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Lourdes Lorenz-Miller meets with Attorney General, Derek Schmidt on NAAG letter on the Opioid Crisis.

AHNA’s President Lourdes Lorenz-Miller, MSN-IH, RN, AHN-BC, NEA-BC and Executive Director Terri Roberts, JD, RN met with Kansas Attorney General and President of the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG) Derek Schmidt to thank him for leading 37 state Attorneys Generals in taking a stand on addressing the opioid crisis through health insurance reimbursement policies for non-pharmacological interventions.

“Holistic nurses recognize and provide non-pharmacological methods for managing chronic pain. We applaud Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt’s leadership in identifying that healthcare reimbursement is important for advocating non-pharmacological approaches to address the opioid crisis,” Lourdes said.

On September 18, the NAAG sent a letter to America’s Health Insurance Plans (AHIP), asking its insurance company members to review their payment and coverage policies and revise them to encourage healthcare providers to choose alternatives to prescribing opioid pain relievers. The letter further urged insurance companies to adopt incentive structures that reward the use of non-opioid and non-pharmacologic pain management therapies.

State and local governments alone spend nearly $8 billion a year on criminal justice costs related to opioid abuse. Serving as chief legal officers in the states and territories, Attorneys General are committed to consumer protection for patients against unfair or deceptive business practices and ensuring that insurers provide consumers with transparent information about their products and services.

In addition, the state Attorneys Generals are investigating whether or not manufacturers misled doctors and patients about the efficacy and addictive power of opioids

Read a full copy of the letter here

About Lourdes Lorenz-Miller
Lourdes Lorenz, MSN-IH, RN, AHN-BC, NEA-BC, is the current President for American Holistic Nurses Association, Vice-President for Healthy Living Leaders at the Mosaic Life Care and an Advisory Board member for Park University’s Nursing Department. She earned both her Bachelor’s and Master’s nursing degrees, and is a doctoral candidate in Health Care Administration at the University of Phoenix. She currently serves on the American Holistic Nurses Credentialing Corporation Advisory Committee and is a member of the Academy of Integrative Health and Medicine Membership Committee/Fundraising Committee. Lorenz was the CEO for the International Integrative Health Institute (IIHI), a consulting service that helps bring hospital administrators, medical professionals, nurses, CAM practitioners and the community together to share information and solutions to patient needs.

Prior to working at the IIHI, she created and implemented an Integrative Health department that provided holistic nursing inpatient and outpatient services at a large hospital in Asheville, North Carolina. An RN of 32 years, she has extensive experience in critical care and healthcare administration. She is board certified as an Advanced Holistic Nurse, Advanced Nurse Executive and is a Healing Touch apprentice.

Lorenz is a national speaker who promotes Holistic Nursing, Integrative Health, and evidence-based complementary modalities. She has provided presentations at the national meetings for the American Holistic Nurses Association, the Oncology Nursing Society Annual Congress, the American Society of Clinical Hypnotherapy, and at the Healing Touch Worldwide Program.

About AHNA

Founded in 1981, American Holistic Nurses Association’s (AHNA) primary mission has been the advancement of holistic healthcare by increasing awareness and promoting education as well as personal community-building among nurses, other healthcare professionals and the public. This non-profit professional membership organization is becoming the definitive voice for holistic nursing for registered nurses and other holistic healthcare professionals around the world. Holistic nursing focuses on integrating traditional, complementary and integrative treatment approaches to improve the physical, mental, emotional and relational health of the whole person.

Holistic nursing is recognized by the American Nurses Association as an official nursing specialty with both a defined scope and standards of practice.

AHNA delivers valuable resources, improves educational tools, and offers superior networking opportunities to support a vibrant and expanding universe of healthcare professionals. AHNA serves 4,800+ members and over 130 chapters across the U.S. and abroad.

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