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"Of the ESTIMATED 2.1 million Americans currently in the grip of opioid addiction, many are women of childbearing age. The young-adult population has been hardest hit, proportionately, with nearly 400,000 adults ages 18 to 25 suffering from addiction to prescription painkillers (the vast majority) or heroin.

The number of pregnant women using opioids grew significantly between 2004 and 2013, according to recent research published in JAMA Pediatrics, with the increase disproportionately high — more than 600 percent — in rural areas. Another decade-long study found a fivefold increase in the number of newborns who experienced the opioid-withdrawal condition known as neonatal abstinence syndrome, or NAS: to eight per 1,000 hospital births from one and a half. **Experts estimate that a baby with NAS is born in America every 15 minutes.**"

*https://www.nytimes.com/2018/05/09/magazine/children-of-the-opioid-epidemic.html

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Dear Collaborator in Health,

It is a pleasure to welcome you to the Communities Against the Opioid Epidemic Symposium in collaboration with the Governor's Advisory Commission on Latino Affairs. This year saw Governor Tom Wolf declaring a statewide disaster emergency concerning the heroin and opioid epidemic, followed with a renewal in April. Governor Wolf stated: "We have made real progress during the disaster declaration… But it is critical that we keep building on our efforts at prevention, rescue, and treatment… to ensure that my administration and local partners can continue to use every tool available to them to help people and communities in need."

It is for this purpose that today's Symposium is taking place. We are committed to being part of the movement to find the solution to this growing dilemma. Recent studies demonstrate alarming increases of drug-related deaths amongst minorities including a 39% increase among Black Americans and a 24% increase among Latinos.* The National Institute of Disability, Independent Living and Rehabilitation Research released a request for information on opioid use disorder among persons with disabilities.

Understandably, the theme for today's event is: Defining a Solution to the Opioid Crisis in Minority and Rural Communities. Our goal today is to collaborate and find solutions to core issues in this epidemic:

- Compare how the opioid epidemic affects different racial, ethnic and other minority communities
- Identify new collaborative strategies for communities and create key partnerships to implement these necessary strategies
- Identify and measure current strategies to prevent, intervene and treat the epidemic

Today, as you listen to the panel discussions, attend the breakout sessions and interact with each other, keep the above objectives in mind. It is up to us to commit and believe that a solution does exist and that together we can bring an end to these alarming increases.

Before I close, I'd like to thank each of you for attending. As leaders, providers and organizations, you bring your expertise to this gathering and help pave the way towards building healthier communities. I especially thank our Sponsors for being fellow participants in this community of doers!

Enjoy your time at the State Museum. I, as well as my team, is here to serve in any capacity you need

With admiration and respect,



George Fernandez

George Fernandez Principal & CEO, Latino Connection

⁶⁶ Not everyone defines good health in the same way, not everyone has the same goals and the same needs. We work with you to tailor our mission to what your needs are.

Welcome,

Thank you for attending the "Communities Against the Opioid Epidemic Symposium." Today you will hear from nationally recognized leaders including physicians and public servants working to address growing concerns surrounding opioid use in ethnic, minority and rural communities. Our mission today is to facilitate the creation of key partnerships to implement collaborative strategies.

As the Title Sponsor working in partnership with the Governor's Advisory Commission on Latino Affairs, we are honored to be a part of this forum. We are dedicated to finding and promoting life changing solutions to the opioid crisis across our state. Thank you to Latino Connection, the Pennsylvania Department of Health, the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, the York County District Attorney's office, the Harrisburg Police Bureau, West Virginia University, Penn State Health, Temple Health, Pennsylvania Harm Reduction Coalition, and the many physicians and community partners here today for your amazing collaboration to address the opioid epidemic.

Together, we will build a healthier world, one person and one community at a time.



