



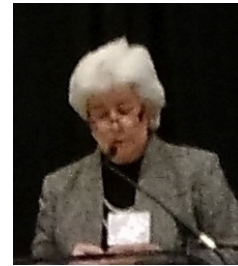
## Our Workplaces & the Opioid Epidemic: What We Need to Know, What We Can Do

On June 16, 2016, the Massachusetts Health Council presented a conference to aid employers in understanding the opioid overdose epidemic from both the employer and employee perspectives and to provide some practical management strategies. These are quotes from several of the distinguished presenters. PowerPoint presentations from the conference are available on the Council's website.

**KATHRYN POWER – KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

“Massachusetts is in a pivotal role to lead the nation on the opioid epidemic. I'm designating you all as agents of transformation.”



**CHRISTIE HAGER – BEACON HEALTH OPTIONS**

If you think no one in your workplace is affected by addiction, you're probably wrong. Treatment is focused on keeping people in the community and working.

**RAY TAMASI – GOSNOLD ON CAPE COD**

“Some great things are being done now but this is actually a 17-year opiate scourge that won't be turned around in 6 months.”

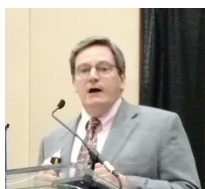


**PAUL WILLIAMS – DRUG-FREE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM, TOWN OF WEYMOUTH**

I encourage businesses to invite community prevention coalitions into your workplace.

**MIKE LEWIS – SEAFOOD SAM'S**

We schedule employees to allow them to attend their recovery meetings and to be open with us regarding their substance use disorder issues.



**DICK BOND – EAP/OPTUM SPECIALTY NETWORK**

There is a significant history of Employee Assistance Programs in Massachusetts with roots in the shoe industry and at Polaroid.

**HEATHER HARDY – KRONOS INCORPORATED**

Employees dealing with opioid addiction in their family can talk with a health coach or the EAP.

