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The U.S. Department of Justice,
United States Attorney's Office for
the District of Vermont in partnership
with interested Vermont state
and local agencies.

opiate DRUG abuse

and its impact on
our vermont community

september 10, 2010
9:00am-3:30pm
vermont state house
montpelier

Lunch \$12
Cash or checks only.

Water is the only beverage allowed
in the House chambers.

Presenters include The Honorable Eric H. Holder Jr.
Attorney General of the United States
The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
United States Senator (D-VT)
Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee
The Honorable William H. Sorrell
Vermont Attorney General

Wendy Davis, MD
Vermont Commissioner of Health

The Honorable Tristram J. Coffin
United States Attorney, District of Vermont



AGENDA

8:30 - 9:00 **Registration**

9:00 - 9:45 **Introductions**

The Honorable Tristram J. Coffin, United States Attorney, District of Vermont

Opening Remarks

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy,
United States Senator (D-VT), Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee
The Honorable Eric H. Holder Jr., Attorney General of the United States

9:45 - 10:30 **Community Impact Panel**
How Lives Have Been Changed

"Skip" Gates, father of Will Gates heroin overdose victim
Assistant Attorney General Linda Purdy, Vermont Attorney General's Office
Chief David L'Esperance, Esq., Salisbury, Massachusetts Police Department
TBA

10:30 - 10:45 **Break**

10:45 - 11:30 **Law Enforcement Panel**
Law Enforcement Perspectives

The Honorable Tristram J. Coffin, United States Attorney
The Honorable Thomas J. Donovan, Jr., Chittenden County State's Attorney
Russell Harrington, Resident Agent in Charge, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration
Lieutenant Matthew Birmingham, Vermont State Police
Chief Michael Schirling, Burlington Police Department, Burlington, Vermont

11:30 - 12:15 **Education Panel**
What Should At Risk Groups Know and How Should We Tell Them?

Wendy Davis, MD, Vermont Commissioner of Health
Debbie Haskins, MS, LADC, CCS, Exec. Dir. of Assoc. of Student Assistance & Professionals of VT
Todd Mandell, MD, Medical Director VT Dept. of Health, Alcohol & Drug Abuse Programs
Gail Finkelstein, MSRN, Poison Prevention Educator, Northern New England Poison
Center & Fletcher Allen Health Care
Jon K. Porter, MD, Health Service Director, University of Vermont

12:15 - 1:00 **Lunch**

1:00 - 1:15 **Focusing Remarks**

The Honorable William H. Sorrell, Vermont Attorney General



"Opiate abuse and addiction is one of our most serious challenges in Vermont. It calls for an integrated approach encompassing public health, law enforcement and addiction treatment all working together."

– Barbara Cimaglio
Deputy Commissioner
Alcohol & Drug
Abuse Programs
Vermont Department
of Health



“Heroin and other substance abuse is inflicting immeasurable damage on families throughout Vermont. And, the expanding use of heroin continues to stretch the state’s resources.”

— Vermont
Department of
Public Health

1:15 - 2:00

Treatment Panel

The Complex Process of Addiction and Treatment

The Honorable William K. Sessions III, Chief Judge, U.S. District Court for the District of VT, Chair, United States Sentencing Commission

Bob Bick, Director of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services, Howard Center

John R. Brooklyn, MD, Assist. Clinical Professor of Family Medicine, Medicine, & Psychiatry, UVM, Medical Director Substance Abuse Treatment Center, UVM, Medical Director of Chittenden Clinic, Program of the Howard Center, Medical Director BAART Behavioral Health Services

Marj Meyers, MD, Division Director of Maternal Fetal Medicine, UVM, FAHC Director, Opioid dependence in pregnancy program, FAHC

Bill Young, Executive Director, Maple Leaf Farm

2:00 - 2:45

Doctors and Pharmacists Panel

Balancing Pain Management and Substance Abuse Prescriber and Dispenser Challenges

Wendy Davis, MD, Vermont Commissioner of Health

Marty Irons, Rph, CDE, President of Vermont Pharmacists Association

Fred Holmes, MD, FAAT, St. Albans, VT, Pediatrician, Mousetrap Pediatrics, St. Albans, VT

Richard Pinckney, MD, MPH, UVM Pain Management

David Baasch, DDS, Past President of the Vermont State Dental Society

2:45 - 3:15

Group Discussion

Questions and Answers From the Audience

3:15

Closing Remarks

Registration

To register for the conference please

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