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COMMISSIONER [INSERT NAME HERE] PARTICIPATES IN SYMPOSIUM TO FIGHT STATEWIDE OPIATE EPIDEMIC

[INSERT COUNTY], Ohio – [NAME AND TITLE] joined fellow county commissioners, county executives, county council members and county officials at the County Commissioners Association of Ohio's (CCAO) Opiate Epidemic Symposium: Strategies and Solutions, which took place May 2 at the Hyatt Regency in Columbus, to gain new insights and tools to combat the issue.

Participants attending the conference heard from speakers across Ohio who are using different strategies to address the opiate epidemic in order to save lives and taxpayer dollars. Topics included strategies to improve outcomes in the county criminal justice and child protective systems, along with evidence-based prevention efforts and workforce strategies tailored to help people in recovery.

"The opiate epidemic has impacted every aspect of our county in some way. As a county official, I want to stay current on practical, cost effective and proven strategies to address the epidemic in _____ County," Commissioner/County Executive/Council Member [INSERT NAME HERE] said.

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"We appreciate county leaders traveling to Columbus to learn and share best practices to help our members find solutions to this crisis. A county's economic strength comes from its people," Doug Corcoran, CCAO president and Ross County commissioner, said. "Too many county residents have been impacted by the tragedy that often accompanies addiction. That's why I wanted our association to focus on strategies and solutions that could be replicated in counties of all sizes."

"County government is government is closest to the people where service delivery takes place. It is no surprise that county government is also where innovative solutions are found to problems our communities are facing. We are happy to serve as an educational resource for our members," CCAO Executive Director Suzanne Dulaney said.

To learn more about the event topics and speakers, click [HERE](#).

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