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DuPage County HOPE Taskforce Supports Haymarket DuPage As New Partner to Combat Opioid Crisis

DUPAGE COUNTY—Today, the DuPage County Heroin/Opioid Prevention and Education (HOPE) Taskforce is announcing its support of a proposed Haymarket DuPage Behavioral Health Clinic to provide treatment for substance use disorder in DuPage County.

Nationally and locally, drug overdose has become the leading cause of injury-related death in the United States. In 2018, there were 98 opioid overdose deaths along with 592 non-fatal opioid overdoses in DuPage County.

The HOPE Taskforce, as a joint operation of the County Board and Board of Health, has been charged to advise DuPage County elected leadership on needed program development, infrastructure and policy recommendations to address this issue.

“As we continue to battle the opioid crisis, we have determined that treatment for substance use disorder is an access to care issue, particularly for our underserved residents. The proposed Haymarket Center will provide a full continuum of care for those with substance use disorder,” said Dr. Lanny Wilson, HOPE Taskforce Co-chair.

Access to evidence-based treatment is an essential part of health and recovery. According to a 2017 survey by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), only 19 percent of individuals with a substance use disorder received treatment. In Illinois, the latest statistics (2015) show only 11.7 percent of those with a substance use disorder received treatment.

“The impacts and benefits of the proposed Haymarket DuPage will vastly increase access to comprehensive treatment and recovery resources and improve the overall health of DuPage County residents,” said Greg Hart HOPE Taskforce Co-chair.

The members of the HOPE Taskforce recommend that DuPage County leaders support Haymarket Center DuPage as a new community partner to combat the opioid crisis.

For more information, please visit www.hopedupage.org.

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