Jason Rottman Chief Executive Officer Aetna Better Health of Pennsylvania

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Aetna Better Health member

AGENDA

8:00 AM

8:25 AM - 9:45 AM

Breakfast & Networking

Morning Panel: History of Opioid Epidemic in Pennsylvania and the Actions taken by City and State

Memorial Hall, 2nd Floor

Representative Angel Cruz - House of Representatives

Dr. Natalia Ortiz - Temple Health and GACLA Commissioner

Captain Gabriel Olivera – Harrisburg Police Bureau

Devin Reaves - Pennsylvania Harm Reduction Coalition

MODERATOR

Commissioner Joanna Otero-Cruz – Deputy Managing Director for Community Services

Educational Breakout Sessions (Two to choose from)

Opioid Epidemic History in the United States

• The Auditorium, 1st Floor

Discussion on the history of the three opioid epidemics in America, starting in the late 1800's and ending with present issue; dual epidemics of opioid prescriptions and heroin. Discussion on the current recommendations from CDC in order to guide local practitioners and inform the population on the medical movement of the time.

Dr. Stephen McCaughan, D.O. - Lewis Katz School of Medicine

Medical Marijuana: What They Didn't Teach in Medical School Village Square, 2nd Floor

The Medical Marijuana Law was signed by Governor Tom Wolf in April 2016 which permitted the legal growth and sales of medical marijuana in Pennsylvania. Since then, approximately 30 dispensaries and 10 grower processors have begun operations. More than 60,000 patients have registered with the Department of Health to be treated for one or more of the 21 serious medical conditions permitted by law.

Dr. Johnathan Gusdorff – GTI Grows

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

11:00 AM

11:15 AM - 11:45 AM

Lunch & Networking

Presentation: DJ Choices

Educating the audience on how to reach students by sharing true stories, graphics, and facts about the dangers and consequences of drug use in striving to prevent people from becoming addicted. In addition, personal testimonials from recovering addicts and their families are shown in a unique and dramatic format which reinforces the need for students to make positive choices. Frank Rodrigues will also share his battle with addiction.

Bryan Carey – PA Board Certified Recovery Specialist

Afternoon Keynote: What Does Science Tell Us About Preventing Youth Opioid Use?

Join this session to learn about the promises and pitfalls of different strategies for preventing youth misuse of prescription opioids. This session will provide an overview of what research tells us about developmental pathways of substance use, how brain development and other factors play into whether programs and strategies are effective. We will then examine how to strengthen locally-developed community programs, informed by developmental psychology and prevention science principles.

Dr. Stephanie Bradley, PhD – All Youth Access





11:45 PM - 12:45 PM

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Educational Breakout Sessions (Two to choose from)

Opioid Use in Communities with Disabilities

♥ The Auditorium, 1st Floor

This session will focus on the opioid epidemic in rural Appalachian and its association (and impact) for individuals with disabilities and their families. The panel will present current experiences and perspectives concerning the rising prevalence of Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) among newborns, the potential differences in enrollment, treatment, and outcomes among the Medicaid population, and differences in treatment trajectories for individuals with disabilities who receive substance use treatment. Unfortunately, the rising issues related to opioid use have presented themselves quickly without much time to response or assess current infrastructure needs or test practices. This panel will discuss the overarching questions that must be discussed to reduce the impact of this epidemic, particularly for individuals with disabilities.

Dr. Lesley Cottrell, PhD - West Virginia University - A Center of Excellence in Disabilities

Engaging Individuals with an Opioid Use Disorder (OUD): The Impact of Medication-Assisted Treatment

Village Square, 2nd Floor

- An overview of the opioid epidemic in PA
- The limitations of addiction treatment in PA and in the US for people with an OUD
- Research on effective techniques for engaging people with an OUD using MAT
- Data from PA on retention rates for MAT and abstinence-based practices and
- Research on reducing overdose rates using a comprehensive system that includes MAT and other services.

Dr. David Loveland – Community Care Behavioral Health

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Afternoon Panel: Defining Solutions – The Future of the Opioid Epidemic

• Memorial Hall, 2nd Floor

Bringing to the forefront creative and innovative solutions to lower exposure to Opioids Discussion with District Attorney on current and future strategies on the local level Discussion with Department of Health and the Department of Human Services on current and future strategies being implemented on the state level.

