

A TOWN HALL SERIES

KNOCK OUT OPIOID ABUSE



April 24, 2018
Saint Peter's University:
Mac Mahon Student Center
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Moderator: Angelo M. Valente, Executive Director, Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey

Welcome: David Gambino, Vice President and Chief Pharmacy Officer, Horizon BCBSNJ
Eugene J. Cornacchia, Ph.D., President of Saint Peter's University
Paula A. Nevoso, President – CarePoint Foundation
Hudson County Freeholder Joel Torres
Craig Carpenito, U.S. Attorney for the District of New Jersey

Hudson County Knock Out Opioid Abuse Town Hall Panel



Esther Suarez, Hudson County Prosecutor

Esther Suarez was sworn in as Hudson County Prosecutor in July 2015. Prior to becoming prosecutor, she served as a judge of the Superior Court of NJ for more than five years, presiding in the civil division in

Hudson Co. and the family division in Passaic Co. Ms. Suarez previously served as Bergen County Counsel. Prosecutor Suarez is the first female and first Hispanic to serve as Prosecutor in Hudson County's 176-year history.



Dr. Tucker Woods

Dr. Woods is the Chief Medical Officer at CarePoint Health – Christ Hospital in Jersey City. Dr. Woods previously served as system director for emergency departments, responsible for providing strategic direction

and leadership for all CarePoint Health emergency departments. CarePoint Health started the Shifting The Opioid Paradigm (STOP) initiative, becoming just the second emergency department system in the nation to develop a program that focused on holistic alternatives to opioids. He also belongs to several professional organizations, including the American Osteopathic Association and the American College of Emergency Physicians.



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.



Dennis E. González

Dennis has been serving as Acting Regional Dir. & Ex. Officer - Office of the Secretary, U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services since January 12, 2017. Prior to joining the Department of Health and Human Services, Dennis held a number of senior level positions at the state and

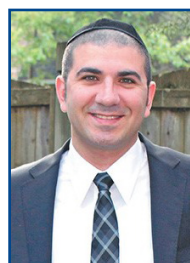
county levels in New Jersey, including serving as executive director of all the mental and behavior health boards in New Jersey, where he supervised the creation of the NJ Alcohol and Drug Counselors Committee.



Rebecca Alfaro

Rebecca has spent most of her career working in the substance abuse prevention field with the Municipal Alliance Program. She started her work as county prevention specialist before joining the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse. Rebecca is the Deputy Executive Director

and is responsible for overseeing the Council's systemic planning and coordination efforts. She also provides workshops and presentations on prevention efforts and their effectiveness in engaging community level change. Rebecca earned her BA in communication sciences and disorders at University of North Carolina at Greensboro and her MA degree in social work from Monmouth University.



Assi Amos

Assi Amos is the Director of Substance Abuse Services for the Giant Steps Program. He holds dual certifications as a LCSW and a LCADC. In his role as the director of the Giant Steps Program at Carepoint, Amos works with adolescents and adults seeking mental health treat-

ment and specializes in addiction counseling. He oversees afterschool programs, partial hospitalization programs, relapse-prevention programs and transition back-to-school programs. He recently launched a private practice in Teaneck — Amos Center for Wellness and Recovery.

Collaborating Organizations:

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