ADDRESSING THE OPIOID CRISIS IN MONROE COUNTY

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DISEASE CONCEPT

- Chronic
- Progressive
- Symptomatic
- Treatable
HOW WE GOT HERE

• Purdue Pharma creates Oxycontin and lobbies to have pain as the 5th vital sign
• Hospitals are evaluated on their treatment of pain and prescriptions skyrocket
• The U.S. consumes nearly 80 percent of world's opioids
FACTS

• Only 1 in 10 people with a problem get help

• 169 fatal overdoses locally last year

• Local opioid prescribing has gone down (CDC 2017)

• 11.5 million Americans misused pain medications last year (CDC 2017)

• Over 2,700 locally treated in 2015
TREATING THE PROBLEM

- Medication Assisted Treatment
- Narcan
- Behavioral Therapy
- Societal shifts in dealing with pain
- Empathy
OUR COMMUNITY OFFERS

- All levels of formal treatment
- Assortment of Self Help options
- Open Access Center
- Recovery Supports
- Prevention Resources
- Call 211
- Family and Recovery Support Navigator Team
OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS

- Better emergency room response to OD
- Transitional beds in housing
- More detox options
- Buy in and Empathy
WHAT CAN YOU DO?

• Be exceedingly supportive of those suffering
• Ask for help for yourself or a loved one
• Be aware of and use resources
• Share what you learn with others
• Get trained to use Narcan
RESOURCES

- www.ncadd-ra.org
- www.oasas.ny.gov
- www.samhsa.gov
- www2.monroecounty.gov/mh-index.php
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