A TOWN HALL SERIES

KNOCK OUT OPIOID ABUSE

Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey

Horizon Foundation for New Jersey

May 31, 2017
Bergen Community College Tech Center
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Moderator: Angelo M. Valente, Executive Director, Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey
Welcome: Tracy Parris-Benjamin, LMSW, Clinical Design Liaison, Horizon BCBSNJ
James Tedesco III, Bergen County Executive

Bergen County Knock Out Opioid Abuse Town Hall Panel

Assemblyman Joseph A. Lagana

Joseph A. Lagana has represented the 38th Legislative District in the New Jersey General Assembly since 2014 and as Deputy Parliamentarian since 2016. Lagana attended Fordham University where he received a B.A. in history in 2000 and later attended the Thomas M. Cooley Law School where he received his J.D. in 2004. He served as a clerk to Superior Court Judge John A. Conte before joining Chasan Leyner & Lamparello, as a partner. In the Assembly, Lagana serves on the Appropriations Committee, the Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee, and the Judiciary Committee.

Gurbir S. Grewal, Bergen County Prosecutor

Gurbir S. Grewal was appointed as Acting Bergen County Prosecutor in 2016, and sworn in as Prosecutor on Nov. 14, 2016 and is the chief law enforcement officer of Bergen County. Prior to his appointment, he worked as an Assistant United States Attorney in the United States Attorney's Office for the District of NJ and in the Eastern District of NY. He graduated cum laude from the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service and the College of William & Mary, Marshall-Wythe School of Law.

Sue A. Marchese-Debiak, Director, Division of Addiction Services

Sue has been in the field of Addiction Treatment Services for over 27 years, beginning at Hackensack University Medical Center before becoming the Executive Director of Spring House Halfway House for Women. As Bergen County Coordinator of the Office of Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services, she provides direct oversight to the Office of Addiction Services, Municipal Alliances, Spring House, Addiction Recovery Outpatient Program and Intoxicated Drivers Resource Center.

Michael Kelly, MD

Dr. Kelly is board-certified in orthopaedic surgery. He has been on the medical staff of Hackensack University Medical Center and Chairman of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Sports Medicine since 2005. He was a founding member of the Insall Scott Kelly Institute since 1991 where he remains a director. He is the founding Chairman of Orthopaedic Surgery and Professor of Seton Hall-Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine. He currently is Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at Rutgers. Dr. Kelly has lectured and published on issues relating to the use of opioids in orthopaedic surgery.

Samantha Harries, Dir. Center for Alcohol & Drug Resources

Samantha Harries is Director of The Center for Alcohol & Drug Resources, a program of Children's Aid and Family Services. She has been in the field of public health for almost 20 years and has been involved with developing prevention and recovery support services programming. Samantha oversees a team that manages several local and countywide initiatives including the Bergen County Prevention Coalition and The Garfield Prevention Coalition.

Joel Pomales, Dir. of Clinical Outreach & Advocacy Dir. for SOBA College Recovery

Joel Pomales is the Director of Clinical Outreach and Advocacy Director for SOBA College Recovery and co-founded the New Jersey Chapter of Young People in Recovery. He is a dedicated advocate with the mission of helping others with mental health and substance use disorders. One of his main goals is raising awareness and eliminating stigma that surrounds addiction and recovery.

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Department of Health Services

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