

February 5, 2018

Alderman Michael Murphy, Co-Chair
Michael Lappen, Co-Chair
City-County Heroin Opioid and Cocaine Taskforce

Alderman Murphy and Mr. Lappen;

On behalf of the City of Milwaukee Health Department (MHD), I am writing to request an extension of the February 27, 2018 due date for the City-County Heroin Opioid and Cocaine Taskforce (CCHOCTF) work plan. Due to the department's leadership transition, the urgent need to address service shortfalls in the Childhood Poisoning Prevention program, and a longstanding vacancy in the Substance Abuse & Injury Prevention position, the MHD was not able to assign the resources necessary to produce a quality draft of the report.

In an effort to address this shortfall, the MHD's Heroin Opioid and Cocaine efforts have been realigned to better address this critical public health issue. The Substance Abuse & Injury Prevention position was filled as of January 16, 2018 and the position was transferred from the Disease Control & Environmental Health division to the Public Health Policy & Planning division.

I sincerely apologize that the MHD was not able to provide the appropriate level of support to the CCHOCTF in development of the work plan. It is my belief that the organizational realignment recently implemented will better support the MHD's response to this issue in the future. With these changes in mind, I respectfully request a 30 day extension of the Work plan to March 27, 2018.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Sandra J. Rotar
Health Operations Administrator