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**PRESS RELEASE**

**District Attorney and Chester County Officials  
To Present on Opioid Crisis**

“How was the opioid crisis created? How does it affect Chester County? What are we doing to about it now? What is going to happen in the future?”

Chester County District Attorney Tom Hogan, Commissioner Chair Michelle Kichline, and other county officials will address all of these issues at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 10, 2017, as part of the Chester County School of Government. The presentation will take place in the Struble Room at the Chester County Library, 450 Exton Square Parkway, Exton, Pennsylvania.

The presentation will include a comprehensive overview of the heroin and prescription opioid issues that currently are ravaging the nation. Citizens will get to see the historic evolution of the problem, current data, and projections of likely future ramifications. Much of the information to be revealed is not generally available to the public, but instead has been compiled through local and national law enforcement intelligence sharing. The schedule includes a PowerPoint presentation and a question & answer session.

District Attorney Hogan stated, “On average, 91 people die every day in the United States from opioid overdoses. That is a staggering and sobering death toll. This presentation will give citizens a behind-the-scenes look at this issue using

sophisticated law enforcement data. This is a presentation that everybody should see.”

Commissioner Kichline stated, “This year’s School of Government series has covered issues that are very important to Chester County residents and unfortunately, the opioid and heroin crisis is one that is growing in importance as it affects us more and more. This is a great forum to show how many County services are working together to tackle every aspect of this life-altering problem.”

Vince Brown, Executive Director of the Chester County Department of Drug & Alcohol Services, stated, “This panel will provide an opportunity for attendees to learn about the opioid and overdose epidemic that all communities are facing. Citizens will hear about the various efforts to address the issue, the resources available for those who need help, and the importance of how every individual can become part of the solution. We are all in this fight together.”

In addition to Commissioner Kichline, District Attorney Hogan, and Executive Director Brown, the panel will include: Jeanne Casner, Director, Chester County Health Department; Nicole Brown, Regional Director, Holcomb Behavioral Health; and Ethan Healey, Naloxone Project Manager, Good Fellowship Ambulance.

The presentation is open to the public, but seating is limited. To reserve a seat, email [school@chesco.org](mailto:school@chesco.org) or call (610) 344-6100. The media is permitted to attend.

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