

Community Member Descriptions

NIMBY Neighbor-Unwilling to allow treatment (outpatient or inpatient services) to locate in his or her neighborhood. Worried about property values, increased crime, and chance that addicts will encourage children in neighborhood to use drugs.

Family member affected by crisis-Emotionally drained from addiction of family member. At a loss as to how to help loved one. Many options tried; many failed. Fear of addicted family member stealing medication or money from household.

Elected official-Addresses substance abuse crisis in most every public forum. Continuously pressed for answers on how to solve the issue. Constituents want assurance that their communities will remain safe when Opioid use continues to climb.

Planning Director/Planner-Uncertain how best to become involved in addressing the crisis. Knows zoning laws related to locating treatment facilities in the community. Tapped by Elected Officials to help convene the public meeting. Hearing concerns from the public on multiple sides of the issue.

Facility developer/operator -Interested in siting an in-patient treatment facility in your locale. While the intent is to serve local residents, patients from other areas will be admitted. Will accept private insurance as well as Medical Assistance.

Hospital Emergency Department- Overdose cases continue to rise. Patients are often unwilling to enter in to treatment immediately after being revived. Many of these patients will return after another overdose. Treatment beds are limited and difficult to secure.

School administrator-Needs assurance that their buildings are safe environments for children to learn. Drugs cannot be a part of that environment; need law enforcement to be consistent with upholding the laws. Drug users will be expelled.

Police Chief-Deals with drug issues on a daily basis. Calls are becoming more dangerous with more unknowns. Drugs are easy to get, in school, on the street, etc. Teens are stealing drugs from medicine cabinets. Impaired driving stops often include drugged driving.

