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### TASK FORCE TO TACKLE EPIDEMIC OF HEROIN AND PRESCRIPTION PAINKILLER USE BY NJ YOUTH TO HOLD FINAL HEARING IN CAMDEN ON OCTOBER 2<sup>nd</sup>

TRENTON (September 26, 2012) – The Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Task Force on Heroin and Other Opiate Use by New Jersey's Youth and Young Adults will hold the last of its public hearings at Cooper University Hospital in Camden on Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> starting at 10 am.

The Task Force expects to consider testimony from Dr. Roger Mitchell, Assistant State Medical Examiner in Charge for the State of New Jersey. The Task Force also expects to consider testimony from Angelo Valente and Diane Litterer, from the Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey and New Jersey Prevention Network respectively, who will discuss State prevention and public awareness efforts. The Task Force will also consider testimony from impacted family members, including Karen Perry of the Narcotics Overdose Prevention and Education Task Force, as well as young persons in recovery from heroin/prescription painkiller addiction.

The hearing details are as follows (directions and related instructions attached):

**Date:** Tuesday, October 2, 2012  
**Time:** 10:00 am  
**Site:** Cooper University Hospital, Roberts Pavilion  
Room 1014  
One Cooper Plaza, Camden, NJ 08103



**Task Force on Heroin and Other Opiate Use Amongst New Jersey's Youth and Young Adults  
October 2, 2012 at 10 am**

**Directions to Cooper University Hospital  
One Cooper Plaza  
Camden, NJ 08103  
Roberts Pavilion Room 1014**

For directions to the main hospital, please use the following hyperlink:  
<http://www.cooperhealth.org/locations/camden-one-cooper-plaza>

**Detailed directions from 295 South:** Take 295 South to Exit 26 (Route 76 to 676). Once on 76 West, take Exit 2 for 676 North. Exit at 5A onto Martin Luther King Boulevard. Once off the exit ramp, bear right and then get in the right-most lane at the light. You will bear right after the light. Continue past the light at Haddon Avenue. At the next light, make a left into the hospital entrance and you will see the parking garage immediately in front of you.

**Parking:** If the main hospital parking garage is full, there is an overflow lot available across the street at 3 Cooper Plaza. Carpooling is encouraged due to limited availability of parking.

**Entering the Hospital:** Once you exit the parking garage, take the elevator to Floor 1R (or stairs is Floor 1). There is a security desk immediately upon entering the hospital. Continue past the security desk up the hallway ramp which welcomes you into the Roberts Pavilion. Continue straight and you will reach the main lobby. Once you reach the main lobby, you will need to get an admittance sticker from the front desk. A GCADA staff member will be available in the main lobby to direct task force members and participants.

After checking in with the main lobby, you will continue down the hallway to the right of the front desk to reach the elevators for Roberts Pavilion (elevators will be on your right). Take the elevator up to the 10<sup>th</sup> floor. Once there, a GCADA staff member will be available to direct task force members and participants. Coming off the elevator, you will make a left and continue past the double doors and down the hallway until you reach Room 1014 on your left.

**Lunch:** The hospital has a grab and go café and the Oasis Restaurant available for lunch. Both facilities are located near the front desk in the main lobby.