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*Lt. Governor Mary Taylor speaks during today's Opiate MBR Announcement hosted by CompDrug, Inc.*

### **>>> Kasich Administration Unveils New Strategies for Fighting Opiate Addiction in Ohio**

Lt. Governor of Ohio Mary Taylor joined other members of the Governor's Cabinet Opiate Action Team (GCOAT) at [CompDrug, Inc.](#), today to announce a series of new proposals aimed at curbing prescription drug abuse and other opiate addiction in Ohio. Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) Dir. Tracy Plouck, Ohio State Board of Pharmacy Director Steve Schierholt, OhioMHAS Medical Director Dr. Mark Hurst and Ohio Department of Health Medical Director Dr. Mary DiOrio joined the lieutenant governor to announce the reforms, which include a proposal to require pharmacy technicians to be licensed by the state. Other measures would allow more methadone clinics, tighten regulations for clinics that provide buprenorphine, limit the length of painkiller prescriptions and permit the pharmacy board to license sole medical practitioners. The state officials were joined by CompDrug CEO Dustin Mets and Taylor Stevenson, an Ohioan in long-term recovery, who discussed the importance of Medication-Assisted Treatment. Sen. John Ecklund (R-Munson Township) is expected to sponsor the bill.

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### **>>> RFP: 2016 Forensic Conference**

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services is seeking proposals for event planning and management services for a one day statewide Forensic Conference to be held in Columbus this fall. Anticipated attendance for the training is up to 250 individuals. The event coordination will include contracting with the venue, managing participant registrations, communicating with the participants and presenters, providing regular updates to the OhioMHAS staff, and additional duties as outlined in the RFP. The target audience for the conference includes OhioMHAS Central Office and Regional Psychiatric Hospital (RPH) staff, staff from the Designated Forensic Evaluation Centers, the Community Forensic Monitors, community providers, judges and attorneys, other state departments, and others interested in forensic services. All questions must be submitted to [forensics@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:forensics@mha.ohio.gov) no later than 4 p.m. on April 20. Responses to Frequently Asked Questions will be posted to the [OhioMHAS Funding Opportunities page](#). **Proposals must be submitted to [forensics@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:forensics@mha.ohio.gov) by noon on April 25.**

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### **>>> Registration is Live for Ohio's 2016 Recovery Conference**

Registration for *Ohio's 2016 Recovery Conference* is now available. The Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities, in partnership with OhioMHAS, will host this inaugural recovery conference June 1-2 at the Hyatt regency in downtown Columbus. The conference will offer education to individuals in recovery and family members from throughout Ohio, focusing on topics such as: advocacy, empowerment, job skills development and employment readiness; peer supports and services; community involvement; cultural competency; self-care; wellness; and more. There is no charge for this conference, but registration is required. On the evening of June 1, attendees will have the opportunity to attend a Celebration of Recovery, which will include dinner, dancing, games and other activities. Join us as we spend two days providing education, promoting empowerment, encouraging advocacy and celebrating recovery! We expect this conference to fill up fast so make sure you sign up soon. To see more information and register for this event, click [here](#).

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- 4.8.16 | *Ohio Christian University* [OCU Psychology Department Launches Start Talking](#)
- 4.8.16 | *Medina Gazette* [Drug treatment center opens in Lodi](#)
- 4.8.16 | *WSYX-TV* [Newark woman starts group to help people deal with addiction](#)
- 4.7.16 | *WBNS-10TV* [Heroin epidemic has more grandparents raising young children](#)
- 4.7.16 | *Cleveland Plain Dealer* [Cleveland International Film Festival: Director looks at mental illness with raw power in 'Mad'](#)
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