Dr. Rachel Levine - Secretary of Health for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Dr. Todd Grove, PharmD – Penn State Health Milton Hershey Medical Center

David W. Sunday, Jr. - District Attorney York County

Deputy Secretary Lynn Kovich – Department of Human Services, Mental Health/Substance Abuse Services

MODERATOR

Dr. Jezebel Ortiz - Aetna Better Health of Pennsylvania

3:00 PM

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Dr. Stephanie Bradley

Dr. Stephanie Bradley is passionate about ensuring government and communities have access to research and best practices on what works in preventing youth substance use. She regularly meets with policymakers, philanthropies, and community organizations to discuss upstream prevention strategies that are effective at preventing all types of problem behaviors, including the misuse of prescription opioids. For the past five years she has facilitated and led the adoption and dissemination of evidence-based prevention practices in Pennsylvania, in partnership with diverse state and county PA policymakers and philanthropic organizations. Dr. Bradley has served as a member of Opioid

Prevention Subcommittee of the Governor's Advisory Board for Health, and has contributed to prevention policy recommendations related to the opioid epidemic that have been delivered to Pennsylvania's Opioid Command Center, and to the federal Department of Justice.

She is the founder and Principal Advisor for All Youth Access, a public service organization focused on prevention and positive youth development for youth of color. All Youth Access provides guidance for youth serving organizations and government entities on issues such as needs assessments, program evaluation, and workshop facilitation, with a focus on the real and unique needs of youth of color.

Dr. Bradley earned her doctorate from the Penn State department of Human Development and Family Studies, where she focused her studies on prevention science, adolescent development, measurement, and program evaluation.



Dr. Lesley Cottrell

Dr. Lesley Cottrell is a Professor in the Department of Pediatrics in the WVU School of Medicine at West Virginia University and the Director of the Center for Excellence in Disabilities. She is also the Vice Chair of Research for the Department of Pediatrics. Dr. Cottrell is a Developmental Psychologist by training. Her research interests examine parental influences on child and adolescent health risk decision-making and behaviors. She has led several national projects designed to examine childhood chronic health issues including the National Children's Study WV site and the IDEA States Pediatric Clinical Trial Network site. Additionally, Dr. Cottrell is interested in integrated medicine. She is

a Co-Investigator on the State Innovation Model Design Award. She also serves as the Co-Chair of the WV Health Innovation Collaborative's Better Health Workgroup. This workgroup is one of three workgroups within the collaborative based on the Triple Aim concept with the charge of improving linkages between health care services and population health outcomes.



Representative Angel Cruz

State Rep. Angel Cruz has been a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives since 2001. During his tenure, Rep. Cruz has drafted and had enacted several important pieces of legislation including Act 148 of 2014, which expanded newborn screening in Pennsylvania; helped to secure grants for numerous non-profit organizations and projects in his district; and played the leading role in the abduction investigation and return of Delamar Vera, a story which made international news and was depicted in a Lifetime Movie.

Current: Democratic Chairman, Pennsylvania House Human Services Committee; Immediate Past President, National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators; and Ward Leader 7th Ward, City of Philadelphia for 22 years.

Past: Assistant to Philadelphia City Councilman; Co-Chair of the Philadelphia Delegation; United States Hispanic Leadership Conference; National Association of Latino Elected Officials; 1st Latino Assistant Secretary to Philadelphia City Committee, Democratic Party; Served as a delegate and Committeeman-At-Large to the Democratic National Committee; Vice President, National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators; and Ward Leader 7th Ward, City of Philadelphia for 22 years.



Dr. Todd Grove, PharmD

Todd Grove is an outpatient pharmacist for Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center (PSHMC). Todd completed his undergraduate studies at Temple University and then obtained his Doctor of Pharmacy degree (PharmD) from Wilkes University. He currently works in multiple departments throughout the hospital system including the outpatient retail pharmacies, Rx2Go (meds to beds program), and the Anticoagulation Clinic. From the pharmacist's level, Todd interacts with patients daily that struggle with complicated barriers to care and a multitude of pain related conditions. Todd is an active member of several related professional organizations including the

Lancaster County Pharmacists Association (LCPA), the South Central PA Opioid Awareness Coalition (SCPaOAC), and the Heroin Opioid Prevention and Education (HOPE) Collaborative. Todd's areas of interests include community outreach projects related to public health and topics related to ambulatory care.



