

1 **CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2017-77**

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10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL DRUG STRATEGY TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP NEW**  
12 **APPROACHES TO PROBLEMS RELATED TO BOTH DRUG ADDICTION AND POLICY**  
13 **RESPONSES TO IT BY COLLABORATING, STUDYING, GATHERING INPUT FROM THE**  
14 **SANTA FE COMMUNITY AND ISSUE-EXPERTS, AND PROPOSING**  
15 **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A COORDINATED DRUG STRATEGY ROOTED IN PUBLIC**  
16 **HEALTH AND SAFETY.**

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18 **WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe has been long concerned about the high rates of drug use  
19 and dependency and the impact on the people of Santa Fe; and

20 **WHEREAS**, in 2016, 45 people in Santa Fe County died of a drug overdose resulting in an  
21 overdose death rate of 32.9 deaths per 100,000; and

22 **WHEREAS**, overdose death rates now outnumber traffic fatality rates; and

23 **WHEREAS**, between July 1, 2016 and May 31, 2017 there were 229 arrests for possessing a  
24 controlled substance other than marijuana, 61 arrests for trafficking and/or distributing a controlled  
25 substance, and 156 arrests for possessing drug paraphernalia by the Santa Fe Police Department; and

1           **WHEREAS**, the Santa Fe Police Department began carrying and administering Naloxone,  
2 commonly known as Narcan, a medication used to block the effects of opioids especially in overdose  
3 situations, in 2017; and

4           **WHEREAS**, the Santa Fe Fire Department averaged between .43 and .58 EMS trips per day  
5 with Naloxone as an intervention between 2012 and 2017; and

6           **WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe experiences high numbers of documented incidents for  
7 property crime related to problematic drug and alcohol use; and

8           **WHEREAS**, drug abuse and dependence is a complex issue that requires innovative  
9 approaches to harm reduction in drug use; and

10           **WHEREAS**, the Governing Body recognizes that the City cannot arrest its way out of  
11 problematic drug and alcohol use and addiction and understands that the underlying problems related  
12 to some crimes are associated with persons who have problematic drug and alcohol use and addiction  
13 and is intent on breaking the cycle of drug use, crime, and incarceration; and

14           **WHEREAS**, there is a need to explore and discuss multidisciplinary approaches to treating  
15 addictions and problematic drug/alcohol use that lead to criminal activity and a need to increase the  
16 availability of prevention and education, social service, treatment, and harm reduction resources; and

17           **WHEREAS**, in 2014, the City of Santa Fe established the 2<sup>nd</sup> Law Enforcement Assisted  
18 Diversion (LEAD) program in the country, a pre-booking diversion program and an example of a  
19 municipal drug strategy rooted in harm reduction and public safety; and

20           **WHEREAS**, early evaluation results of the Santa Fe LEAD program show a reduction in jail  
21 and court costs as well as recidivism back into jail for clients who remain engaged in the LEAD; and

22           **WHEREAS**, in 2014/2015, the mayor of the City of Ithaca convened a group of community  
23 experts and initiated a process to develop new approaches to problems related to both drug addiction  
24 and the cities policy responses to it; and

25           **WHEREAS**, a report was generated from the process titled, “The Ithaca Plan: A Public Health

1 and Safety Approach to Drugs and Drug Policy” that presented findings and recommendations in four  
2 domains: Prevention, Treatment, Harm Reduction and Law Enforcement; and

3           **WHEREAS**, the Ithaca plan could serve as a model for the city of Santa Fe’s Municipal Drug  
4 Strategy Task Force; and

5           **WHEREAS**, the Governing Body desires to invite representatives from local governmental  
6 entities, state agencies, law enforcement agencies, the judiciary, social service, harm reduction and  
7 medical providers, business community, drug policy experts, immigration and human rights, and  
8 representatives of people most impacted by problematic drug use from Santa Fe to participate in a Task  
9 Force to join the City of Santa Fe’s efforts to explore and recommend solutions to address public safety  
10 and public health related to problematic drug and alcohol use and addiction in the domains of  
11 prevention, treatment, harm reduction and law enforcement.

12           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**  
13 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the Governing Body hereby creates a Municipal Drug Strategy (“MDS”)  
14 Task Force.

15           **Section 1.       NAME:** The task force shall be called the Municipal Drug Strategy Task  
16 Force (“MDS Task Force”).

17           **Section 2.       PURPOSE:** The purpose of the MDS Task Force is to collaborate across  
18 different areas of focus (prevention, treatment, harm reduction, law enforcement), in order to explore  
19 and recommend long-term solutions in a Community Strategic Plan for addressing the issues arising  
20 from persons struggling with problematic drug and alcohol use.

