

# KNOCK OUT OPIOID ABUSE

May 3, 2018  
Hawthorne Gospel Church  
Hawthorne, NJ  
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.



**Moderator: Angelo M. Valente, Executive Director, Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey**  
**Welcome: Rachel Goldberg, Behavioral Health Solutions Implementation Manager, Horizon BCBSNJ**  
**Rachael Honig, the First Assistant to the United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey**

## Passaic County Knock Out Opioid Abuse Town Hall Panel



**Dr. William Kernan**

Dr. Kernan is professor and chairperson of the Department of Public Health at William Paterson University and has more than 20 years of experience developing collegiate and community-based substance abuse prevention programs. For the past

6 years, he has served as the research director for a grant-funded county-wide substance abuse prevention coalition. Dr. Kernan has designed several intervention programs targeting prescription opioid and heroin abuse and is currently the primary investigator for a program aimed at reducing opioid abuse among young athletes.



**Camelia Valdes, Passaic County Prosecutor**

Camelia Valdes was sworn in as Passaic County prosecutor in 2009, becoming the first Latina county prosecutor in NJ and the first woman prosecutor in Passaic County. She previously served as municipal prosecutor in Newark, a deputy

AG in the NJ Attorney General's Office and as an assistant U.S. attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office in Newark. Valdes received her BA in sociology from Seton Hall University, JD from Rutgers Law School - Newark and LL.M. in Trial Advocacy from Temple University.



**Dr. Adelaide Viguri**

Dr. Viguri is associate medical director of emergency room pain management at St. Joseph's University Medical Center in Paterson, which was the first hospital in the country to launch the Alternatives to

Opiates (ALTO) program two years ago in an effort to curb the opioid epidemic. She is an esteemed voice on the opioid crisis and has presented on the issue at conferences throughout the country. Dr. Viguri earned a bachelor's degree in biology/biological sciences from Florida International University and earned her medical degree from Touro College.



**Dr. Steve M. Aydin**

Dr. Aydin is Chief of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and Interventional Pain Management at Kayal Orthopaedic Center. He earned a BS from Rutgers University and then graduated from the University of Medicine & Dentistry of New

Jersey – School of Osteopathic Medicine. He has published journal articles on sacroiliac joint dysfunction, phantom pain, and radiculopathy, as well as book chapters on the treatment of sacroiliac joint dysfunction, interventional pain techniques/injections, and core strengthening in relation to hip and lumbar function in athletes.



**Alton Robinson**

Alton is the Lead Peer Recovery Specialist for The Center for Addiction Recovery Education & Success (CARES-NJ) and a person in long-term recovery. He is considered an expert in recovery support services, advocacy and treatment referrals and has shared his expertise on the

stigma of addiction as a guest speaker at several forums on the opioid crisis. Robinson has led many naloxone training programs in his work with CARES-NJ, and he has helped more than 400 people enter recovery in the past year.



**Tim Stanley**

Timothy Stanley is the director of outreach at Desire 4 Hope. He is a graduate of Liberty University with a bachelors in divinity and psychology and is now working on his masters from Liberty University Baptist Theological Seminary. Timothy served on active duty with the United States Army

and then served with the Department of Defense for 11 years at West Point Military Academy. His passion now is reaching out to those who are struggling and feeling lost in addiction.

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