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**>>> OhioMHAS Director Plouck Testifies Before U.S. Senate Field Committee Examining Impact of Opioid Epidemic in Ohio**

Today, U.S. Senator Rob Portman (R-Ohio), U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio), and the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (HSGAC) held a public hearing in Cleveland on the impact of the opioid epidemic in Ohio. Portman, a member of HSGAC and the author of the [Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act \(CARA\)](#), along with Senator Brown, author of the [Heroin and Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention and Reduction Act](#), heard testimony from experts and those who are on the front lines in the battle against addiction. Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services Director Tracy Plouck joined Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine, Acting U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio Carole Rendon, doctors from University Hospital and Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital, Children and Family Futures Director Nancy Young, Project DAWN (Deaths Avoided With Naloxone) Director Emily Metz and Robby's Voice founder Rob Brandt to provide expert testimony on prevention, law enforcement and treatment. Follow Ohio's efforts to fight opiate addiction on the [Governor's Cabinet Opiate Action Team web page](#).

[Read Dir. Plouck's testimony](#)

**>>> DEADLINE EXTENDED: SFY 2016 RFP Ohio Screening Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment Problem Gambling Pilot**

The Ohio SBIRT (Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment) Project is seeking partners to implement the SBIRT model applied to problem gambling. This RFP seeks a partner to conduct a pilot of SBIRT for problem gambling in a medical setting, and at least two additional specialty treatment settings. The partner will conduct at least 1,500 screens in a medical setting and at least 1,500 total screens in the specialty treatment settings, e.g. detox, inpatient AOD treatment. **NOTE: The deadline to submit questions to**

**[OhioMHASGrantOpportunity@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:OhioMHASGrantOpportunity@mha.ohio.gov) has been extended to 10 a.m. on May 2. The deadline to submit proposals to [OhioMHASGrantOpportunity@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:OhioMHASGrantOpportunity@mha.ohio.gov) has been extended to 3 p.m. on May 6.** Watch the [OhioMHAS Funding Opportunities page](#) for more announcements.

[SBIRT Problem Gambling Pilot RFP](#)

[SFY 2016 Agreements and Assurances](#)

[SFY 2016 Budget Expenditure Form](#)

[SFY 2016 Budget Narrative Template](#)

**In the News**

4.22.16 | *Columbus Dispatch (Editorial)* [Suicide Prevention Everyone's Business](#)

4.22.16 | *Cleveland Plain Dealer* [White House to Honor Cleveland Addiction Program Founder](#)

4.21.16 | *WBGU-TV* [Addiction: Heroin and Pills – Live Forum](#)

4.21.16 | *WLIO-TV* [Lima Area Gains A New Treatment in Mental Health Care](#)

4.21.16 | *WKYC-TV* [New Chemical \(U-47700\) May be Making Heroin Even Deadlier](#)

4.20.16 | *The Youngstown Business Journal* [Linkages Breaks the Chain of Addiction, Incarceration](#)

4.20.16 | *Science Daily* [Can positive memories help treat mental health problems?](#)

4.20.16 | *MedicalXpress* [New mental health app helps track moods, promote emotional self-awareness](#)

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