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FOR INFORMATION CALL

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Community Engagement Session Hosted by Heroin, Opioid and Cocaine Task Force

The community will have an opportunity to weigh in on the heroin and opioid epidemic during a north side community engagement session on **Tuesday, November 27**, hosted by the **City-County Heroin, Opioid and Cocaine Task Force**.

The Task Force will host this community engagement session on **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 Russell W. Stamper, II, co-sponsor of the Common Council legislation creating the task force, said the engagement session will help gather input before a final plan is adopted by the task force. "I am strongly urging citizens to attend on the 27th because public input and information sharing is such a critical part of the task force's work," he said. "We truly need to hear from anyone who has ideas and input to share."

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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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