

RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION THE CONTRACT WITH HASSAN OMAR IN A CONSULTANT ROLE TO SERVE AS A LIAISON BETWEEN THE BOARD AND THE FRANKLIN COUNTY SOMALI COMMUNITY TO ADDRESS THE RISING SUBSTANCE USE AND OVERDOSES OCCURRING IN THIS COMMUNITY (EXPENSE OF \$50,000.00 TO BE PAID WITH CDC OD2A FUNDS)

WHEREAS, Franklin County Public Health (FCPH) will partner with Hassan Omar who is the President of the Ohio Somali Association to engage in strategies aimed at establishing a partnership with the Somali Community to address the rising substance use and overdoses occurring in this community; and

WHEREAS, the data shows that in Franklin County Black male residents experienced the highest age-adjusted overdose mortality rate at 120.4 deaths per 100,000 population, compared to 72.3 deaths per 100,000 population for white male residents and 43.4 deaths per 100,000 population for Black female residents. In addition, we know that Somalis and other immigrants often are included as part of the African American/Black demographic; and

WHEREAS, fentanyl is involved in most overdose deaths, but stimulant-involved deaths are increasing. Specifically, deaths involving cocaine are on the rise, primarily due to co-use with opioids. Black residents were over twice as likely to die of a cocaine-involved death, compared to white residents, and experienced elevated overdose death rates involving fentanyl and alcohol as well; and

WHEREAS, outside of the cases reviewed as part of the Overdose Fatality Review (OFR) process, there is no specific data regarding overdose deaths in the Somali community. However, anecdotally, there are concerns of an increase in substance use and overdoses in this population. With this contract FCPH hopes to partner with the Somali community to gather data and information to help inform our work around addiction with this population; and

WHEREAS, this partnership will allow FCPH to continue and expand our efforts in the CHIP priority area of mental/behavioral health and addiction services, while also aligning with Public Health Accreditation Board Domain 4.1, engaging with the public health system and the community in promoting health through collaborative processes.

Now, therefore, upon motion of Board Member _____, seconded by Board Member _____;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH, BOARD MEMBERS;

1. That the Board of Health authorizes the Health Commissioner to enter into contract with Hassan Omar in a consultant role to serve as a liaison between the Board and the Franklin County Somali community to address the rising substance use and overdoses occurring in this community, Revenue of \$50,000.00.
2. That this resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

Voting Aye Thereon:

Board Members
Franklin County Board of Health

Voting Nay Thereon:

Board Members
Franklin County Board of Health