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Carroll County Drug Prevention, Enforcement and Treatment Forum Scheduled

Westminster, Wednesday, August 16, 2017 – Today, Commissioner Stephen Wantz announced the next steps in the aggressive initiative to attack the drug addiction and overdose crisis in Carroll County. A Carroll County event, entitled, “Not in Carroll Forum: Drug Prevention, Enforcement and Treatment in Carroll County” will be Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at Carroll Community College.

Many of Carroll County partnering agencies and organizations involved in fighting the issue are attending the event. The event is hosted by Commissioner Wantz and includes Carroll County State’s Attorney Brian DeLeonardo, Carroll County Sheriff Jim DeWees and Carroll County Health Officer Ed Singer. The meeting also highlights the State of Maryland opioid initiatives by welcoming Clay Stamp, executive director of the Opioid Operational Command Center.

The forum is 9:00 am – 3:00 pm in Room K100 at Carroll Community College. Over 60 representatives are invited to participate and all agencies will have the opportunity to give a report to the group. The three primary areas of discussion are prevention, enforcement and treatment. The meeting is open to the public.

“Carroll County community leaders in public health, public safety, law enforcement, educational and social services are actively engaged in combatting this crisis on a daily basis.” said Carroll County Commissioner Stephen Wantz. He further remarked, “Carroll County is great at pulling together in times of crisis and pooling our resources to find solutions. This collaborative approach between state and county law enforcement, drug education and treatment organizations and other organizations involved with the prevention of drug abuse and addiction, will provide a comprehensive county-wide review of Carroll County efforts.”

“Carroll County has shown great leadership in meeting the heroin and opioid crisis head-on, and the state is committed to partnering with the county to stem the tide of this epidemic,” said Clay Stamp. “I want to recognize the Carroll County commissioners, as well as the health officer and emergency manager, for establishing the county's local coordinating body, and I thank all those who are working diligently each day to fight this deadly epidemic.”

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Carroll County is mobilizing its support and proactively collaborating with key public and private stakeholders to coordinate resources in the fight against drugs. This event provides an opportunity for all participants to share the details of their agency's initiatives, highlights, successes and concerns. The result should be a stronger community-wide system with comprehensive services working together to find real solutions.

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