Dr. Johnathan Gusdorff

Dr. Jonathan Gusdorff graduated from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, then completed a residency in Diagnostic Radiology at The Bryn Mawr Hospital. He then went on to complete a fellowship in Neuroradiology at Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta. After several years in private practice, Gusdorff decided to branch out into the business world. Following the latest healthcare trends, he opened up the first urgent care center in Delaware County certified by the Urgent Care Association of America. CareSTAT Urgent Care Centers quickly grew to four locations across Delaware and Montgomery Counties and was a regular source for healthcare news affecting the

Delaware Valley. Gusdorff and CareSTAT had been featured on WPVI's Health Check report and in The Philadelphia Business Journal several times during his ownership of CareSTAT. In 2015, Gusdorff sold CareSTAT to a larger organization based in Maryland.

In 2016 he helped to organize a group of professionals following Governor Wolf's signing Act 16 (The Medical Marijuana Act) into law. He and his group applied for a permit to lawfully dispense medical marijuana, and in June, 2017, was awarded a permit to open three medical marijuana dispensaries in South Central Pennsylvania. In addition, Gusdorff has been sanctioned by the Department of Health to educate physicians, hospitals, healthcare providers and law enforcement officials about medical marijuana, its appropriate uses, the law and Pennsylvania's program.

Dr. Gusdorff resides in Bryn Mawr PA with his two daughters.



Lynn A. Kovich, M.Ed.

Lynn Kovich, is the Deputy Secretary, for Pennsylvania's Department of Human Services, Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. Lynn has 26 years of experience in developing and operating services, state and county behavioral health systems, and Medicaid financing. Her prior positions include: Human Services Director in Lehigh County; Assistant Commissioner at the New Jersey Department of Human Services, overseeing the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services; and Senior Consultant at the Technical Assistance Collaborative. She holds a Master's Degree in Educational Administration, from Lehigh University, and a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology, from Allentown College.



Dr. Rachel Levine

Dr. Levine is currently the Secretary of Health for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and professor of Pediatrics and Psychiatry at the Penn State College of Medicine.

As physician general, Dr. Levine made significant strides combating the opioid epidemic and advocating on behalf of the LGBTQ population. She spearheaded the efforts to establish opioid prescribing guidelines and establish opioid prescribing education for medical students. She also led an LGBTQ workgroup for the governor's office which has worked to create programs and processes that are fair and inclusive in healthcare, insurance, and many other areas.

Recently, Dr. Levine was recognized as one of NBC's Pride 30, a national list of 30 people who are both members of and making a difference in the lives of the LGBTQ community.

Her previous posts included: vice chair for clinical affairs for the Department of Pediatrics and chief of the Division of Adolescent Medicine and Eating Disorders at the Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital-Milton S. Hershey Medical Center.

Dr. Levine graduated from Harvard College and the Tulane University School of Medicine. She completed her training in pediatrics at the Mt. Sinai Medical Center in New York City and then did a fellowship in Adolescent Medicine at Mt. Sinai. She then practiced pediatrics and adolescent medicine in New York City and was on the faculty of the Mt. Sinai School of Medicine. She came to Central Pennsylvania in 1993 as the director of Ambulatory Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine at the Polyclinic Medical Center. She joined the staff at the Penn State Hershey Medical Center in 1996 as the director of Pediatric Ambulatory Services and Adolescent Medicine.

Her accomplishments at the Penn State Hershey Medical Center include the initiation of a Division of Adolescent Medicine for the care of complex teens with medical and psychological problems. In addition, she started the Penn State Hershey Eating Disorders Program which offers multidisciplinary treatment for children, adolescents and adults with eating disorders such as anorexia nervosa and bulimia nervosa. She was the Liaison for the LGBT community for the Office of Diversity at the Penn State College of Medicine. In that role, she established a LGBT faculty and staff affinity group and was the facilitator for the LGBT student group.

Dr. Levine teaches at the Penn State College of Medicine on topics in adolescent medicine, eating disorders and transgender medicine. In addition, she has lectured nationally and internationally and has published articles and chapters on these topics.



David Loveland, Ph.D.

