

Resolution
LARIMER COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

A resolution supporting the work of the Northern Colorado Health Network Syringe
Exchange Program

WHEREAS, House Bill 20-1065, effective September 14th, 2020, modified the historical requirement that the Board of Health approve clean syringe exchange programs,

WHEREAS, the Larimer County Board of Health most recently signed an MOU with NCHN on October 10th, 2019, extending through October 10th, 2020, outlining the requirements of the Syringe Exchange Program, and

WHEREAS, NCHN is working in partnership with nonprofit agencies in Larimer County to help prevent the spread of infectious disease associated with injection drug use through early identification of infection (testing), referral to treatment, community education, behavioral counseling, and the provision of harm reduction supplies through a syringe exchange program, and

WHEREAS, as a certified site in the City of Fort Collins, NCHN provides:

- Effective evidence-based prevention interventions intended to keep individuals within the target community from acquiring and transmitting HIV/hepatitis/Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs).
- Sterile hypodermic syringes and needles in exchange for used hypodermic syringes, needles or other objects used to inject controlled substances or controlled substance analogs into the human body.
- Referrals to individuals who are at risk for HIV/hepatitis/STIs, or who are already infected and unaware of their status, for testing, comprehensive health care, prevention education, and supportive services.
- Referrals to alcohol/substance abuse treatment and mental health services to clients.
- Referrals for other needed human services, and

WHEREAS, Larimer County Department of Health and Environment's mission is working to provide everyone in Larimer County the opportunity for a healthy life, and

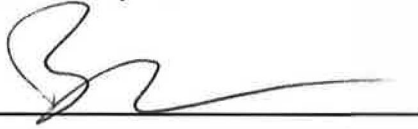
WHEREAS, the Larimer County Board of Health wants to continue to show their support the work of NCHN and the importance of a Syringe Exchange Program in Larimer County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LARIMER COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH AS FOLLOWS:

This 10th day of September 2020, The Larimer County Board of Health declares that it supports and thanks the Northern Colorado Health Network for their work in preventing the spread of bloodborne disease in Larimer County through their Syringe Exchange Program.

Larimer County Board of Health

By: _____



Dr. Bernard Birnbaum, President

ATTEST: _____



Secretary