

COMMUNITY WORKING TOGETHER CONFRONTING OPIOID ABUSE

WHAT: COMMUNITY FORUM

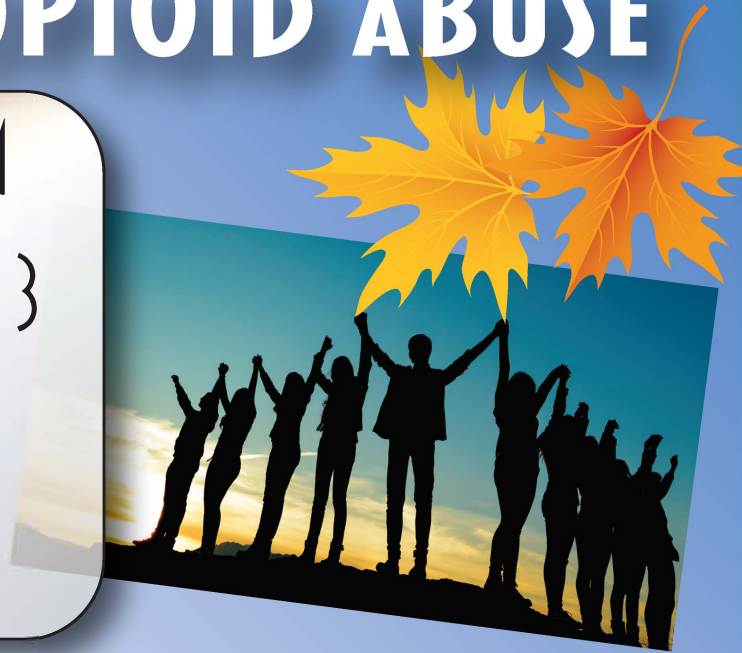
WHEN: MONDAY, OCTOBER 3

Noon to 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: FALLS BALLROOM

15870 Hwy 27, Little Falls, MN

WHO: YOU!



**COME TOGETHER TO CARE, LEARN,
IMPACT, & PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY!**

CARE: We all care about the health & safety of our community!

LEARN: Learn about the current state of prescription drug abuse in Little Falls and how we are proactively confronting opioid abuse in our community, state, & nation!

IMPACT: Find out how YOU can make a positive impact on preventing opioid abuse!

PROTECT: Together we can help protect our loved ones from the harms of drug addiction and abuse.

Schedule:

Noon-12:30 p.m.: Lunch

12:30-1:00 p.m.: Opening

1:00-1:45 p.m.: Legislative Panel

1:55-2:40 p.m.: Health Care Panel

2:50-3:45 p.m.: Law Enforcement Panel

3:45-4:30 p.m.: Prevention & Intervention Panel

4:30-5:30 p.m.: Q & A, Networking

5:30-7:00 p.m.: Embracing Prevention
Learn ways you can be part of a

healthier & safer community.

The evening presentation features the Little Falls High School Improv Troupe.

Join us for a session or two, or stay for the whole day. Please RSVP if you will be joining us for lunch, cost is \$5 (paid at the door).

RSVP to Ann at AnnMarch@catholicealth.net or Sheila at Sfunk@lfalls.k12.mn.us by September 28.

WE ARE PLEASED TO WELCOME THE FOLLOWING PANEL PARTICIPANTS:

LEGISLATIVE/ELECTED OFFICIAL PANEL



U.S. Representative Rick Nolan, U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar, State Senator Paul Gazelka, State Representative Ron Kresha, Morrison County Commissioner Kevin Maurer, and Little Falls Mayor Greg Zylka

HEALTHCARE PANEL

Rhonda Buckallew-Family Medical Center Administrator, Dr. Kurt Devine-Family Physician, Theresa Sweeney-Morrison County Social Worker, Gary Sperl-Coborn's Pharmacy, Dr. Heather Bell-Family Physician, and Lee Boyles-President CHI St. Gabriel's Health

LAW ENFORCEMENT PANEL

Morrison County Sheriff Shawn Larsen, Little Falls Police Chief Greg Schirmers, Deputy Jason McDonald, Morrison County Attorney Brian Middendorf, and Randall Police Chief Charlie Strack

PREVENTION/INTERVENTION PANEL

Sheila Funk-Prevention Specialist Stand Up 4 U Coalition, Kevin Maurer-Chemical Dependency Counselor, Chris Dobbe-Minnesota Department of Health SIM Grant Coordinator, Amanda Roerick-Morrison County Public Health Nurse, Marilyn Keith-LSW Morrison County Juvenile Justice, and Brad Hoheisel-Recovery Support Advocate

Community Forum presented by
The Morrison County Prescription Drug Abuse Task Force.

Our health system and partners developed an innovative model to prevent prescription drug and opioid abuse. **Here's the story of the R.O.A.R. (Rural Opioid Abuse Reduction) project at-a-glance:**

Identified a Need

- Concerns arose about the number of patients seeking pain medications in the Emergency Department.
- Morrison County's Medical Assistance insurance showed one-third of patients had 8 or more opioid prescriptions.

Built Capacity to Act

- Morrison County was awarded State Innovation Model funding in 2015 to focus on prescription drug narcotics overuse.
- Morrison County Task Force reconvened with community reps from: South Country Health Alliance, Public Health, Social Services, Sheriff's Office, Little Falls Police Dept., Morrison County Attorney's Office, Coborn's Pharmacy, St. Gabriel's Hospital Pharmacy, Family Medical Center, St. Otto's Care Center, and Horizon Health.

Planned and Implemented Strategies

- Implemented strategies within the clinic and the community to reduce abuse and diversion.

Positive Outcomes

- Medical Assistance pharmacy claims were reduced by \$2.3 million less in four months (Jan-April 2016) compared to the same period the previous year.
- The task force won the "2016 Rural Health Team of the Year" award.



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