

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

CITY OF LOWELL

In City Council

ORDINANCE

An Ordinance creating one (1) new full-time position entitled Lowell Community Opioid Outreach Program (Co-op) Supervisor and establishing the salary in the Health and Human Services Department.

The City Council by virtue of General Laws, Chapter 43, Section 5 has the right to reorganize the departments of the City of Lowell; and

The City Council, by virtue of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 43, Section 105, has the authority to create and/or delete positions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL, as follows:

The Code of Ordinances City of Lowell, Massachusetts, hereinafter called the "Code" adopted by the City Council on December 23, 2008, as amended, is hereby amended as follows:

1. In accordance with Chapter 43, Section 105 Mass. General Laws, the following position and salary is created in the Health and Human Services Department, effective upon passage:

One (1) Full Time Lowell Community Opioid Outreach Program
(Co-op) Supervisor
(DH05)
(35 hours per week)
\$56,821.96-\$66,665.56

2. All provisions of the Code of the City of Lowell, as amended, which are not inconsistent with this Ordinance shall continue in effect, but all provisions of said Code inconsistent herewith are repealed.

3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 43 and 40A of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Christine P. O'Connor



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Kevin J. Murphy, City Manager
FROM: Kerran Vigroux, Director, Health and Human Services Department
Date: March 7, 2018
Subject: Lowell Community Opioid Outreach Program (CO-OP) Supervisor Position

The Lowell Community Opioid Outreach Program (CO-OP) began its efforts in 2016 as a three-person team comprised of a Lowell Police Officer, a Lowell Fire Fighter, and a Lowell House, INC. Outreach worker to address the growing concern of the opioid epidemic in the community at the client level. At its start, the Lowell CO-OP was a Lowell Police Department lead initiative. As the team has grown and evolved, now including team members from Trinity EMS, Mental Health Association (MHA), and the Lowell Health and Human Services Department, the Lowell CO-OP has begun its transfer to a Lowell Health and Human Services Department lead initiative. Currently, the day-to-day operations of the Lowell CO-OP are being overseen by the Substance Abuse Coordinator of the Lowell Health Department; however, it has been identified that there is a need for the Lowell CO-OP to have full-time leadership to further promote structure and oversee healthy growth.

The Lowell CO-OP Supervisor will be housed within the Health and Human Services Department and report directly to the Substance Abuse Coordinator. The Supervisor will be responsible for directly overseeing the day-to-day functions of the Lowell CO-OP, including facilitating meetings, scheduling trainings and debriefings, and fostering relationship building with local providers. The Lowell CO-OP Supervisor will act as a support for outreach efforts and clinical needs of the Lowell CO-OP, in both office and community settings. The Supervisor will be the point person or liaison for the Lowell CO-OP at local committees and Task Forces, including the Mayor's Opiate Epidemic Crisis Task Force, the District Attorney's Opioid Task Force, and the Greater Lowell Health Alliance's Substance Abuse Sub-Committee. The Supervisor will work to strengthen the Mission of the Lowell CO-OP in all capacities of their responsibilities.

We are respectfully requesting approval to move forward with the creation of the Lowell CO-OP Supervisor position and the subsequent hiring of the most qualified candidate. This position is a 35 hours/week, Ordinance position, with a salary range of \$56,821.96 - \$66,665.56.