school.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines and procedures governing the utilizations of the opioid antagonist naloxone administered by members of the Port Townsend School District.

Policy

Therefore, it is the policy of the Port Townsend School District that the high school will provide and maintain on-site opioid antagonists. To treat a case of suspected opioid overdose in a school setting, any trained staff member may administer an opioid antagonist, during an emergency, to any student or staff suspected of having an opioid-related drug overdose whether or not there is a previous history of opioid abuse.

No school staff acting in good faith and with reasonable care will be subject to criminal or civil liability for actions taken in compliance with this policy and state law. This immunity does not apply to acts or omissions constituting gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct. No school staff will be subject to penalty or disciplinary action for refusing to be trained in the administration of an opioid antagonist.

The superintendent will develop procedures to address this policy.

Cross References: Policy 3418 Emergency Treatment

Policy 3416 Medication at School

Legal References: Chapter 28A.210 RCW Health Screening and

Requirements

Chapter 69.50.315 RCW Health Screening and

Requirements

Chapter 69.50.315 RCW Drug-related overdose

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