David Loveland, Ph.D. is a Senior Program Director at Community Care in Pittsburgh, PA with a focus on improving addiction treatment. His research has included implementing effective behavioral and cognitive behavioral techniques in applied settings. Dr. Loveland oversees several quality improvement projects at Community Care designed to improve engagement, retention and the continuum of care for individuals seeking behavioral health services. Ongoing projects include strategies to expand access to medication-assisted treatment.

MEET THE PRESENTERS



Stephen A. McCaughan, D.O., DABA

Stephen A. McCaughan, D.O., DABA, is a graduate of Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. He trained in anesthesiology at the Temple University Hospital and Pain Medicine at University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.

Dr. McCaughan has been practicing since 2007, the last 6 years in Philadelphia, P.A., at the Temple University Hospital, selected among the "Best Regional Hospitals" in two different specialties in U.S. News & World Report's 2018-2019 regional rankings. One of Philadelphia's premier teaching hospitals, this 593-bed provider facility is dedicated to providing quality patient care and supporting excellence in medical education and research.

Dr. McCaughan practice specializes in the care of critically ill and injured patients both in the operating room and in the outpatient setting in the pain center. Dr. McCaughan's interests also include advanced regional anesthesia techniques, spine pain management, and appropriate prescribing practices of medical physicians. Dr. McCaughan is also a clinical associate professor of anesthesiology at Temple University Medical School and is a Diplomate of the American Board of Anesthesiologists.

Dr. McCaughan is board certified in anesthesiology and pain management. He is currently serving as Director of the Acute Pain Service for Temple University Hospital.



Captain Gabriel Olivera

Captain Gabriel Olivera was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York. He is married to his beautiful wife Jessie and they have four children; Aleax, Gabriel, Brendan, and Jhosuy.

Captain Olivera has worked for the Harrisburg Bureau of Police since 1994. As a patrolman he worked as a district officer, an auto theft investigator, and a school resource officer. As Captain Olivera rose through the ranks he supervised various unit to include the School Resource Officers Unit, the Auto Theft Unit, Special Operation Unit, Habitual Offenders Unit, the Vice and Organized Crime Unit, and the Adult Offenders Unit. Captain Olivera became

the Acting Captain of the Criminal Investigation Division in September 2015 and sworn in as Captain of that Division in January 2016.

Captain Olivera is a trained negotiator for the Dauphin County Crisis Response Team since 2005 and the assistant commander of that unit since 2016. He was the chairman of the Dauphin County Gang Task Force from 2008-2013, and a member of the Dauphin County Human Trafficking Taskforce from 2013- 2014. He is a decorated veteran with over 31 commendations that include the Awards of Valor, Heroism, and Bravery.

He has also been involved with the Boy Scouts of America for over 19 years and has held the position of scoutmaster for 15 of those years. During his tenure he has mentored 22 scouts who have become Eagle Scouts. He has received the District Award of Merit and the Silver Beaver Award, which is the highest award that can be given to a volunteer.







Dr. Jezebel Ortiz

Dr. Jezebel Ortiz, CAADC, also known as Dr. Jessy, is a native Puerto Rican, from Carolina. She fulfilled her undergraduate studies in Biology at the University of Puerto Rico. She holds a Master of Arts degree in Organizational Leadership from the University of Valley Forge and completed her graduate studies and research as a doctor in medical sciences at the Iberoamerican University in the Dominican Republic. She relocated to the Greater Philadelphia Area in 2006 and as Pennsylvania Board Certified mental health and Advanced Addictions Counselor has served in the past as spokesperson for the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services health care campaigns in Univision, Mega and Philly CAM.

As the devoted mother of four children, Ramses, Daniel, Christian and baby girl Anjelize, family and community are her driving purposes to serve for the greater good of the society.

Dr. Jessy Ortiz, as Community Development Coordinator, for Aetna Better Health of Pennsylvania, connects individuals, groups and organizations to Medicaid and CHIP services in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Aetna Better Health of Pennsylvania is a subsidiary of Aetna, which has more than 150 years of experience in meeting members' health care needs in the United States and other countries around the world.



