

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE
24 OCT 2017

- Second meeting of the Committee was held on 12 Oct 2017.
- The committee examined a number of existing programs and models that either already ARE or have very strong potential to galvanize communities to address the problem of opioid related substance use disorder and overdose deaths. Existing programs we examined included:
 - o The Community Snti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) model of community coalition building which is already being utilized in a number of communities throughout the state.
 - o Family Resources Centers, which are already active and supported throughout the state.
 - o Veterans Courts – recognizing that there are over 4000,000 veterans in the State of Alabama who are considered high risk for developing substance use disorder with co-occurring other mental health conditions.
 - o Stepping Up initiative, which examines ways to use mechanisms of criminal justice system to identify people who are in need of mental health assistance and connecting those people to appropriate services.
- DRAFT recommendations are due to Alan Miller and David Albright on Friday, Oct 27.
- Next meeting of the Community Engagement Committee is scheduled for November 16 at the Commissioner's Conference Room.