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Lt. Governor, IDPH director to discuss state's opioid action plan in Addison on Wednesday

Sanguinetti, Dr. Shah to tour Serenity House addiction treatment center

ADDISON – Lt. Gov. Evelyn Sanguinetti and Dr. Nirav Shah, Director of the Illinois Department of Public Health, will tour Serenity House, an addiction treatment center in Addison, on Wednesday, September 13, and discuss the recently unveiled Illinois Opioid Action Plan, a strategic framework to address Illinois' growing opioid overdose epidemic that claimed the lives of 1,889 Illinoisans in 2016.

Joining Lt. Gov. Sanguinetti and Dr. Shah will be DuPage County Coroner Rich Jorgensen and 2^{nd} District Appellate Court Judge Ann Jorgensen for a tour and discussion of the opioid epidemic.

The media is invited to follow along on the tour, which will begin at 1:45 pm. A discussion and media availability will follow at 2:20 pm.

In an Executive Order signed last week, Gov. Bruce Rauner created the Opioid Overdose Prevention and Intervention Task Force and appointed Lt. Gov. Sanguinetti and Director Shah to chair it. The goal of the task force is to reduce opioid overdose-related deaths by one-third within three years.

What: Lieutenant Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti, IDPH Director Dr. Nirav

Shah, DuPage County Coroner Rich Jorgensen, 2nd District

Appellate Court Judge Ann Jorgensen and Serenity House leaders tour addiction treatment center, discuss state's opioid action plan

Where: Serenity House

891 S. Rohlwing Rd. Addison Wednesday, September 13 1:45 pm Date:

Time:

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