Luncheon on the Opioid Epidemic

JULY 22, 12:00PM – 2:00PM, Room 104C

Counties are on the frontlines of perhaps the worst drug crisis in American history. In the last twenty years, abuse of prescription drugs and heroin has skyrocketed in communities across the country, and deaths resulting from opioid abuse have increased by a staggering 400 percent. Through the National City-County Task Force on the Opioid Crisis, which NACo jointly launched this year with the National League of Cities, we have been working to assess the local response to the opioid crisis and how effective strategies can be scaled nationally. During this luncheon, we will be joined by members of the task force and other national leaders to explore the causes of the opioid epidemic, its impact on local communities throughout the U.S., and how local leaders and other public and private entities can collaborate to address this devastating crisis.

Agenda

12:00PM  Opening remarks
- Hon. Gary Moore, Judge/Executive Gary Moore, Boone County Ky.

12:10PM  The story of America’s opioid epidemic
- Mr. Sam Quinones, Los Angeles-based author and journalist
- Mr. Richard Leadbeater, State Government Industry Manager, Esri

12:50PM  Helping counties stem the tide of the epidemic
- Mr. Matt Ruth, Chief Commercial Officer, Adapt Pharma, on behalf of U.S. Communities
- Dr. Gregory Miller, Senior Medical Director, National Accounts, Aetna
- Dr. Sosunmolu Shoyinka, Medical Director, Envolve People Care and Medical Director for Substance Use Disorders, Centene Corporation

1:30PM  Comments and questions from NACo members

2:00PM  Luncheon concludes