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## Fentanyl concerns on Midcoast

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Gregg Dieguez <mccgreggd@gmail.com>

Thu, Feb 2, 2023 at 2:57 PM

To: Marc Meulman <mmeulman@smcgov.org>

Cc: Clara Boyden <CBoyden@smcgov.org>

Bcc: Jill Grant <jillmgrant@gmail.com>

Thanks Marc,

Clara, can you comment on the County programs available to address the fentanyl concerns voiced by the Council Board member earlier/below in the email chain?

I'd like to report back to the Council, and depending upon your comment, perhaps go further in stimulating action.

Regards,  
Gregg

On Thu, Feb 2, 2023 at 2:53 PM Marc Meulman <mmeulman@smcgov.org> wrote:

Hello Mr. Dieguez,

Thank you for your patience. Clara Boyden is our Deputy Director of Behavioral Health and Recovery Services and is the best person to help with your inquiry. She is copied on this email to connect you two.

Marc Meulman (He/His)

Director of Public Health, Policy & Planning

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**From:** Gregg Dieguez <mccgreggd@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Saturday, January 28, 2023 1:30 PM

**To:** Marc Meulman <mmeulman@smcgov.org>

**Cc:** Yesska Calderon <yycalderon@smcgov.org>

**Subject:** Fentanyl concerns on Midcoast

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Marc,

The Midcoast has had a concern about Fentanyl for some time. We had a presentation last March 22nd about the problem here. As you will see in the email below, one of our former MCC council members is again raising concerns (*she is now a Board member of GCSD (Granada Community Services District)*) about the issue - specifically test strips and naloxone, if I understand correctly. I/we would like to understand what the County is doing, or planning to do, about the issue of Fentanyl. And we'd like to understand how we can help advance those efforts, by lobbying for funding, or enhancing education/information distribution, etc.

I appreciate you may not be the correct person to whom to address this issue, but Louise Rogers had provided your email to us re monkey-pox, and I do not have hers. If you would please let me know the correct person in the County to whom I/we should address our concerns and request, we'll ask them for direction and information.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Gregg A. Dieguez

Midcoast Community Council - Chairman

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From: **Jill Grant** <[jillmgrant@gmail.com](mailto:jillmgrant@gmail.com)>

Date: Fri, Dec 30, 2022 at 10:27 AM

Subject: Valuable tools (teststrips) withheld from residents of SMC and from mid-coast residents

To: Lena Silberman <[lsilberman@smcgov.org](mailto:lsilberman@smcgov.org)>, <[midcoastcommunitycouncil@gmail.com](mailto:midcoastcommunitycouncil@gmail.com)>, <[rmueller@smcgov.org](mailto:rmueller@smcgov.org)>

**I would like the honorable Supervisor Mueller and the MCC Councilmembers to push for fentanyl test strips AND the life saving narkan to be available to all residents.**

I have a teenager. She is exposed to these fentanyl laced drugs at coastal parties (our beaches, parks, private property, etc.). Fortunately she has received education (from other teenagers involved in harm reduction in SF) which has stopped her from experimenting with pills but other teens are not so savvy. There are also adults using these street drugs because our healthcare system does not support those with pain management issues so people are forced to turn to an illegal dealer. I've spoken to three of the dealers that serve the coast. One does not care about his clients - just wants to make money. One is an adult working a ring of teenagers who go to these parties. He says "buyers beware" and it's not his responsibility. The third is in his early 20's who started dealing to support his habit of pain relieving pills. He knew of fentanyl but not of test strips. He shared that he lost his best friend to fentanyl poisoning in 2022 and has lost clients. He would like access to test strips but cannot afford to go to SF or Bay Area to get them from the existing programs. By the way, he is a graduate of Half Moon Bay High School with pain issues from the multiple concussions he received while playing football. Because of the "opiod crisis" he cannot get any pills from a doctor. He has to buy them off the street. He believes that one day he will also die of fentanyl poisoning just like his best friend.

Please, please, please, take a look at our existing program. It does not serve teenagers or adults who are not addicts. It does not support those that make one bad choice. Remember, it only takes one pill to kill and existing programs are too far away to help. **Please implement a support program THIS YEAR (see link below).** I volunteer to help in ANY WAY to move this forward.

Perhaps now that we are sloughing off the "pro-ineffective DARE program supporter" and getting in an open minded, compassionate supervisor, we can make some headway because this problem will only get worse with a recession on the horizon in 2023.

Sincerely,

Jill Grant

415-940-3392



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## **Happy New Year's Eve, and Don't Forget to Test!**

With over 92% of American adults celebrating New Year's Eve, it's one of the biggest party holidays on the calendar. But no matter how you spend your NYE, we want to ensure that you and your friends ring in the new year in the safest way possible.

If you, or your friends, decide to take drugs this holiday, be sure to use fentanyl test strips to make sure your stash is safe, and if it's not, create a plan to use safely.

To get your hands on some test strips before NYE, visit the link below to find an interactive map of where to find our venues.

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**Sincere regards,**

**Jill Grant**



Love is tough  
supervisor's email address.

Hang in thereLena - Can you please pass this on to Ray Mueller? I do not have his