Partnership for a

Drug-Free New Jersey



May 22, 2018 Bloomfield Public Library 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Moderator: Angelo M. Valente, Executive Director, Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey
Welcome: Allen Karp, Senior Vice President, Healthcare Management, Horizon BCBSNJ
Ronnell Wilson, USDOJ, Unit Chief of Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force
Erica Liu, USDOJ, Unit Chief of Opioid Unit

Essex County Knock Out Opioid Abuse Town Hall Panel



Robert D. Laurino, Acting Essex County Prosecutor

Prosecutor Laurino began his career in the Essex County Prosecutor's Office as a general trial attorney in 1980. In 1985, he was appointed director of the adult sex crimes unit. In 1999, he was appointed deputy chief assistant prosecutor, and

in 2004, chief assistant prosecutor. Laurino was appointed acting prosecutor in June 2017, but he previously served in the role from 2010 to 2011. A cum laude graduate of Villanova University, Laurino received a master's degree from Rutgers University. He graduated from Seton Hall University School of Law.



Dr. Janet Philips

Dr. Janet Philips is the Program Manager at Rutgers University Behavioral Health, Cherry Hill Acute Partial & Partial Hospital Programs. Dr. Philips earned a doctorate in clinical psychology with a specialization in forensic psychology, from California

Southern University. She has served in the field of addictions and mental health treatment for more than 20 years, and her scope of practice ranges from adolescent to seniors and inpatient to outpatient. The Acute Partial Hospital programs offer structured group modality focusing on evidence-based mental health, relapse prevention and wellness initiatives to encourage a stable foundation for individualized stability and recovery.



Barbara Kauffman

Barbara is the Director of Prevention Services at Morris County Prevention is Key (MCPIK). Ms. Kauffman leads the Community Coalition for a Safe and Healthy Morris, a county-wide prevention coalition whose mission is to prevent and

reduce the harmful effects of alcohol and other drugs in Morris County. She also co-facilitates the Morris County Task Force on Opiates, and is a member of the Morris County Mental Health and Substance Abuse Advisory Board, the Morris County Stigma Free Committee and the Morris County Youth Services Advisory Committee.



Dr. Lewis Nelson

Dr. Lewis Nelson became the inaugural chair of emergency medicine at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School in 2016. He is a board certified physician in emergency medicine, medical toxicology and addiction medicine. Dr. Nelson attended SUNY Health Sciences Center in Brooklyn

and performed his residency training at Mt. Sinai School of Medicine. He previously served as the director of the fellowship in medical toxicology at New York University's School of Medicine and as vice-chair for academic affairs in the department of emergency medicine.



Mariel Hufnagel

Mariel Hufnagel is the Executive Director at The Ammon Foundation. She previously has worked as an advocacy organizer with the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence – NJ (NCADD-NJ) and as the National Chapter

Department Manager for Young People in Recovery. She has been recognized locally and nationally with numerous awards and featured by numerous media outlets. Mariel is currently a full-time student at Kean University pursuing her master's degree in public administration.



Nicholas Beam

Nicholas Beam is a person in longterm recovery from addiction and a patient advocate for RWJ Barnabas Health Institute for Prevention. He works at multiple hospitals in North Jersey including Clara Maass Medical Center in Belleville, St. Barnabas Medical Center

in Livingston and Newark Beth Israel, helping to guide people into treatment. Since the Opioid Overdose Recovery Program started in 2015 Beam and others have conducted more than 2,200 bedside interventions for those who have suffered overdoses.

Collaborating Organizations:



