



November 26, 2018

Alderman Michael Murphy
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Alderman Murphy invites public to Heroin, Opioid and Cocaine Task Force's final community session tomorrow

Alderman Michael J. Murphy is encouraging the public to attend the final community engagement session scheduled with the **City-County Heroin, Opioid and Cocaine Task Force**. The session takes place tomorrow (Tuesday) **November 27 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.** at **St. Ann Center, 2450 W. North Ave.** All youth (16+), adults, residents and medical professionals are welcome to attend the session and become a part of the conversation. It is encouraged that community members share how drugs have and continue to impact their neighborhood. This will allow community members to work with the task force to create new strategies to address substance abuse. The meeting will also include design thinking activities and small group discussions to enhance the task force's work plan. Prospective attendees are asked to please **RSVP** to TIFFINIE.COBB@milwaukee.gov or by calling **414-286-6738**.

The City-County Heroin, Opioid and Cocaine Task Force is looking to address the community impact of various drugs. The task force understands that various drugs impact communities differently and is seeking to address the community impact of substance abuse.

Alderman Murphy, the primary sponsor of the Common Council legislation creating the task force, said Tuesday's session is part of gathering public input before a final plan is adopted by the task force. "The more participation we have and the greater number of ideas we can gather, the better we can develop a strategy to properly address this public health crisis," he said.

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Engagement session/ADD ONE

In late April, the Task Force released its preliminary report that included initial recommendations (please go here to see the initial plan:<https://city.milwaukee.gov/ImageLibrary/Groups/ccCouncil/District-10-Murphy/PDFs/CCHOTCF05.02.2018.pdf>) to address the fatal and nonfatal overdose epidemic in Milwaukee and Milwaukee County. These recommendations included the development of programs that are in collaboration with the criminal justice system that treat addiction as a disease, while actively working to reduce the availability of illicit substances, to ensure that there is adequate access to timely, affordable and quality services for those people with substance disorders and to enhance collaboration between community-based initiatives and government agencies.

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CITY-COUNTY HEROIN, OPIOID, COCAINE TASK FORCE

*Are you impacted by substance
abuse in your community,
specifically with cocaine,
as well as others?*

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SESSION

*Please join us to
further develop a plan
to address substance
abuse in your
community*

Tuesday, November 27th

5:30–7:30 PM

St. Ann Center

2450 W. North Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53205

You will have an opportunity to give feedback on the CCHOCTF initial work plan in discussion groups with task force members.



**Please RSVP to TIFFINIE.COBB@milwaukee.gov
or 414-286-6738**

