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### Health and Human Services Committee

#### Meeting Notice

Date: Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 at 7:30pm  
Place: Wyckoff Heights Medical Center  
374 Stockholm Street (entrance on Wyckoff Avenue)  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor Meeting Room  
Brooklyn, NY 11237

#### Agenda

According to new preliminary estimates by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, there were 72,000 Americans who died as a result of drug overdose last year, which represents a rise of about 10% over the previous year's mortality rate. The death toll is higher than the peak yearly death totals from H.I.V., car crashes or gun deaths, as reported in the New York Times article on 8/15/18:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/08/15/upshot/opioids-overdose-deaths-rising-fentanyl.html>.

#### Discussion: The Drug and Opioid Epidemic

What are the impacts on the community, i.e., crime, homelessness, veterans, etc.?

What is the experience of local law enforcement, health officials and community leaders, in dealing with the growing incidence and severity of drug and opioid abuse?

What steps are being taken to address this problem, and what additional measures are needed?

Does the use of Narcan (Naloxone) help to save lives in overdose cases?

Should there be more research on the medical use of cannabis, or its extract CBD, as a possible alternative to opioids?