

## Naugatuck Valley Community College

### Opioid Overdose Prevention Policy

At Naugatuck Valley Community College, the safety of our students, faculty, staff, and visitors is paramount. To this end, we proactively provide for a safe environment for our students and employees to learn and work. Our students, each employee, and everyone with whom we come into contact in our work, deserves to be treated with professionalism, courtesy and respect.

In accordance with Connecticut Public Act No. 19-191 Sec. 7, the CSCU Policy on Opioid Overdose Prevention adopted on October 24, 2019 by the Board of Regents for Higher Education (“BOR”), requires CSCU Colleges and Universities to develop and maintain written procedures, including emergency procedures that identify individuals trained for the proper use and administration of opioid antagonists to effectively treat and reduce any fatalities associated with opioid drug overdoses at their respective institutions.

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to establish and communicate the College’s procedures regarding opioid overdose prevention and administering opioid antagonists in accordance with CSCU Policy on Opioid Overdose Prevention.

#### **1. Designated Individuals and Emergency Protocol**

##### **A. Designated Individuals:**

- a. The Director of Public Safety will oversee the Opioid Prevention Program. purchase, storage and distribution of opioid antagonists, according to the policy. The Director will also maintain a list of trained individuals, locations of naloxone in addition to the Public Safety Department, and the expiration dates of the naloxone so that product can be replaced as needed.
- b. As first responders, all Public Safety Officers certified in First Aid and CPR/AED, and all have received training in administering intranasal naloxone. Only those officers who have completed the department approved training and any required refresher training shall be authorized to administer intranasal naloxone.
- c. Faculty and staff members who have voluntarily received training in administering intranasal naloxone may be available to respond to emergency situations. These individuals are protected by the Good Samaritan Law (see section 5). Only those faculty and staff members who have completed training may be designated to administer intranasal naloxone. Please see the attached list of the designated faculty and staff members.

## **B. Emergency Protocol:**

In all emergency situations, please call Public Safety, ext. 58112.

- a. When a determination has been made that a victim is suffering from an opioid overdose, a designated individual will:
  - i. Call Public Safety (if designated individual is not a Public Safety Officer)
    1. At our Danbury Campus, staff and security personnel should dial 911 and also contact the Waterbury Campus Public Safety Department;
  - ii. Administer the intranasal naloxone;
  - iii. If designated individual is a Public Safety Officer:
    1. Request EMS response (if not done so already);
    2. Provide victim with treatment, including administering intranasal naloxone when appropriate;
    3. If other medical personnel are present, assist as needed;

### **2. Reporting**

- a. Each time an intranasal naloxone kit is used, the officer involved shall document the occurrence in an incident report.
- b. The Public Safety Department shall maintain a current record of each time and every use of an opioid antagonist kit and shall prepare and submit a report to the CSCU Chief of Staff, on or before October 1, with the statistics and a brief description of every incident that required the use of opioid antagonist administration within the prior year.

### **3. Location of Opioid Antagonists**

- a. An adequate supply of intranasal naloxone kits will be maintained in the Public Safety/Police Headquarters located at C122a. The opioid antagonists shall also be contained in the department's medical response kits or attached to the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) unit in the Public Safety Headquarters.
- b. At our Danbury Campus, the opioid antagonist is stored in the Administrative Office on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.
- c. Please see the attached list, by building, of designated faculty and staff who have been properly trained in administering intranasal naloxone.

### **4. Training and Awareness**

- a. **Training:**
  - i. The Public Safety Department shall arrange for and schedule a department approved training course covering all aspects of the field use of intranasal naloxone for officers in need of training. All first responders shall be trained accordingly.

- ii. Many faculty and staff have been properly trained on administering intranasal naloxone. Training sessions are ongoing and will continue throughout the academic year.

**b. Awareness:**

- i. An advisory committee, appointed by the President, has been charged with continuing to explore ways in which NVCC can enhance the manner in which we promote awareness and address crisis for our students and the community at large.

## **5. Good Samaritan Law**

C.G.S. § 17a-714a permits licensed healthcare practitioners authorized to prescribe an opioid antagonist to prescribe, dispense, or administer the medication to treat or prevent a drug overdose without being 1) civilly or criminally liable for the action or for its subsequent use; or 2) deemed as violating their professional standard of care. The law also provides the same legal protection from civil or criminal liability, and allows anyone, if acting with reasonable care, to administer an opioid antagonist to a person one believes in good faith is experiencing an opioid-related drug overdose.

List of Faculty and Staff  
Who Have Been Trained in Administering Intranasal Naloxone

Kinney Hall	Name	Office #	Office Telephone #
7 <sup>th</sup> Floor	Dana Elm	K706b	Ext. 62153
5 <sup>th</sup> Floor	Sarah Gager	K509	Ext. 58086
5 <sup>th</sup> Floor	Diane Zutant	K509	Ext. 58012
5 <sup>th</sup> Floor	Lisa Calabrese	K503b	Ext. 58151
6 <sup>th</sup> Floor	Sandra Valente	K608	Ext. 68655

Fine Arts/Theater/Leever	Name	Office #	Office Telephone #
3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor	Jonathan Curns	A304	Ext. 58184

Ekstrom Hall	Name	Office #	Office Telephone #
4 <sup>th</sup> Floor	Sharon Lynch	E421	Ext. 58154

Founders Hall	Name	Office #	Office Telephone #
3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor	Kathy Murphy	F304	Ext. 68673

Danbury Campus	Name	Office #	Office Telephone #
2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor	Antonio Santiago	D211	203-437-9637
	Scott Farrell		203-437-9653
	Martha Charris	D209	203-437-9638
	Alexandra Lopes		203-437-9640
	Robert Chakar		203-437-9699