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>>> Cols NBC Affiliate to Host “Confronting the Drug Crisis: Opiate Town Hall Meeting” – April 18



WCMH-TV (NBC4) co-anchors Colleen Marshall and Mike Jackson will host a town hall meeting on April 18 at 7p.m. to confront the drug and opioid crisis throughout central Ohio. The event will be held at Hamilton Township High School, located at 1105 Rathmell Road in Columbus.

[Confronting the Drug Crisis](#) is open to the public and attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions. The town hall will also air live on NBC4 from 7p.m. to 8p.m. During the hour, viewers can call 614.821.4444 to speak with addiction specialists about the signs to watch for and resources available for people seeking help. Andrea Boxill, deputy director of the Governor’s Cabinet Opiate Action Team will be part of a panel of experts, while several OhioMHAS staff members will be on hand to field phone calls and answer questions submitted through the station’s [Facebook](#) page.

>>> Opioid Addiction and the Brain: A Crisis in the Heartland – April 27

The Ohio State University’s 2017 Global Brain Health and Performance Summit will feature a pre-summit workshop “Opioid Addiction and the Brain: A Crisis in the Heartland” on April 27. The Global Brain Health and Performance Summit, slated for April 27-29 at the Hilton Columbus Downtown, focuses on expanding our understanding of the brain-body connection and its impact on brain health and performance. This pre-summit session targets opioid addiction, what it does to the brain, and how innovations and new technologies might contribute to monitoring, preventing, and treating opioid addiction and its consequences. Kicking off with a luncheon keynote by J.D. Vance, author of *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis*, this important discussion will feature leaders in public health (including OhioMHAS Medical Director Dr. Mark Hurst), addiction treatment and technological innovation who are changing how we treat and manage pain. Luncheon registration is \$50. Learn more at go.osu.edu/brainhealth.

>>> Summit Behavioral Healthcare Recovery Fair – May 12

Summit Behavioral Healthcare in Cincinnati will host its 10th annual Recovery Fair “Partners in Recovery: Empowering People to Build Better Lives” on May 12 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Community mental health service providers, consumers, family members and hospital staff are invited to participate in the day’s activities which will include keynote speakers, lunch and several breakout sessions led by local community organizations. The Recovery Fair is designed to educate both mental health service providers and community members about achieving recovery while enabling a stronger connection to be made between hospital and community resources. Justice Evelyn Lundberg Stratton (Retired) will deliver a keynote presentation on “Stepping Up: Partnerships to Change How We Deal

with Mental Illness and Jail.” Other topics include presentations on the ongoing heroin epidemic, suicide prevention, positive psychology, peer recovery support, LGBT issues in recovery and ECT. 6.5 hours of Continuing Education Units will be offered in the fields of Social Work, Nursing, Counseling, Psychology and Occupational Therapy. 6.5 CMEs will be offered for Psychiatrists. A \$30 registration fee will be charged for community members, \$9 for students and consumer family members and \$5 for consumers. Registration includes a boxed lunch. For more information, contact Rebecca Middleton at 513.948.3635 or email Rebecca.Middleton@mha.ohio.gov.

>>> 2017 NASW Brainy Practitioner Conferences

The Ohio Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) has announced its 2017 “Brainy Practitioner Conference line-up. The 2017 theme will focus on implicit bias. According to The Ohio State University Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity, “implicit bias refers to the attitudes or stereotypes that affect our understanding, actions, and decisions in an unconscious manner. These biases, which encompass both favorable and unfavorable assessments, are activated involuntarily and without an individual’s awareness or intentional control. Residing deep in the subconscious, these biases are different from known biases that individuals may choose to conceal for the purposes of social and/or political correctness.” Implicit biases can cause differential health care treatment, disproportionate contact with the corrections system, and community disparities. To understand implicit bias, the brain must be understood. Upcoming trainings are scheduled for the following dates and locations: April 21 (Cleveland), April 28 (Cincinnati), May 5 (Akron), May 12 (Toledo) and May 19 (Dayton). Click [HERE](#) for more information.

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