

Policymaker Education Take Action Opportunity Let's Make The Opioid Epidemic History!

US House Judiciary Subcommittee Briefing
 Monday, April 12th, 1 PM
 Addiction Prevention Treatment and Recovery Forum
 11:00 AM, Outside State House, Beacon St. Entrance
 Following Forum, We Educate Policymakers

What's is Happening?

- ◆ The US House Judiciary Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law announced that will hold a Congressional Field Briefing in Boston on **Monday, April 12th, at 1:00pm in the Gardner Auditorium.**
- ◆ The briefing's purpose is to inform the Subcommittee on the recent release of the OxyContin and Heroin Commission report with a focus on the federal government's response to the opioid epidemic.
- ◆ Oral testimonies authorized by Previous Invitation from The Congressional Committee.

What Can We Do? *Educate Our Elected State House and US Congressional Lawmakers*

1. Come to the and/or the Briefing to demonstrate our support
2. Or send written testimony to the Congressional Committee about the Massachusetts Epidemic

You can send it to:

- ◆ Commercial and Administrative Law Subcommittee Chairman Steve Cohen
- ◆ MA Congressman William Delahunt (10th District) who organized the briefing
- ◆ Your elected Member of the US Congress plus state senators and representatives (Go to www.wheredoivotema.com or 1- 800-462-8683 (VOTE)
- ◆ Prior to the briefing, we will visit state legislators with fact sheets about the need to take action to make the Oxycontin Heroin Commission recommendations law! S2281 makes that happen. See information below.
- ◆ Call your state legislator today to set up an appointment to meet with their office on April 12th. Main State House Telephone Number is 617-722-2000.

Educate Your State (House) Senator and Representative about

- ◆ **S2281, " An Act Relative to Substance Abuse and Prevention"**, sponsored by Senator Tolman (as recommended by the Joint Committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse)

Education "Take Action" Message to State House Legislators

- ◆ "Hello, I'd like to leave a message for Rep/Senator _____. My name is _____, and I am a constituent. I am calling to find out if Rep/Senator _____ will support **S. 2281 An Act Relative to Substance Abuse Education and Prevention.** This legislation is currently in The Joint Committee on Health Care Financing. Did you know that between 2002 and 2007, 3,265 Massachusetts residents died from opiate- related overdoses? Even more startling is that opiate-related overdoses now exceed motor vehicle deaths as the number one cause of accidental deaths in the Commonwealth.
- ◆ This bill is a direct result of the recommendations of The OxyContin Heroin Commission Hearings and addresses significant ways to curb this deadly epidemic in our communities.
- ◆ It addresses the need for substance abuse education in schools school, pain management training for prescribers and patients, parent support networks, a more comprehensive prescription monitoring program, criminal justice reform for individuals with substance use disorders, and a change in the way insurance coverage is determined for substance abuse treatment. Your support is so important. Thank you very much."

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