

**House C.A.R.E.S. Task Force**  
**August 29, 2017**

**Location: Oakland Community Health Network, 2011 Executive Drive, Auburn Hills 48326**

The Task Force held its third meeting on August 29 in Auburn Hills. Task Force members and attendees heard from a multitude of presenters, ranging from law enforcement, service providers and local government officials to victim advocates and several people who benefit from the care of local organizations.

Information shared with the Task Force covered the importance of substance use disorder services and preventive measures for substance use disorders. Presentations also touched on the critical need for crisis intervention locations and permanent funding for such services, as well as the problems that occur due to jail inmates who lose Medicaid coverage while in custody. A representative from the sheriff's office highlighted the benefits of crisis intervention training for law enforcement.

The Task Force also heard about the services provided by a private psychiatric hospital and their efforts to coordinate with local hospitals and emergency rooms. Several people discussed the need to look at the root causes contributing to domestic violence and barriers surrounding a prisoner's ability to re-enter the community, which can contribute to recidivism. The importance of helping victims recover from trauma was also discussed. Finally, there was moving testimony from people in the community who are thriving because of the assistance they are able to get for their developmental disabilities and substance use disorders.

Presenters for the Auburn Hills meeting included all of the following:

- Christina Nicholas, OCHN Administrator of Substance Use Prevention and Treatment
- Cathie Yunker, OCHN Administrator of Access and Acute Care
- Megan E. Nolan, Director of Internal Affairs, Senior Advisor to the Sheriff,
- Barb Hankey, OC Circuit Courts Community Corrections
- Elizabeth Kelly, Executive Director of Hope Warming Center
- Shelley Taub, Oakland County Board of Commissioners
- Helaine Zack, Oakland County Board of Commissioners
- Brent Wirth, CEO of Easterseals Michigan
- Julie Szyska, CEO and Managing Director, Havenwyck Hospital
- Seema Sadanandan, Alliance for Safety & Justice (ASJ)
- Amy Conkright, Still Standing Against Domestic Violence (Oakland County resident)
- Dionne Wilson, National Crime Survivor Advocate, ASJ and Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice
- Stephanie Laird, Person Receiving Developmental Disabilities Services

- Deb Monroe, Person Receiving Mental Health/ Criminal Justice Services
- Stacie Burns, Person Receiving Substance Abuse Recovery Services

Written comments were collected from those in attendance.

The next scheduled meeting will be 1 p.m., Thursday, September 7, in Room 352 of the Capitol Building, Lansing, Michigan.