

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-35-CM
RESOLUTION EXTENDING SYRINGE EXCHANGE PROGRAM
(One Year)

WHEREAS, the Tippecanoe County Health Department is a “local health department” established under IC 16-20 and within the meaning of IC 16-41-7.6-1;

WHEREAS, under IC 16-20-2-2(b) and (c), the executive of Tippecanoe County was authorized to establish and maintain one local health department having countywide jurisdiction and the executive of Tippecanoe County is authorized to adopt health ordinances that apply to the entire County.

WHEREAS, on October 10, 2016, the Tippecanoe County Health Department declared, in a manner consistent with IC 16-41-7.5-5(1) that there is an epidemic of Hepatitis C in Tippecanoe County, that the primary mode of transmission is through intravenous drug use, and that a syringe exchange program is medically appropriate as part of a comprehensive public health response to this epidemic.

WHEREAS, the Tippecanoe County Board of Commissioners conducted a public hearing on November 21, 2016, on the Health Department declaration and public testimony was permitted at the hearing.

WHEREAS, following the public hearing, on November 21, 2016, the Board of Commissioners passed Resolution 2016-32-CM, adopting the declarations of the Tippecanoe County Board of Health, approving the operation of a syringe exchange program, and sending notification of that action to the Indiana State Department of Health with a request that the Commissioner declare a public health emergency.

WHEREAS, the Indiana State Department of Health declared a public health emergency on behalf Tippecanoe County to include the period of December 15, 2016, through December 14, 2017.

WHEREAS, following a public hearing that included additional information from the health officer and members of the public, the epidemic of Hepatitis C continues and Tippecanoe County wishes to continue the syringe exchange program under IC 16-41-7.5-11 for a period not to exceed one (1) year, from December 15, 2017, through December 14, 2018.

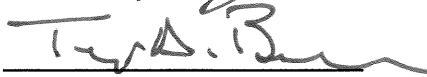
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, pursuant to IC 16-41-7.5-11(b)(2), the Tippecanoe County Board of Commissioners hereby renews Tippecanoe County’s syringe exchange program for a period of not more than one (1) year. Notification of this renewal shall be transmitted to the State Health Commissioner pursuant to IC 16-41-7.5-11(c)(1).

Duly adopted this 4th day of December, 2017.

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