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TASK FORCE TO TACKLE EPIDEMIC OF HEROIN AND PRESCRIPTION PAINKILLER USE BY NJ YOUTH TO HOLD SECOND HEARING AT DAYTOP NJ ON JULY 10th

TRENTON (July 02, 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 second of its public hearings at Daytop New Jersey in Mendham on Tuesday, July 10th starting at 10 am.

The Task Force expects to consider testimony from a Spring Lake mother who wrote NJ 101.5 Radio about her 19-year-old opiate addicted son after the station's coverage of the May 29th Task Force hearing. In the letter she asked 101.5's News Director, Eric Scott, to address her concerns with Governor Christie which Scott did on his monthly program, "Ask the Governor". The letter and the station's coverage generated an extraordinary response from the public regarding the heroin and prescription painkiller epidemic amongst New Jersey's youth.

The hearing details are as follows (directions attached):

Date: Tuesday, July 10, 2012

Start Time: 10:00 am

Location: Daytop NJ (Preparatory School Gymnasium)

80 W. Main St. Mendham, NJ 07945

The Task Force will also consider testimony from Hunterdon County Prosecutor Anthony Kearns who recently warned of dangerous heroin causing overdoses amongst county residents; impacted family members; young persons in recovery from heroin/prescription painkiller addiction; a local law enforcement official; an official from the NJ Prescription Monitoring Program; and, a former Deputy Director, White House Office of National Drug Control Policy.

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FROM SOUTH JERSEY (NJ TURNPIKE):

NJ Turnpike North to Exit #10, to Route 287 North, to Madison Avenue (Morristown) Exit #35. Once you come off the exit, bear Left at light. Proceed towards the center of Morristown. In the center of Morristown, there is a town square. Go three quarters around (**note:** everyone goes only half way around and ends up on Route 202 instead) and turn Right. Continue 7 1/2 miles on this road to the little town of Mendham. Go through Mendham. As you get to the end of the town, you will see a soccer field on the Left. Soon after the soccer field, there is a curve in the road. Immediately after the curve, you will see the Daytop sign on your Left. Note: the sign is maroon and gold. Turn in the driveway. Daytop is the first big building you will see.

FROM SOUTH JERSEY (PARKWAY):

Take Parkway North, to Route 287 North, to Exit #22B. Go around the curve and stay in the same lane. Go through the first traffic light. About a half mile after the light there will be a split in the road. Bear to the Right. It will say Route 202 North and Morristown & Far Hills. Take that to the first light and bear Right. It is still 202 North. Go to the next light and make a Left onto Peapack Road. Stay on that road until the first STOP sign (about 7 or 8 miles). Make a Right at the STOP sign onto Route 24 East. Stay on this road for about 3/4 of a mile. Daytop is on the right. Daytop sign is maroon and gold. Make a Right into driveway and Daytop is the first building you will see.

FROM GEORGE WASHINGTON BRIDGE:

Route 80 West, to Route 287 South, to the Madison Avenue (Morristown) exit (also named 124 and Old 24). Once you come off the exit, bear Right at the left. Proceed towards the center of Morristown. In the center of Morristown, there is a town square. Go three-quarters around. Go 3/4 around (**note:** everyone goes only half way around and ends up on Route 202 instead) and then turn Right. Continue 7 1/2 miles to the little town of Mendham. Go through Mendham. As you get to the end of town, you will see a soccer field on the Left hand side. Soon after the soccer field, there is a curve in the road. Immediately after the curve, you will see the Daytop sign on your left. Turn in the drive. Daytop is the first building you will see.

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