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REP. ROSE HOSTED OPIOID FORUM IN MILFORD

State Representative Kim Rose (D-Milford) led a community discussion on Connecticut's Opioid and Heroin addiction crisis along with local partners and members of Milford's Legislative Delegation.

Residents, panelists from the Milford Police and Fire Departments, Milford's Health Department, Milford's Prevention Council, VSAAC, Bridges, the DMHAS Commissioner Miriam Delphin-Rittmon and several other guests attended the Milford's City Hall Auditorium Monday night.

"Our communities are facing a serious opioid crisis," **Rep. Rose** said. "We have to make every effort we can to bring awareness to this issue affecting not only young people, but anyone who doesn't understand the risks associated with taking more opioids than needed at any given time."

The State Legislature is considering, [Senate Bill #352](#), a bill addressing opioid prescriptions and the dispensing of opioid antagonists. In addition, the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services offers a 24 hour toll-free number 1-800-563-4086 for individuals and families seeking assistance in dealing with opioid addiction.

Rep. Rose said, "There are patients who need strong prescriptions to manage their chronic pain, and millions of them are taking opioids, which provide short term relief with a strong possibility of long term physical dependence. However, we should be concerned with keeping these prescribed drugs in safe places and away from minors who may otherwise have easy access to them for unintended use."

"I wish to thank city officials, my colleagues in the Milford delegation, panelists, and all those who participated in this informational forum to make it a success," **Rep. Rose** said.

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