**PRESENTERS AND PANELISTS**

**Sam Quinones** is a journalist, storyteller, former LA Times reporter, and author of three acclaimed books of narrative nonfiction. His most recent book is Dreamland: The True Tale of America’s Opiate Epidemic. He has been a certified instructor with the Ohio Police Officers Training Academy for over 15 years and was contracted by OSOTF to instruct law enforcement officers through the State of Ohio as part of the Attorney General’s Heroin Epidemic Initiative.

**Perlis Goddard** is a professor in the Department of Psychological Science at NKU. She earned her Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Indiana University in 1987 and is a professor in the Department of Psychology, University of Kentucky. She is editor of WCPO.com at WCPO-TV. He has worked at Scripps Howard News Service, in Washington DC and Scripps Treasure Coast Newspaper on the east coast of Florida prior to coming to WCPO.

**Mike Canan** is an editor of WCPO.com at WCPO-TV. He has worked at Scripps Howard News Service in Washington DC and Scripps Treasure Coast Newspaper on the east coast of Florida prior to coming to WCPO.

**Ashel Kroutkamp** is an Emergency Department Nurse Manager at Saint Elizabeth Healthcare. She was one of the first to recognize the rise of the heroin problem in the region and has been instrumental in raising awareness about the epidemic. She is a recipient of numerous honors for her work in the community.

**Kristie Blanchet, BS, RN** is a student at NKU and will graduate in May with a Master’s degree in Social Work. She is the Chairperson for People Advocating Recovery in Northern Kentucky, a grassroots organization working to break down barriers to recovery.

**Lynne Saddler, MD, MPH** is the Director of Health of the nationally accredited Northern Kentucky Independent District Health Department, which covers Boone, Campbell, Grant, and Kenton Counties. Dr. Saddler oversees 150 employees and a budget of $15 million, working together with community partners to present diseases, promote wellness, and protect against health threats, in efforts to make NKY the healthiest region in the nation. She has over 25 years of experience in public health in New York, Florida, Washington State, and now here in Kentucky. She belongs to several state and national public health organizations, and serves on a number of community boards and committees addressing health improvement initiatives, such as NKY CARES Response Task Force.

**Jesus Allender** has worked in the substance abuse field for over 13 years and has experience in corrections treatment, abstinence based residential treatment and outpatient medication assisted treatment. He has a Master’s Degree in Criminal Justice with a Focus in Addiction Studies from the University of Cincinnati and currently holds a license or certification in addiction counseling in Kentucky and Ohio.

**Kimberly Moser** currently serves as an American Medical Association Alliance National Director; the Legislative Chair for the Kentucky Medical Association and the national Legislative Chair for the AMA Alliance. She was elected Chair of the Kentucky Physicians’ Political Action Committee (KPPAC) in September of 2013, and is the first non-physician to chair a Physician’s PAC nationally. Kim assumed a leadership role on the Coordination for the Northern Kentucky Heroin Impact Response Task Force and is the Legislative Liaison who helped secure passage of key legislation in 2015 to combat the heroin epidemic. She is an active member of the American Society of Addiction Medicine and the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce Health Care Committee.

**Jason Merritt** serves as chairman of the Northern Kentucky chapter of People Advocating Recovery, an organization working to eliminate barriers to recovery from addiction. Jason is currently seeking a Master’s of Social Work degree at Northern Kentucky University.

**Jennifer Hunter** is a student at NKU and will graduate in May with a Master’s degree in Social Work. She has been practicing family and addiction counseling in Kentucky and Ohio.

**Cindy Reed** is a fellow in the College of Education & Human Services (KRS 57.375). Equal Education and Employment Opportunities M/F/D.

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**Tom Ramstetter, Assistant to the Dean, College of Education & Human Services**

**Mark Nedkoff,** Executive Director for Civic Engagement

**Bill & Kim Sefton** are recovery advocates who experienced the devastating loss of their son Jake at 21 years old. They are featured in the documentary Imperfect People Advocating Recovery, an organization working to eliminate barriers to recovery from addiction. Jason is currently seeking a Master’s of Social Work degree at Northern Kentucky University.

