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## >>> Governor Announces New Chronic Pain Prescriber Rules

In its continuing effort to prevent opioid abuse and addiction, Ohio is building on its successful work to reduce opiate prescriptions by issuing new rules for prescription opiates for the treatment of long-term pain (lasting 12 weeks or more) and sub-acute pain (lasting between six and 12 weeks). On Wednesday, Gov. John R. Kasich announced Ohio's new rules, which will *not* take away medication for those in need, but instead strengthen communication between physicians and patients by establishing check points for additional assessment to ensure that anyone in their care with prescribed opiates is more carefully managed. The new regulations will be enacted through rules adopted by the State Medical Board, Ohio Board of Nursing and Ohio State Dental Board and take effect this fall.



*Pictured (l-r): Gov. Kasich and OhioMHAS Medical Director Dr. Mark Hurst discuss Ohio's new proposed chronic pain prescribing rules during a Statehouse press event.*

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## >>> Governor Launches "Hurt to Hope" Pilot Program During Pike County Visit



A new program aimed at giving hope to young people in Pike County is now thriving, thanks in large part to a group of Waverly High School students who met with Ohio Gov. John R. Kasich in November 2017. The students shared their struggles living in the home with a drug-addicted family member, and, in response, the Kasich Administration

worked to develop a pilot program in Pike County to provide enhanced community support not only for these young people but others facing similar circumstances. The **Hurt to Hope** pilot program will enable the Pike County YMCA, with state support and a \$20,000 gift from Walmart, to expand its programs for middle and high school students, and ensure transportation to the center is available to all students. All four Pike County school districts are now involved with the program, which is open to young men as well as young women. Program participants have been provided YMCA memberships and can come to the facility anytime they want.

*Pictured: OhioMHAS Dir. Tracy Plouck addresses media gathered for the Governor's announcement.*

**Related Media Coverage:**

WSYX-TV [Pike Co. dealing with poverty and drug addiction with families try to turn 'Hurt to Hope'](#)

WCMH-TV [Kasich takes steps to help the children of drug addicts in Ohio](#)

WBNS-TV [Gov. Kasich visits Waverly, applauds "Hurt to Hope" program](#)

*Chillicothe Gazette* [Kasich pledges to help Pike County fight poverty](#)

*Pike County News Watchman* [Developing Hope in Pike County: Governor announces pilot program to help local students](#)

**>>> Opioid STR/CURES Act Technical Assistance Calls: May 2018 Schedule**

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) is facilitating a series of statewide technical assistance calls to discuss projects and topics related to the State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis grant through the [21st Century CURES Act](#). Each call covers different topics and includes about 10 minutes of content presentation, while the remaining time is utilized for participant questions and open discussion. Please click [HERE](#) for the May 2018 call schedule and select the hyperlinked topics to register for the call through the webinar system. Please send future topic requests and direct any questions related to the calls to: [CURESteam@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:CURESteam@mha.ohio.gov).

**>>> Recovery Housing Resource Meeting – June 13**

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services is sponsoring a resource meeting on June 13 for recovery housing operators to gain access to training opportunities, networking with other recovery housing operators, new information about state initiatives and other guidance relevant to maintaining a quality recovery house. There are no CEUs offered for these meetings. The meeting will take place from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Ohio Department of Transportation (Auditorium), 1980 W. Broad St., Columbus. Click [HERE](#) to register.

**>>> Save the Date | The Opioid Crisis: How Educators Can Respond – July 25**

The Ohio State University will host The Opioid Crisis: How Educators Can Respond conference on July 25 at the Ohio Union to help educators better support children, families and communities caught up in the opioid epidemic. At the end of the conference, participants will be able to recognize how the opioid crisis is affecting schools, understand the science of addiction, identify students or families suffering from addiction, connect affected families to appropriate social services, identify the strategies for effective prevention programs, and recognize and respond appropriately to an overdose. Participation in the conference will allow educators, in consultation with their local districts, to apply for up to one professional development credit. Teachers, principals, superintendents, counselors, coaches, and school social workers are invited to attend. Click [HERE](#) for more information. Questions? Contact Bryan Warnick at [opioidsconference@osu.edu](mailto:opioidsconference@osu.edu).

**In the News** 5.2.18 | *Columbus Dispatch* [State to enforce 'safety checkpoints' on prescription opioid use](#)

5.2.18 | *Cleveland Plain Dealer* [Gov. John Kasich proposes new opioid rules for chronic pain patients](#)

5.2.18 | *Cleveland Plain Dealer* [Kent State researchers receive \\$2.7 million grant to study depression caused by trauma](#)

5.2.18 | *Men's Health* [Not talking about mental health is literally killing men](#)

5.2.18 | *Cincinnati Enquirer* [Should drug offenses result in mandatory treatment? 80 percent of KY residents say 'yes'](#)

5.1.18 | *WTOL-TV* [Stomp Out stigma of mental health awareness](#)

5.1.18 | *WDTN-TV* [Unintentional overdoses down in 2017](#)

5.1.18 | *Columbus Dispatch* [Americans want more mental health services for children, survey says](#)

5.1.18 | *WOSU 89.7* [Fentanyl-laced cocaine threatens to put more college students at risk](#)

5.1.18 | [Stepping Up initiative expands push for counties to collect data on number of people in jails who have mental illnesses](#)

4.30.18 | *Cleveland Plain Dealer* [After years of heroin addiction, Mayfield Heights man is now 11 months clean](#)

4.29.18 | *NBC News* [Emergency rooms adapt for patients with mental illness](#)

4.29.18 | *The Wall Street Journal* [AI-Powered Systems Target Mental Health](#)

4.29.18 | *WKBN-TV* [Trumbull Co. families raise awareness, funds for suicide prevention](#)

4.29.18 | *Warren Tribune-Chronicle* [Walk participants remember loved ones](#)

4.28.18 | *Eaton Register-Herald* [SAPP 'Bringing Help, Bringing Hope'](#)

4.28.18 | *Toledo Blade* [Meeting aims to find solutions for older adults in opioid crisis](#)

4.28.18 | *Toledo Blade* [Student team brainstorms ways to fight opioid abuse](#)

4.28.18 | *Military Times* [Embedded mental health providers making a difference for troops, officials say](#)

4.27.18 | *Youngstown Business Journal* [Mental Health Board, WRPA Partner on YDC Building](#)

4.27.18 | *Mansfield News-Journal* [New detox center will keep addicts seeking help closer to home; groundbreaking is in May](#)

4.27.18 | *Chillicothe Gazette* [Inside Ross County's Family Drug Court: 'A rollercoaster of a year'](#)

4.27.18 | *WOSU 89.7* [Mental health and minority communities](#)

4.27.18 | *WKBN-TV* [Drug treatment experts push message of hope at Trumbull County event](#)

4.26.18 | *Piqua Daily Call* [Finding hope at the Hope House](#)

4.26.18 | *WHIZ-TV* [Annual Suicide Awareness Banquet](#)