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Governor Appoints Kansas Association of Addiction Professionals to Task Force to Address Substance Abuse Disorders

Topeka, KS, March 1, 2018 - Governor Colyer signed an executive order establishing the Governor’s Task Force to Address Substance Use Disorders. Recognizing the growing opioid and heroin addiction and overdose crisis within the State of Kansas the Task Force will gather information and report to the Governor.

The Task Force will be chaired by the Chief Medical Officer at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. The Kansas Association of Addiction Professionals was chosen as the substance abuse expert representative on the Task Force to join members from multiple state agencies and state associations, appointed members by legislative leadership, and professionals in pain management, hospice industry, Kansas nursing facility, law enforcement, and education.

The Task Force responsibilities will include gathering information regarding substance use disorder within the state, evaluating and leveraging existing resources, tools, and initiatives already established in the Kansas healthcare continuum, investigate various response options, examine best practices for prevention, treatment and recovery of at risk individuals through early detection and education for patients. The Task Force is to advise and make recommendations to the Governor and assist in implementing and executing a statewide response.

Kansas Association of Addiction Professionals is the state's largest addiction services trade association. Our goal is to serve members with advocacy and support to achieve excellence in addiction treatment and prevention.

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