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Community Solutions to Opioid Addiction Conference



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BURLINGTON – More than 250 Vermonters from across the state will gather in Montpelier on Monday, April 4, to share community successes and challenges in preventing, intervening, treating and recovering from opioid addiction.

Sponsored by the Vermont Department of Health, Community Solutions to Opioid Issues will be held at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Montpelier from 9 am to 3:30 pm.

The day's agenda ([attached](#)) includes:

State & Federal Progress: Health Commissioner Harry Chen, MD and representatives from Vermont's congressional delegation will present the state and federal perspectives and progress reports.

Keynote Address: Stephen Leffler, MD, chief medical officer at the University of Vermont Medical Center will give the keynote address: What We Are Doing (and Must Do) to Solve Vermont's Opiate Crisis.

Community Solutions: Representatives from a diverse set of community response groups and recovery centers will discuss new approaches and partnerships – and regional progress reports on the Governor's Opiate Initiative will be on view during the Innovative Strategies Gallery Walk.

Expert Advice: Experts will be on hand to help participants identify solutions to particular challenges in prevention, treatment, enforcement, stereotyping and stigmatizing. Deputy Health Commissioner Barbara Cimaglio will sum up the day with closing remarks.

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