

# GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY DRUG FREE COALITION (GTCDFC) NEWSLETTER

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## GTCDFC IN THE NEWS

This month the Coalition was featured on 7 & 4 news. If you missed the clip, it can be viewed here:

<http://upnorthlive.com/news/local/community-members-work-to-prevent-drug-overdoses>

The coalition was also featured in the Record Eagle this month:

[http://www.record-eagle.com/news/local\\_news/te-leaders-brainstorm-ways-to-stem-opioid-crisis/article\\_3d6d364d-5dd2-54b8-99e0-f72074649634.html](http://www.record-eagle.com/news/local_news/te-leaders-brainstorm-ways-to-stem-opioid-crisis/article_3d6d364d-5dd2-54b8-99e0-f72074649634.html)

We appreciate our local news support and partnerships!

## A NOTE FROM THE COORDINATOR

It has been another productive month for the coalition. At our March meeting, nominations were taken for our Executive Committee. This Committee will promote the vision and mission of the GTCDFC, provide direction and oversight to the group, and annually evaluate the coalition staff. A ballot will be available for members to vote at the April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting and will be available electronically for those unable to attend the meeting.

Also this month, the coalition partnered with local pharmacist, Kathy Jones to start up a local Families Against Narcotics (FAN) chapter in Grand Traverse County. During the March coalition meeting, the group agreed that our community currently lacks a family support group and resources for those facing addiction. A local FAN chapter will help provide this need. FAN board members are currently being recruited and will hold their first meeting in early April. A kick-off event date has been set for June 7<sup>th</sup> at Milliken Auditorium. One of the speakers will include Judge Davis, the founder of FAN and Hope Not Handcuffs. Stay tuned for more information and please reach out to me if you are interested in joining this effort.

Be well,

- Renae

## LOCAL PRESENTATION

On February 27<sup>th</sup>, the Traverse City Rotary Club hosted the first of a two part presentation on Prescription Drug and Opioid Abuse at the Great Wolf Lodge. Speakers on the February panel included Prosecuting Attorney Bob Cooney, Authentic Voices, Ken and Ellen Kaufman, and Officer Jennilyn Oster from Traverse City Police Department. Presenters provided current drug trends and shared their personal stories with the audience. The audience engaged in questions and discussion about what the community is doing to address the issue, prescribing education and drug disposal options. The second part of this presentation will take place at the April 24<sup>th</sup> Traverse City Rotary Club meeting and will feature a panel of medical professionals.



## NEWS AND ARTICLES OF INTEREST

- NPR – Jump In Overdoses Shows Opioid Epidemic Has Worsened: <https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2018/03/06/590923149/jump-in-overdoses-shows-opioid-epidemic-has-worsened>
- Record Eagle – Deaths Prompt Talks on Addiction. This article features coalition members Bob Cooney and Maya Doe-Simkins: [http://www.record-eagle.com/news/local\\_news/deaths-prompt-talks-on-addiction/article\\_156c1fc3-76b2-5440-b51f-eb6969d62doc.html](http://www.record-eagle.com/news/local_news/deaths-prompt-talks-on-addiction/article_156c1fc3-76b2-5440-b51f-eb6969d62doc.html)
- TIME – Special Report, The Opioid Diaries: <http://time.com/james-nachtwey-opioid-addiction-america/>
- Cadillac News – TNT annual report shows drugs a real problem in Northern Michigan: [https://www.cadillacnews.com/news/tnt-annual-report-shows-drugs-a-real-problem-in-northern/article\\_83204357-1429-5323-901d-9c7b206a5e48.html](https://www.cadillacnews.com/news/tnt-annual-report-shows-drugs-a-real-problem-in-northern/article_83204357-1429-5323-901d-9c7b206a5e48.html)
- American Dental Association Policy Change to Combat the Opioid Epidemic: <https://www.ada.org/en/press-room/news-releases/2018-archives/march/american-dental-association-announces-new-policy-to-combat-opioid-epidemic>

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

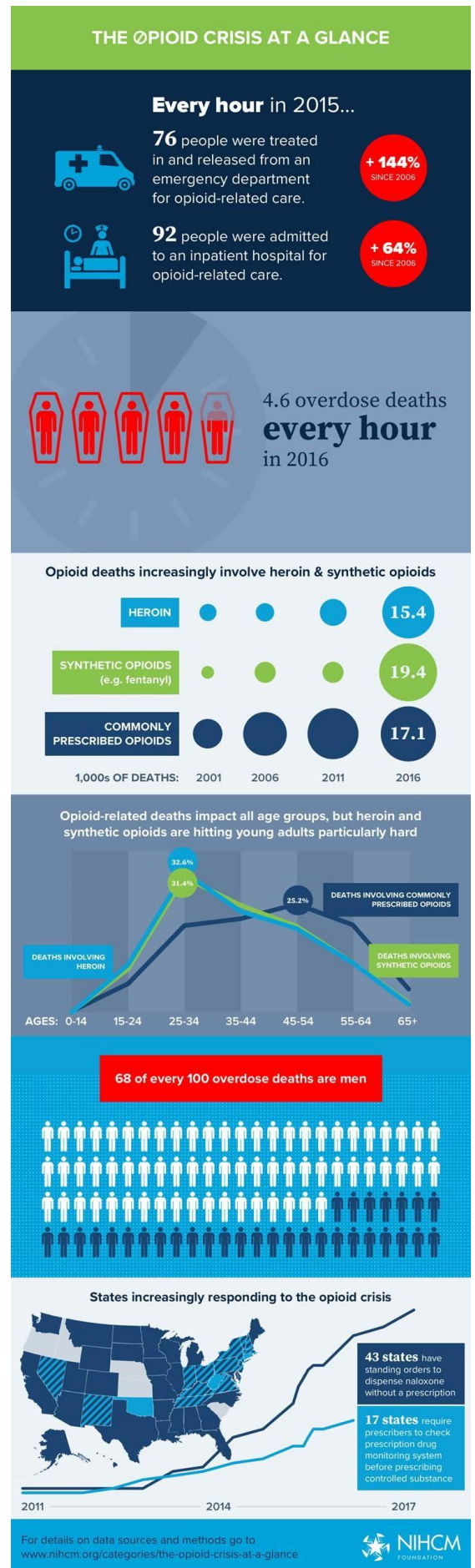
**April 5<sup>th</sup>** – A Regional Symposium, The Opium Epidemic: Turning Awareness into Action. This event is presented by Manistee County Human Services Collaborative Body, LRBOI Be Da Bin Behavioral Health Program and MSU Extension and will be held at the Little River Casino Resort Conference Center in Manistee.

<https://www.uwmanistee.org/>

**April 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>** – The MI Office of Highway Safety Planning is offering a two-day training presented by Tall Cop, Jermaine Galloway. The event will take place at the Otsego Club Conference Center, 696 M-32 East, Gaylord MI. For more information contact Jamie Dolan at [DolanJ@michigan.gov](mailto:DolanJ@michigan.gov) or 517-331-6140.

**April 19<sup>th</sup> 8am-4:30pm** – Pleasure Unwoven: Shifting the Culture on Complex Care and Addictions, speaker Kevin T. McCauley, M.D. This event is presented by The Co-Occurring Conference Coalition at the NMC Hagerty Center. <https://mynorthtickets.com/events/Pleasure-Unwoven>

**April 20<sup>th</sup> 8am-4:30pm** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Clinical Ethics Conference: Substance Use Disorders. This event will take place at the NMC Hagerty Center. <https://mhc.eventsair.com/QuickEventWebsitePortal/3rd-annual-clinical-ethics-conference/info>



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