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

The public will have an opportunity to weigh in on the heroin and opioid epidemic during a north side community engagement session tomorrow. It is the final community engagement session scheduled with the **City-County Heroin, Opioid and Cocaine Task Force**.

The Task Force will host this session on 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 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. "Sharing information and gathering input are some of the ways we can get a handle on this major health issue. That's why it is important for anyone who ideas or input to join us," 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: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SESSION

Tuesday, November 27, 2018 | 5:30 - 7:30PM

St. Ann's Center | 2450 W. North Ave. Milwaukee, Wi

AGENDA

Dinner | 5:00pm-5:30pm

Welcome | 5:30pm

Introduction of CCHOCTF | 5:45pm—5:55pm

Breakout Discussion #1 | 6:00pm-6:20pm

Introductions

Experience with Substance Abuse

Overview of CCHOCTF initial work plan | 6:20pm-6:30pm

Breakout Discussions #2 | 6:30pm-6:50pm

Existing Efforts

Identify Highlights & Gaps

Activity #1 | 6:50pm– 7:10pm

Identify action items

Activity #2 | 7:10pm-7:20pm

Prioritize action items

Closing | 7:20pm-7:30pm

