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## Opioid Task Force of Monroe County

**Mission/Goals** (edited following May 20, 2016 mtg. suggestions)

*Mission statement: The Opioid Task Force, in response to the current Opioid Epidemic in our community, seeks a comprehensive multi-sector response with approaches that include prevention education, treatment, recovery, and enforcement strategies.*

### Goals:

Opioid Task Force will work to:

- 1. Ensure that individuals and families, impacted by the disease of addiction, have full and complete access to services on par with coverage equal to that of other diseases, thus removing the stigma surrounding the disease of addiction..*
- 2. Ensure treatment on demand to appropriate level of care and immediate access to Medically Assisted Treatment in conjunction with behavioral therapies*
- 3. Ensure that unlimited necessary long term care is available, on par with other diseases, to include after care and wrap around services as well as increased length of stays at rehabs.*
- 4. Ensure access to and expansion of Opioid Overdose Training and corresponding access to Narcan kits as well as data on overdose reversals*
- 5. Ensure ongoing physician outreach education to include alternative therapies for chronic pain.*
- 6. Ensure array of supportive recovery/relapse prevention services*
- 7. Ensure prevention education services are available to families, community groups, schools requesting those services.*
- 8. Establish clear process for low level crime referral to treatment rather than jail.*
- 9. Establish a collaboration between health homes and jail connecting eligible inmates to appropriate medical assisted treatment as the necessary follow-up upon release.*
- 10. Raise community awareness utilizing media strategies*