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Fighting the Opioid Crisis: The View from Florida
Announcing "All in for Florida" Intervention & Recovery Projects

Wednesday, April 25th 2018
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Rayburn House Office Building 2220

According to the Florida Medical Examiners Report, there were over 5,700 opioid-related deaths in 2016 across the state, a 35 percent increase from the prior year. As policymakers at the federal and state levels continue to address this crisis, unique state and local partnerships are contributing to the public health response.

As part of the Aetna Foundation's $6 million commitment to support states fighting the opioid epidemic across the country, the Florida Alcohol & Drug Abuse Association is among the first organizations to receive two multi-year grants totaling $1 million to support the "All in for Florida" Intervention and Recovery projects.

We invite you to join us April 25th for a Congressional briefing to learn more about how this unique partnership is tackling the opioid crisis.

Speakers Include:

- The Honorable Stephanie Murphy (D-FL-7)
- Bruce Rueben, President & CEO, Florida Hospital Association
- Frank Rabbito, President, Florida Alcohol & Drug Abuse Association (FADAA) & Chief Operating Officer, Westcare
- Mark Fontaine, Executive Director, FADAA
- Dr. Candace Hodgkins, CEO, Gateway Steps to Recovery
- Dr. Garth Graham, President, Aetna Foundation
- Dr. Dan Knecht, Head of Clinical Strategy, Aetna

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Florida Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association: "All in for Florida"

Intervention and Recovery Projects

The Florida Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association (FADAA), incorporated in 1981, is a non-profit membership association representing substance abuse prevention and treatment providers, managing entities, and community anti-drug coalitions.

All in for Florida: The ER Intervention Project - This program aims to strengthen connections between hospital systems and community-based behavioral health programs, specifically focused on supporting people who end up in Emergency Departments due to an opioid overdose. Conducted in collaboration with the Florida Hospital Association and the Florida College of Emergency Physicians, the effort is intended to provide opioid abusers with access to treatment services at a time when there is the greatest opportunity to intervene and address the addiction.

All in for Florida: A Recovery Project - This program will help transition informal networks of recovery groups across Florida into accredited Recovery Community Organizations. Working with the Peer Support Coalition of Florida Initiative, FADAA will build stronger connections between a wide range of related services for individuals recovering from addiction, such as behavioral health and addiction treatment providers; employment and housing support services; community recovery leaders and community-based organizations, including volunteer groups; and select state agencies.