KNOCK OUT **OPIOID ABUSE**

May 17, 2018 **Calvary Baptist Church** 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.





Moderator: Rebecca Alfaro, Deputy Executive Director, GCADA Welcome: Mary Ann Christopher, Vice President, Clinical Operations & Transformation, Horizon BCBSNJ

Ocean County Knock Out Opioid Abuse Town Hall Panel



Joseph D. Coronato, Ocean County **Prosecutor**

Joseph D. Coronato has served as Ocean County prosecutor since 2013. That year, he created a specialized drug task force in the county. The prosecutor's office started the Blue HART program in late 2016, an initiative that helps people who turn

themselves in at police stations get connected to addiction services without threat of charges or jail. He graduated Upsala College in East Orange with a bachelor's degree in June 1972, he graduated North Carolina Central University Law School with a Juris Doctor Degree in May 1975.



Dr. Muhammad Abbas

Dr. Abbas is a board certified psychiatrist and the Chief of Addiction Medicine and Medical Director of Partial Hospital Program at Jersey Shore University Medical Center in Neptune. After receiving his medical degree, he completed his post-doctorate

training in headache and neuromodulation at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Abbas completed his residency in psychiatry and human behavior at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia. He also is clinical fellowship trained in chronic pain management and addiction medicine from the University of Pennsylvania.



Liza DeJesus

Liza DeJesus is the director of prevention services at Prevention First, a division of Preferred Behavioral Health Group. She is a passionate prevention specialist, who has extensive experience addressing prevention of teen pregnancy,

violence, alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. Ms. DeJesus is a facilitator of youth and family programs, such as Strengthening Families and Keys to Innervisions. She is also a certified trainer of the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program. Ms. DeJesus is well-known for her warm spirit and ability to create and nurture strong relationships within communities.



Pastor Mike Dellaperute

Pastor Mike accepted the call to youth pastor at Calvary Baptist Church in 2001 and lead pastor in 2009. He holds an associate's degree from Ocean County College, a bachelor's degree in Bible and a Master of Divinity from Cairn University. Presently, he is a PhD candidate in

Systemic Theology at Baptist Bible Seminary of Clarks Summit University. Mike is also an online theology professor for Shasta Bible College and Seminary of California and a member of the editorial advisory committee for the Journal of Ministry and Theology.



Michael Capko

Michael Capko is currently the DART Coalition Manager. In this role, he works to collaborate with community-based organizations and local community members to implement environmental prevention strategies aimed at reducing

substance abuse in Ocean County. Michael has more than 10 years of experience in the field of substance abuse prevention. He previously worked as the Regional Coalition Coordinator in Union County. Michael holds his Bachelor of Science Degree in business management from Kean University.

Collaborating Organizations:



