

Waukesha Co. Exec. Farrow: U.S. HHS deputy secretary and Lt. gov address opioid crisis, redouble efforts in Waukesha County

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(WAUKESHA, WI) – Today, Waukesha County is proud to reaffirm its partnership with national and state leaders to address the driving forces of opioid abuse. Following the launch of a major presidential initiative, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Deputy Secretary Eric D. Hargan and Lieutenant Governor Rebecca Kleefisch, joined county leaders in a roundtable conversation to discuss how to move forward in solving the opioid crisis. It's part of a national plan to help communities address the issue by making federal resources available to existing local programs that have shown to be effective.

“Support from the national and state level will allow Waukesha County to take its fight against opioids to the next level,” said Waukesha County Executive Paul Farrow. “It will allow programs that we already know are working to be even more effective through access to resources, such as research and funding opportunities.”

The roundtable discussion in Waukesha County is one of several held with local communities across the country. It follows Monday's launch of the presidential initiative to stop opioids abuse and reduce drug supply and demand. More information about the initiative is available [here](#).

Waukesha County Prevention Week 2018

May 13 - 19, Waukesha County will mark one year since it kicked off its four-tiered work plan and participation in the Wisconsin Prescription Drug/Opioid Overdose-Related Deaths Prevention Project (WI-PDO) to fight the opioid crisis, which coincides with National Prevention Week. The County will observe the week with an update on its plan, in addition to education, training and awareness events aligned with the work plan's prevention and treatment strategies. More information is online at www.waukeshacounty.gov/overdoseprevention.

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