



Michael J. Murphy
City of Milwaukee Common Council

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Heroin and Opiates 101 – A Neighborhood & Community Meeting

President Murphy hosting key meeting next week targeting parents, loved ones

Common Council President Michael J. Murphy is hosting a free and open public meeting next week to begin a neighborhood and community dialog about the heroin and opiates problem.

The meeting – **Heroin and Opiates 101 – A Neighborhood & Community Meeting** – will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on **Wednesday, November 19, 2014** in the auditorium at the Milwaukee Public Schools Central Services Building, 5225 W. Vliet St.

President Murphy, who collaborated with the **Zilber Family Foundation**, **Mayor Tom Barrett** and elected officials and community leaders in Milwaukee, Waukesha, Ozaukee, Racine and Washington counties in organizing the first-ever Southeast Wisconsin Regional Heroin/Opiates Symposium in June 2014, said the meeting next week is open to anyone interested in learning more about the heroin and opiates addiction problem. “I sincerely invite all community members – especially parents and those with loved ones impacted by heroin or opioid addiction – to attend this event to learn how to make a difference in protecting Milwaukee from the scourge of heroin, opiates and other drug use and abuse,” he said.

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Community meeting/ADD ONE

“There will also be a personal story about how one family has been affected by this very serious and too often deadly problem,” President Murphy said.

President Murphy said the neighborhood and community meeting will be an extension of the larger, regional symposium, but will be especially geared toward parents. The program will include useful information related to youth trends in MPS as well as services being provided by MPS. Milwaukee Police Department and other law enforcement officials will also cover the intersection of heroin/opiates and law enforcement/criminal justice system, including data trends in the City of Milwaukee, MPD’s role outside of arrests, diversion programs and more.

Following the meeting there will be a **resource fair** just outside the auditorium where attendees can visit several staffed tables offering helpful information and resources.

For more information please contact President Murphy’s office at **414-286-2074**.

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