21           **Section 3.       DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:** The MDS Task Force shall develop  
22 a Community Strategic Plan within 6 months that includes any necessary requests for funding and shall:

- 23           A.       Study the drug related problems in the city of Santa Fe.
- 24           B.       Explore and discuss multidisciplinary approaches to treating addictions that lead to  
25               criminal activity.

1 C. Form four working groups (Prevention, Treatment, Harm Reduction, and Law  
2 Enforcement).

3 D. Host a series of community conversations to gather insight into the concerns and ideas  
4 of community members to ensure that the City's drug strategy is guided by community input.

5 E. Convene a series of focus groups around the city to learn how drug use – and current  
6 drug use – affects communities, families and individuals and how current drug policies can be  
7 improved. Focus groups should represent a specific constituency, i.e. law enforcement personnel;  
8 physicians, nurses and pharmacists; people who use drugs; young people; people of color;  
9 undocumented people; parents; business owners; and people in recovery.

10 F. The MDS Task Force shall consult with Santa Fe Opiate Safe (SOS), a committee of  
11 the Santa Fe Prevention Alliance, and other related groups when preparing the formal report to the  
12 Governing Body as noted below.

13 G. In a formal report to the Governing Body, recommend policies and practices in the four  
14 domains (Prevention, Treatment, Harm Reduction, Law Enforcement) the city could adopt to improve  
15 responses to drug use.

16 H. Any other related issues that may be identified by the MDS Task Force.

17 **Section 4. MEMBERSHIP; OFFICERS; TERMS:**

18 A. *Membership.* The MDS Task Force membership shall consist of twenty members  
19 appointed by the mayor with the approval of the Governing Body. The MDS Task Force will be  
20 comprised of representatives from the City of Santa Fe, Santa Fe Police Department, Santa Fe Fire  
21 Department, Santa Fe County, Santa Fe County Sheriff's Office, the District Attorney's Office, the  
22 Public Defender's Office, local area schools, a local area medical center, the Magistrate Court and the  
23 District Court, local social, medical and harm reduction service providers, including youth  
24 organizations, drug and alcohol prevention and education experts, drug and alcohol treatment centers,  
25 individuals with expertise and research experience in the field of addictions, individuals with expertise

1 in drug policy, business leaders, individuals with expertise in immigration reform and other human and  
2 civil rights issues, individual and families most impacted by problematic drug and alcohol use, and any  
3 other stakeholders that may be determined by the Governing Body or the MDS Task Force.

4 B. *Officers.* The mayor shall appoint the chairperson. The chairperson shall  
5 appoint a vice chairperson.

6 D. *Terms.* Members shall serve until they complete their duties and responsibilities as set  
7 forth above.

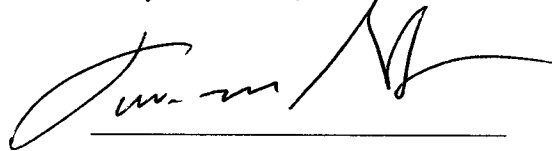
8 E. *Compensation.* Members shall serve without compensation

9 **Section 5. VACANCIES:** Vacancies on the MDS Task Force shall be filled in the same  
10 manner as initial appointments.

11 **Section 6. MEETINGS; DURATION:** The MDS Task Force shall conduct a series of  
12 public conversations and, at least once per month thereafter shall conduct public meetings in accordance  
13 with the Open Meetings Act and adopted city policy and procedures. Unless further extended by the  
14 Governing Body, MDS Task Force meetings shall conclude no more than 8 months from the date of  
15 adoption of this resolution.

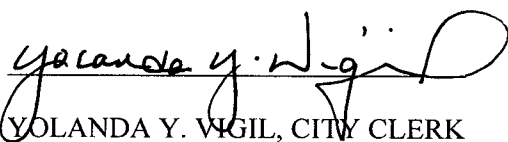
16 **Section 7. STAFF LIAISON:** Community Services department staff shall serve as the  
17 liaison to the Task Force.

18 PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017.

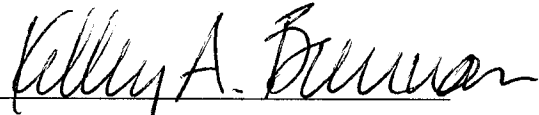
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25 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

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4 KELLEY BRENNAN, CITY ATTORNEY

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25 *M/Legislation/Resolutions 2017/2017-77 Municipal Drug Task Force*