Dr. Natalia Ortiz

Dr. Ortiz graduated from Ponce Health Sciences University School of Medicine in 2001 and has been in practice for more than 15 years. She completed a residency at Temple University Health System. Dr. Ortiz also specializes in Psychiatry. She is Distinguished fellow to the American Psychiatry Association and fellow to the Academy of Consultation and Liaison Psychiatry and the College of Physicians. She has served in several boards including Concilio and the Philadelphia Medical Society. She has published several academic articles and received several awards at the National and international level. She is strong advocate of public health issues policies. She is a Commissioner at GACLA.



Commissioner Joanna Otero-Cruz

Joanna Otero-Cruz leads Pennsylvania's oldest Latino non-profit organization, and serves as community leader and voice for the needs of women, children, and families across the state. She has led Concilio since 2010, bringing the historic organization into a new era of influence and stability. As the Executive Director of Concilio, she leads the organization's foster care services, youth development programming, and children's health work. She also leads the organization and Latino community's historic events – the Hispanic Festival and the Puerto Rican Week Festival culminating with the Latino Parade on the City's Parkway. In 2014 Ms. Cruz moved Concilio from its home of nearly 46

years to the new heart of the Latino community. Winning the prestigious Kaboom grant, the 30,000 square foot facility hosts a state of the art playground for clients and the community. Today Concilio shares a position of strong financial health maintaining respect and credibility among the civic and public leaders of the City and State, and the community members that utilize its services.

Ms. Cruz is a highly active and respected voice for equity and access at the City and State level. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Her leadership in the area of victim's services earned Concilio the new appointment of East Division Victims Services' provider by the City of Philadelphia District Attorney's Office. Ms. Cruz serves as Pennsylvania Commissioner for the Governor's Advisory Commission on Latino Affairs. She has served on the Board of Directors for Prison Society, Youth Valley House, and CEIBA (Housing Coalition) where she has held various officer positions.



Devin Reaves

Devin is a person living in recovery since 2007. He is a community organizer and grassroots advocacy leader. Devin has worked on the expansion of access to the lifesaving medication Naloxone, implementation of 911 Good Samaritan policies, and the development of youth oriented systems. He wants to build constituencies of consequence that will lead to meaningful public health policy changes around substance use disorders. Devin is the co-founder and Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Harm Reduction Coalition (PAHRC). Devin received a Master of Social Work from the University of Pennsylvania School of Social Policy & Practice with a focus on community and organizational

change and has a BA in Human Services from Lynn University. Devin also serves on the Pennsylvania Overdose Task Force and the Board of Directors for the Association of Recovery Schools.



David W. Sunday, Jr.

District Attorney Dave Sunday is not only leading York County's fight against illegal drugs; he's also a top litigator, a United States Navy Veteran and a dynamic leader who put himself through college and law school while working at UPS. Dave leads an office of prosecutors and detectives who together investigate and prosecute more than 10,000 criminal cases annually.

Dave received his undergraduate degree in Finance from Penn State University in 2002, and graduated from Widener Law School in 2007. After graduation from law school he worked as Law Clerk for the Honorable Joseph C. Adams,

now President Judge of the York County Court of Common Pleas. Dave has been a prosecutor with the York County District Attorney's Office since 2009 and prior to being sworn in as the District Attorney, served as the Chief Deputy Prosecutor of Litigation under Tom Kearney. In that capacity, Dave supervised Major Crime cases and the Felony Narcotics Unit. Additionally, Dave served as the Legal Advisor to the District Attorney's Drug Task Force and York County Quick Response (a.k.a. SWAT) Team.

In 2013, Dave was appointed by the United States Department of Justice as a Special Assistant United States Attorney for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, where he assisted in the prosecution of gang, illegal gun, and drug cases in Federal Court. It was during this time period that Dave led the prosecution of Operation Sunrise, which was a large scale multijurisdictional arrest and prosecution of over 100 members and/or affiliates of the "Latin Kings," a violent criminal gang operating in York County.

Dave is currently leading York County's fight against the heroin epidemic. He, along with Coroner Pam Gay, co-founded the York County Heroin Task Force. Dave's leadership was also instrumental in the expansion of the District Attorney's Drug Task force to fight the heroin trade throughout the entirety of York County.

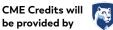




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