



Executive Order 2324-003

Order to Grant Funds to Overdose Lifeline

Sunday, February 4, 2024

By the authority vested in me as President of the Butler University Student Government Association, and in order to promote the success of an organization that works to solve the need for nasal naloxone and other harm reduction items, it is hereby ordered that \$500 of the Presidential Projects and Initiatives budget be donated to Overdose Lifeline.

Section 1: Mission

The Student Government Association serves as an advocacy body that takes strides towards the creation of a more inclusive campus for all students from all walks of life. While undertaking this mission, SGA found a need for emergency preparedness for an opioid overdose. Fostering a campus environment that emphasizes harm reduction reflects an emphasis on well-being and the creation of a more inclusive environment for all students, faculty, and staff.

Section 2: Justification

Addiction can sometimes lie in darkness. Having access to overdose reversal tools will save lives, on campus and in the world. According to the CDC, 98,268 people died from drug overdoses in 2021. Unfortunately, this number has only been increasing. Access to opiates, according to the National Institute of Drug Abuse, has caused a 7.5 fold increase to drug overdoses. Assuring that the Butler University community is well equipped to aid in an emergency overdose situation is a valuable step in the right direction of harm reduction

Section 3: Implementation

Overdose Lifeline has generously donated more than 200 nasal sprays and 75 fentanyl test strips to Butler SGA. These have dispersed them to Butler Police, Health Services, and into the hands of many students who feel comfortable intervening in case of emergency. Fifty-eight of these nasal sprays are located in AEDs around campus, there are two sprays in each BUPD car, as well as additional available for pickup in the SGA office for interested students. Health Services has some on hand, as well. Something of note: Overdose Lifeline does this completely for free.

Section 4: Authority

Under Article IV Section 10 of the Student Government Association Constitution, the Student Body President holds the authority to “issue Executive Orders to forward the goals of the organization as a whole and of the presidential administration”. This order is subject to actions by the Student Senate as laid out by Article IV Section 10 of the Constitution and is subject to Judicial Review in accordance with Article IV Sections 10 and 11 of the Constitution.



Katie B. Stanley, Student Body President
Signed and effective 3:30pm, February 4, 2024

