“Deep Dive: Rx for America’s Opioid Addiction”
Thursday, August 11, 2016, 9:30 a.m. – Noon

Agenda

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Representative Ann Pugh
Legislative Panel

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Dr. Jennifer Plumb
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Tom Coderre
Legislative Panel

Moderator
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Bruce Feustel is an independent consultant, trainer and facilitator working primarily with legislatures, associations and other organizations. He worked in or for state legislatures for 39 years, retiring from the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) in 2014. As a Senior Fellow in NCSL’s Legislative Management Program, he created and provided training and educational programs for legislators and legislative staff and led or participated in management studies of legislatures. Feustel also organized and taught at committee chair and new legislator training seminars, produced CDs on “How to be an Effective Legislator,” provided staff support to NCSL’s Legislative Effectiveness Committee and made numerous presentations on communication, change, facilitation, and ethics. A former Wisconsin legislative attorney, he wrote legislation and provided legal advice primarily on the topics of criminal law, courts and the correctional system. He has a Juris Doctorate from the University of Wisconsin Law School.

Feustel’s international work involves organizing and teaching at seminars on bill drafting, legislative process and member and staff skill-building, and conducting parliamentary needs assessments. He has worked on projects in over 20 countries in Africa, Asia and Europe. Feustel also served six years as a member of the board of directors of CDR Associates, which is a conflict resolution organization working to help resolve disputes in the U.S. and internationally.

Speakers (in order of presentation)

Nancy K. Young
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Nancy K. Young is the Executive Director of Children and Family Futures (CFF), a California-based research and policy institute whose mission is to improve safety, permanency, well-being and recovery outcomes for children, parents and families affected by trauma, substance use and mental disorders. Young has been involved in numerous projects related to public policy analysis, strategic planning and program evaluation through her work with these programs and serving as a consultant to various states, counties, tribes, communities and foundations on behalf of the children, parents and families affected by substance use and mental disorders involved in the child welfare and judicial systems. Since 2002, she has served as the Director of the federally-funded National Center on Substance Abuse and Child
Welfare and the Director of the Administration on Children and Families technical assistance program for the Regional Partnership Grants since 2007. In 2010, she began serving as the Director of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention’s technical assistance program for Family Drug Courts and the Statewide System Reform Program in 2014. She led the effort to create the foundation-funded Prevention and Family Recovery Program to implement evidence-based parenting and children’s intervention in family drug courts in 2013. Prior to founding Children and Family Futures in 1996, she served as the research consultant to the Directorate of the State of California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs.

Representative Ann Pugh (via video)
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Ann D. Pugh was born in Rye, NY and moved to Burlington, VT in 1976 to begin her career as a social worker. Three years later she moved to her current home in South Burlington. She graduated from Rye Country Day School, Union College (Schenectady, NY) with a BS, Washington University (St. Louis, MO) with a MSW and UVM with a CAS in Administration and Planning. Previously employed by the Baird Center for Children and Families (Howard Center), Trinity College and State of Vermont, she now is a full time faculty member in the Department of Social Work at UVM. She has long been an active volunteer in the community serving on agency, city and state boards including the ReSource-VT, Vermont Child Poverty Council, South Burlington Planning Commission, Governor’s Commission on Women, Vermont Children’s Forum, Vermont Association for Mental Health, NASW-VT and Champlain Drug and Alcohol Services. Currently she is a member of the Board of Civil Authority and a Justice of the Peace in South Burlington, an advisory board member of the Chittenden County Hunger Council and a trustee of the Thomas Lawler and Jennie Christy Hayes Foundation. She has been a member of the House since 1993.

Doctor Jennifer Plumb, M.D., M.P.H.
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Dr. Jennifer Plumb is a Pediatric Emergency Medicine physician with the University of Utah Department of Pediatrics and at Primary Children’s Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah. She is also the Medical Director of Utah Naloxone which is an organization focusing on decreasing the impact of the opioid/opiate overdose epidemic by equipping individuals and families with naloxone to reverse an opiate overdose. She is involved in issues surrounding adolescent substance use and abuse and works to increase screening for substance use and abuse in pediatric/adolescent populations.

Dr. Plumb educates and trains a variety of providers and individuals on the use of naloxone to save lives including physician and medical groups, those within the recovery community, groups working with the homeless population, governmental entities, first responder and law enforcement agencies, family groups, and active users.

On a personal level, Dr. Plumb has experience with the devastation created by adolescent substance use and abuse. She lost her brother to a heroin overdose shortly before beginning medical school. She is very committed to the cause of improving the care provided to youth and the resources provided to families in the realm of substance abuse as well as to the importance of education and prevention efforts.

