University Policies and Procedures

07-01.20 – POLICY ON HEROIN AND OPIOID ADDICTION AND PREVENTION

I. Policy:

Towson University ("TU") has adopted this Heroin and Opioid Addiction Prevention Policy ("Policy") in accordance with Maryland Code, Education Article, Sections 11-1201—1204, its own substance abuse policies, and those of the University System of Maryland ("USM"). TU strives to provide a healthy, safe, and drug-free environment for students, faculty, and staff. It also recognizes the health care and safety risks associated with heroin and opioid abuse in Baltimore County, the State of Maryland, and nationwide.

Incoming students will be required to participate in training (either in-person or online) regarding heroin and opioid addiction and prevention awareness. The training will be facilitated by the University’s Health Educator for Drugs and Alcohol in the Counseling Center. TU will also identify other accessible resources that will alert and educate students regarding heroin and opioid addiction and prevention.

The Towson University Police Department ("TUPD") and the TU Health Center shall obtain and store naloxone or other overdose-reversing medication to be used in an emergency situation. TUPD officers and TU Health Center clinical staff shall be trained how to recognize the symptoms of opioid overdose, procedures for administering naloxone (or other overdose-reversing medication), and proper follow-up procedures in the event of a suspected opioid overdose.

On or before October 1 of each year, TU shall report to the Maryland Higher Education Commission each incident that required use of naloxone or other overdose-reversing medication.

II. Responsible Executive and Office:

Responsible Executive: Vice President for Student Affairs
                      Chief of Police, TUPD

Responsible Office: Division of Student Affairs
                   TUPD

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III. Entities Affected by this Policy:

All members of the University community.

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Effective Date: 10/1/2018

Acknowledged By: President’s Council

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President