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APRIL 2016 THINK TANK – SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2016

8:30-9:00 Registration
SU Ballroom (107A)
Morning beverages available

9:00-9:15 Welcome Remarks/Overview of Purpose for the Day
Cindy Reed, Dean, College of Education & Human Services

9:15-10:30 Sam Quinones – Presentation and Q&A
Introduction by Sue Ott Rowlands, Provost & Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs

10:30-11:00 Lessons from a Life and a Law
Charlotte Wethington, Initiator of Casey’s Law
Introduction by Kathy Howard, Department of Counseling, Social Work, & Leadership

11:00-11:15 Break

11:15-11:50 This is your Brain on Heroin: The Science of Addiction
Perilou Goddard, Professor, Psychological Sciences
Introduction by David Wilkerson, Department of Counseling Social Work & Leadership

11:50-12:10 Lunch & Transition to Breakout Sessions
SU 104
SU 107 B&C
SU 109
(Note: see Breakout session details on next page)

12:10-12:50 Ted Talk Breakout Sessions & Lunch

1:00-2:30 Panel Discussion: Harm Reduction & Evidence Based Recovery
(Moderated by Mike Canan, WCPO)
Introduction of Mike Canan by Mark Neikirk, Scripps Howard Center for Civic Engagement

2:30-2:50 Addressing the Stigma of Addiction
Jason Merrick, recovery advocate & MSW student
Introduction by Karen Tapp, Department of Counseling, Social Work, & Leadership

2:50-3:00 Review of Volunteer Opportunities
Facilitated by Verl Pope, Department of Counseling, Social Work, & Leadership

3:00-3:15 Call to Action: Commitment Cards
Facilitated by Verl Pope

3:15-3:30 Wrap-up
Facilitated by Cindy Reed

SOCIAL MEDIA
Share on social media using the #CommunityinCrisis, #NKUHIC, #NoStigma and facebook.com/COEHSNKU

BREAKOUT SESSIONS – TED TALK PRESENTATIONS
Audience will choose one of the three options below

Option A • Student Union Room 104
Facilitated by Karen Tapp & Willie Elliott

12:10-12:30 Eric & Holly Specht, NKY Hates Heroin – Hear the Spechts talk about their efforts to raise awareness and challenge the stigma of addiction.

12:30-12:50 SSRA Craig Dornachnie, FBI & Chris Conners, Director, NKY Drug Strike Force - Hear about the heroin epidemic from a law enforcement perspective.

Option B • Student Union Room 107 B&C
Facilitated by Kathy Howard & Siobhan Ryan-Perry

12:10-12:30 Bill & Kim Sefton – The Sefton’s were featured in a WCPO segment portraying their son’s battle with heroin addiction and overdose. View the segment and engage in discussion with Bill & Kim.

12:30-12:50 Teresa Koeller, MD, St. Elizabeth Healthcare – Dr. Koeller will present the Comprehensive Opioid Response with 12 Steps (COR-12) treatment modality.

Option C • Student Union Room 109
Facilitated by Perilou Goddard

12:10-12:30 Kimberly Wright – Kentucky Parents Against Heroin – Learn about what led Kimberly to form the advocacy group Kentucky Parents Against Heroin. She will discuss the impact of addiction on families and the effects of the stigmas surrounding addiction.

12:30-12:50 Jennifer Hunter, Director of Clinical Services, NKY Health Dept. – Learn about the importance of syringe access programs and the NKY Health Department’s efforts to establish these programs in the NKY region.

Panel Discussion: Harm Reduction and Evidence-Based Recovery
Moderator: Mike Canan, WCPO
Student Union Ballroom (107A)

1:00-2:30 PANELISTS
Ashel Kruetzkamp, MSN, RN
Emergency Department Nurse Manager
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Kristie Blanchet, MSW Student
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Dr. Lynne Saddler, MD, MPH
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