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Susan N. Youngflesh, Board Chairperson  
Citizens' Law Enforcement Review Board  
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## **CLERB POLICY RECOMMENDATION: PROVIDE INMATE ACCESS TO NALOXONE**

Dear Chairperson Youngflesh,

The Sheriff's Department welcomes and supports the Citizens' Law Enforcement Review Board's (CLERB) independent review of complaints alleging improper actions by members of this organization and in-custody deaths. We continuously strive to respond with professionalism and concern to the citizens we serve and the CLERB process provides invaluable input to that end.

On May 10, 2022, CLERB recommended the following policy change related to San Diego County Sheriff's Department's Policy and Procedure.

1. Make naloxone "readily available" to San Diego County Detention Facility inmates.
2. Educate inmates on opioid overdose and its signs, correct technique for administration of naloxone and, essential procedures, including performance of cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

The San Diego Sheriff's Department appreciates all recommendations made by the Citizen's Law Enforcement Review Board. We are committed to preventing the influx of dangerous drugs and controlled substances into our detention facilities. We already educate our incarcerated population on the dangers of ingesting any type of dangerous drug. A couple of years ago, Sheriff staff created a video on the dangers of drugs and the possibility of overdosing, which plays in our intake areas. We have appropriate signage in all of our facilities, warning individuals about dangerous drugs, including fentanyl. We have also trained a Sheriff canine to detect fentanyl within our facilities. The canine conducts regular checks of our facilities along with our other canines who can detect other controlled substances such as methamphetamine and heroin.

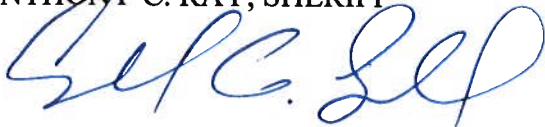
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Currently, all our deputies in patrol and within our detention facilities carry Naloxone on their person. We have already deployed 259 doses of Naloxone year to date within our facilities. The average dose per person is three (3). The San Diego Sheriff's Department reviewed the possibility of placing Naloxone, which would be accessible to incarcerated persons, inside the housing modules within each of our facilities. We have started the process of installing a Naloxone storage box in each module of each facility.

In closing, we appreciate the time and effort of the Citizen's Law Enforcement Review Board. We would like to thank you for your service to the Citizens of San Diego County and the policy recommendations. It is our goal to provide the "Highest quality public safety services" to everyone in San Diego County.

Sincerely,

ANTHONY C. RAY, SHERIFF

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'E. A. Greenawald', is written over the typed name of the Lieutenant Officer.

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Officer of the Sheriff  
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