

# A Commonwealth Crisis

## Combatting Heroin and Opioid Abuse in PA

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*A Senate Republican Caucus Telephone Town Hall Event Series*

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### What is a Telephone Town Hall?

A Telephone Town Hall is your opportunity to speak live with a panel of experts as they discuss the heroin and opioid epidemic facing the state. It is a LIVE 90-minute event hosted by Sen. Gene Yaw and the Senate Republican Caucus, designed to give you the opportunity to share your stories and ask them questions about the current epidemic.

### How does it work?

On the night of the Telephone Town Hall events, residents of the designated region will receive a phone call with a custom message inviting them to “stay on the line” to participate. Instructions will be given to press the \* key and the 3 key on your phone to ask a question of the panelists. Think of the Telephone Town Hall event as being similar in format to a radio talk show.

### How do I make sure I get a chance to participate?

You may participate in one of three ways:

- You may **sign up online** by entering your cell or land line phone number
- You may text the keyword “talkheroin” (be sure to enter as one word, with no space) to the number 828282
- You may **listen** to the live streaming at [www.acommonwealthcrisis.com](http://www.acommonwealthcrisis.com)

Sponsored by the Senate Republican Caucus, this series of regional Telephone Town Halls highlights the statewide public health crisis of Heroin and Opioid abuse in Pennsylvania and will connect listeners with local experts to provide education and assistance.

**SPEAK WITH THE EXPERTS DURING THE NORTHWEST AND CENTRAL TELEPHONE TOWN HALL, MARCH 21, 2017**

**BARRY L. DENK, Executive Director**  
Executive Director, The Center for Rural Pennsylvania

Mr. Denk, a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, joined the Center for Rural Pennsylvania, a legislative research agency of the Pennsylvania General Assembly, in 1992 and was named Director in 1996. He has served as a member of the board of numerous statewide and national associations, and gubernatorial commissions and he co-authored an NCSL publication titled, “Meeting the Challenges of Rural America”. In addition, he chaired a statewide planning effort that produced, “Heritage Tourism Development: A Policy Framework for Pennsylvania”, and is a founding member of the National Coalition of State Rural Policy Centers.

**Bradley J. Miller, DO, FAAFP**

Dr. Miller serves as Program Director and Director of Medical Education at The Williamsport Family Medicine Residency at UPMC Susquehanna Health. He has developed an expertise in opiate use disorder management with Medication Assisted Treatment modalities. His clinical interests and research contributions revolve around addiction medicine, in particular opiate use disorder treatment, chronic non-malignant pain management and prevention, and screening and brief intervention training in different medical settings. He is board certified in Family Medicine by the American Board of

Family Medicine and the American Osteopathic Board of Family Physicians. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians and a member of the American Society of Addiction Medicine.

**Marie Plumer**  
Single County Authority substance abuse administrator for Venango County

Ms. Plumer serves as Co-chair of the Overdose Drug Task Force (ODTF), is a member of the pharmacist subcommittee for the ODTF, and is a Certified Addiction Specialist.

**Andy J. Watson, District Attorney Potter County**

Andy Watson has served as District Attorney of Potter County since 2010 and is currently finishing his second term. As DA, he serves on numerous committees: the Criminal Justice Advisory Board, Multi-Disciplinary Investigative Team Board, DUI and Drug Court Treatment Team, the Opiate Awareness Committee, and the Criminal Justice Strategic Planning Committee. He is an advocate of opiate abuse prevention and education and speaks on opiate awareness in Potter County schools. He created C.L.E.A.N. (Concerned Law Enforcement Against Narcotics). Additionally, Mr. Watson leads the Potter County East Drug Task Force.

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