A Discussion of Opioid Overdose Prevention: Saving Lives with Naloxone

Monday, August 24, 2015 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Waterville Valley Conference Center
56 Packard's Way
Waterville Valley, NH

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PRESENTATION: New England has been ravaged with opioid addiction; heroin use, abuse and dependence; and unintentional overdose deaths. In response to this epidemic, states have enacted legislation (e.g., 911 Good Samaritan laws) and educated first responders, medical providers, law enforcement personnel, fire department staff, treatment providers and the general public on the use and administration of naloxone, a non-scheduled medication that can counter the effects of opioid overdose. Yet, despite numerous public awareness campaigns, there is still work to be done to inform communities about the use, benefit, availability, and safety of naloxone. This program is designed to educate attendees about opioid overdose prevention as well as to discuss the benefits of naloxone distribution from a variety of perspectives and experiences.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

- To raise awareness about the opioid epidemic and naloxone as a potentially life-saving solution
- To explain the history of naloxone, discuss its importance, and identify who can carry and administer it
- To offer innovative approaches to making naloxone available to those who need it
- To demonstrate how to administer naloxone effectively

This event is FREE. CEs are available through NEIAS for a \$10 fee. Discussion will include an explanation of how naloxone works medically, who can carry and administer naloxone, resistance experienced in prescribing this life saving medication, and novel or innovative approaches to making it available to those who need it.

Please submit potential questions for the panel at <u>traininginstitute@nhadaca.org</u> by August 14, 2015. For additional information please call (603) 225-7060

We hope you will be able to join us either live or online at this critical event that seeks to educate and reduce the incidence of opioid overdose deaths in the New England region. The livestream link is:

http://livestream.com/Degan/naloxone

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MODERATOR: Reporter Paige Sutherland from NH Public Radio will moderate this esteemed panel of professionals. Before joining NHPR, Paige was a freelance writer for Boston's NPR affiliate WBUR, a freelance political reporter for WATD, and a general assignment reporter at the Boston bureau of the Associated Press. She also spent time in 2013 reporting for a local newspaper in South Africa. A graduate of the graduate journalism program at Northwestern University, Paige received her undergraduate degree in philosophy at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA.

PANELISTS: David Goldstein: David Goldstein, Ph.D. serves as the Chief of Police for the City of Franklin, NH, a department: Committed to People...Committed to Excellence...Committed to Service. During his 35 year career in law enforcement, Dr. Goldstein has worked for various police departments and retired as a NH State Police Captain. His assignments have spanned from Uniform Patrol to Field Training Office to Major Crime Unit. Dr. Goldstein has served in a variety of capacities as an Investigator of Crimes Against Children, an Undercover Narcotics Investigator, a SWAT/Crisis Negotiator and a Polygraph Examiner. Chief Goldstein holds a B.A. in Psychology from Boston University, an M.S. in Public Health from Tufts University and a Ph.D. in Counseling and Human Services with a concentration in criminal justice from Walden University. He is currently a Ph.D. candidate in Sociology/Psychology at Tufts University. Dr. Goldstein holds adjunct teaching positions in both undergraduate and graduate programs in the Department of Applied Social Sciences at Boston University as well as in the undergraduate criminal justice program at New England College.

Jonathan Goyer: Jonathan Goyer is grateful to have been a recipient of naloxone on June 17, 2013 having lost both his father and brother to drug overdose. In recovery from opioid addiction, Mr. Goyer is an outspoken advocate on the administration and availability of naloxone. He shares his story of hope in a variety of platforms including as Executive Director for Project Weber, a non-profit peer support organization committed to improving the health and wellbeing of male sex workers. Funded to improve the lives of at-risk men on the streets of Providence, he seeks to empower individuals that struggle with addiction to make healthier choices. He is a Licensed HIV/HCV Testing Counselor and is certified to train others in administering naloxone. He volunteers for Miriam Hospital's Preventing Overdose and Naloxone Intervention (PONI) program, where he educates, trains and distributes naloxone in the community and during street outreach. He also volunteers on Rhode Island Department of Health's Overdose Prevention and Rescue Coalition. Through all of his work Jonathan spreads the message that "where there is breath, there is hope!"

Shawn Riley: Shawn Riley has been a Paramedic and Firefighter for over 27 years. For the past 7½ years he has been the Deputy Chief of Laconia Fire Department, in charge of all aspects of the city's 9-1-1 EMS service. He previously worked in Manchester and Concord, NH as well as in northern Massachusetts. Over the course of his career, he has had a front row seat to opioid abuse and misuse in the Lakes Region. However, he also has had the firsthand experience of seeing the extreme benefit opioids can provide in appropriate medical settings. Shawn has several degrees including an MBA from New England College.

Grace Keller: Grace Keller is the Case Management Team Leader at the Howard Center in Burlington, VT where she has worked with addiction issues since 2007. Ms. Keller was involved in advocating for both the passage of Vermont's Good Samaritan Law as well as legislation to allow community based naloxone distribution. Grace has experience training, educating and administering naloxone and with naloxone distribution in a methadone clinic and at a syringe exchange program. The Howard Center is one of only two Vermont pilot sites initially authorized to provide community based naloxone kits to anyone who might be present at an opioid overdose. The Howard Center has distributed over 2,100 overdose prevention kits and has had over 250 overdose reversals.