The Honorable Mark E. Spitzer
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Mark E. Spitzer serves as the Judge of Grant Circuit Court, Grant County, Indiana. Circuit Court is a general jurisdiction court which includes supervision of the Grant County Drug Court and Grant County Veteran’s Treatment Court. Judge Spitzer is a frequent lecturer on issues relating to Drug Courts and the utilization of evidence-based practices in the criminal justice system. In connection with his service as judge, Judge Spitzer has held several positions which relate to the advancement and improvement of the justice system. In 2010, he was appointed by the Supreme Court to serve on the Criminal Law Policy Committee, of which he is currently the Chair. Judge Spitzer chaired Grant County’s Evidence-Based Decision Making in Criminal Justice Initiative (“EBDM”), and serves on the Statewide EBDM Committee which supports the use of evidence-based principles in the statewide criminal justice system. Judge Spitzer is a member of the National Center for State Courts’ Evidence-Based Sentencing Peer Group. Judge Spitzer also serves as an adjunct professor at Taylor University in the prelaw program of studies. He received his Juris Doctorate, magna cum laude, from Indiana University School of Law in Indianapolis in 1990. He received a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Notre Dame in 1987.

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Robert Morrison first came to the National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors (NASADAD) in 1998 when he worked on legislative and regulatory affairs as Public Policy Associate. Mr. Morrison then broadened his health
Representative Joni Jenkins
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Joni Jenkins was elected as the State Representative for Kentucky’s 44th District in 1995. She has served as Chair of the House Women’s Caucus, Chair of the Jefferson County Delegation, and Chair of the House Licensing and Occupations Committee.

In addition to her legislative position, Representative Jenkins directs the Health Careers Pathways Program at the Jefferson Community and Technical College in Louisville, Kentucky. Much of Jenkins’ background has been in the area of Violence Against Women prevention. She created and directed P.E.A.C.C. (Prevention, Education, Advocacy on Campus and in the Community) at the University of Louisville. She managed the professional training and public education programs at the Center for Women and Families in Louisville, Kentucky; a domestic violence shelter and rape crisis program.

Jenkins is a graduate of the University of Kentucky, College of Communications, School of Journalism.

Representative Lou Lang
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Representing the 16th District since 1988, which includes Lincolnwood, Morton Grove and Skokie and portions of Chicago’s West Ridge neighborhood, Representative Lang, who currently serves as a Deputy Majority Leader in the House, has fought for economic development, working families, civil rights, and health care and Medicaid reform.

Lang has served in a number of critical positions in House leadership, advancing to House Democratic Floor Leader in 1993, Assistant Majority Leader in 1997, and Deputy Majority Leader in 2009.

Over the years, Lang has received numerous awards and recognition for his work. He was named “Legislator of the Year” by the Illinois Hospital Association, the Illinois Council on Senior Citizens, the Service Employees Union and the Illinois Public Action Council, among others.

Representative John Nygren
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John Nygren was elected as the Wisconsin State Representative from the 89th Assembly District in November,
Nygren is a fourth generation resident of Northeast Wisconsin. He was born on February 27, 1964 in Marinette and is a 1982 Graduate of Marinette High School.

Nygren considers his service in the assembly a continuation of his more than 20 years of community service. Nygren strongly believes in the “citizen legislature.” Nygren continues his work with Great Lakes Financial Management Group. Prior to his career in financial services, Nygren spent more than 18 years in the restaurant industry as a Manager, District Manager, and Director of Operations. He eventually became the co-owner of a restaurant. Nygren is serving the people of northeastern Wisconsin for his fifth term in the State Assembly. Nygren is currently serving his second term as Assembly Co-chair of the budget-writing Joint Finance Committee.

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Karmen Hanson is a program manager in the health program at NCSL. She specializes in tracking and analyzing state policies regarding tobacco, cannabis, pharmaceuticals, mental health, substance abuse and misuse and other public health topics. Hanson has authored and collaborated on several publications about opioid prescribing and substance use disorders. She has managed many projects with numerous governmental and private organizations including the Office of Pharmacy Affairs, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials, and Pew Charitable Trusts.

Over the last 15 years, Hanson has briefed provided technical assistance to numerous legislative bodies and has presented for a wide variety of groups including the CDC, Association of Public Health Laboratories, 340B Coalition Conference, American Cancer Society, American Bar Association and for national audioconferences on a range of health policy issues.

Hanson has over 22 years of experience with national nonprofits. She earned bachelor’s degrees in psychology and sociology from the University of Colorado at Boulder and a Master of Arts in sociology from the University of Denver.

Amber Widgery, Esq.
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Amber Widgery is a policy specialist with NCSL’s Criminal Justice Program. Her research focuses on issues related to pretrial release, capital punishment, drug crime policy (specifically heroin and synthetic drugs), sex offender registration laws, and sentencing and corrections. Widgery has conducted extensive research on pretrial release policies under NCSL agreements with The Public Welfare Foundation and the Laura and John Arnold Foundation. She also tracks and analyzes state legislation, provides technical assistance, writes briefs, articles, newsletters and reports on pretrial release and other issues.

Prior to joining NCSL, Widgery did legislative research for the Colorado General Assembly and the House of Commons in London, England. Widgery received her Bachelor of Arts cum laude in political science and history from Colorado State University and obtained her Juris Doctor from the University of Colorado Law School where she gained criminal justice experience as a student prosecutor. Widgery is a member of the Colorado Bar.