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***Cumberland County Holding Heroin & Prescription Opiate Abuse
Town Hall & Medication Disposal Event***

Cumberland County, Pennsylvania- Cumberland County announced today that the Opiate Overdose Prevention (COOP) group will be hosting its fourth Town Hall Meeting to address growing concern over heroin and prescription opiate use in Cumberland County. The event will be held on August 30, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Boiling Springs High School in South Middleton Township. Doors will open at 6:30. South Middleton Township and South Middleton School District will serve as community hosts for the event.

Panelists include representatives from Pennsylvania State Police, Cumberland-Perry Drug and Alcohol Commission and the County District Attorney and Coroner's Office. They will take part in this interactive program. A moderator led forum will allow community members to learn more about the alarming impact heroin and prescription opiate abuse is having in our communities. Attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions, share concerns and connect with local officials. Several community groups will have displays and educational information available at the event. A prescription medication drop box will also be on site and attendees are encouraged to bring unused medication for disposal.

Community members are encouraged to attend this free event. The Cumberland County COOP is a Coalition comprised of government and community partners from various backgrounds including criminal justice, emergency services, public health professionals, and human services representatives. The COOP's mission is to work cooperatively towards a common cause - confronting the heroin and prescription opiate epidemic while reducing overdoses through effective outreach and education, raising awareness of the alarming increase in drug use and drug related deaths, preventing drug use and addiction and promoting treatment. For more information on COOP visit <http://www.ccpa.net/COOP>.

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