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CORNELL SCOTT-HILL HEALTH CENTER TO HOST HOMELESS OUTREACH ON NATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY; RECEIVES RECOGNITION FOR EFFORTS FROM NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

New Haven, CT. — The Cornell Scott–Hill Health Center, a leading provider of community healthcare for almost fifty years, is pleased to share that on August 31st, in observance of National Overdose Awareness Day, the Health Center will bring together staff from six departments to support city residents.

In response to the call to action by the City of New Haven Public Health Director, Dr. Byron Kennedy, Melissa Zuppari-Bozzi, Assistant Program Director at Grant Street Partnership, which provides Substance Abuse Treatment including Suboxone recommended that the organization utilize this important day to focus on our mission and continue taking it to the streets.

"Opioid overdoses are a public health crisis and we feel it's important to provide education, medical interventions and prescriptions of naloxone to the most vulnerable members of our community. As a community health center, we are making our expertise available to all members of our community and if they can't come to us, we will go to them. Ultimately, it's about saving lives," said Zuppari-Bozzi.

The day will include four hours (10am to 2pm) of service. Staff from the Health Center's Grant Street Partnership, South Central Rehabilitation Center (SCRC), Wellness, Outreach and Education, Infectious Disease, and Access to Care departments will provide health and wellness services and education including but not limited to health screenings, Narcan assessment and prescriptions, and assistance with insurance enrollment to all individuals on the New Haven Green.

The Health Center's opioid addiction efforts were also recently recognized by National Association of Community Health Centers' President, Tom Van Coverden. In an August 22nd op-ed for *Modern Healthcare*, Van Coverden discusses the Health Center's innovative and comprehensive approach to addiction treatment, which includes not only treating the addiction but the root cause such as chronic pain.

"We're extremely proud to be leading the way in opioid addiction treatment. Our staff including our Chief of Medicine, Dr. Doug Bruce, and our Chief of Behavioral Health, Dr. Ece Tek, are extremely committed to doing all that they can to fight this epidemic," said Michael Taylor, CEO of Cornell Scott-Hill Health Center.

To view the article in its entirety, please click [here](#).

To learn more about the Cornell Scott-Hill Health Center and its programs and services, please visit www.cornellscott.org.

The Cornell Scott – Hill Health Center is the oldest and among the largest community Health Centers in Connecticut. The Center provides integrated medical, dental and behavioral health solutions throughout the Greater New Haven area and the Naugatuck Valley with the goal of improving the health status of patients and the community at large. The Cornell Scott – Hill Health Center has been a leader in community healthcare innovation for over 45years. Learn more at www.cornellscott.org.

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