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## **New Training Program Prepares Healthcare Providers to Offer Life-Saving Buprenorphine Treatment**

(MEDIA RELEASE 2/27/25) The Kane County Health Department (KCHD) is launching a specialized training program to educate physicians, physician assistants, and nurse practitioners on how to prescribe and manage buprenorphine, a proven medication for opioid use disorder. Led by experienced physicians, including Dr. Stephen Holtsford and Dr. Diana Bottari, this program aims to expand access to treatment and help providers integrate addiction care into their medical practice.

**“Treating Opioid Use Disorder with Buprenorphine,”** a virtual training, will take place on **Friday, April 18, 2025, from 12 to 2 p.m.** The training will:

- Prepare healthcare providers to prescribe buprenorphine for patients with opioid use disorder, ensuring they can assess, initiate, and manage treatment, including proper dosing, monitoring, and addressing potential complications.
- Provide education on the legal, ethical, and documentation requirements for prescribing buprenorphine, covering DEA and SAMHSA guidelines, strategies to prevent diversion, and patient confidentiality protocols.
- Highlight the importance of wraparound services in enhancing patient outcomes and supporting long-term recovery.

Interested participants can find more information and register here: [KCHD Buprenorphine Training](#).

The opioid crisis continues to devastate communities, yet access to effective treatment remains limited. Buprenorphine is an evidence-based medication that significantly reduces overdose risk and supports long-term recovery, but many individuals struggling with opioid use disorder do not have access to trained providers. By offering this training, KCHD is taking an active role in ensuring more healthcare professionals in Kane County are equipped to provide this critical service.

“Expanding access to buprenorphine treatment is a public health priority,” said Michael Isaacson, KCHD Executive Director. “We know that when healthcare providers are trained and supported in offering this treatment, more individuals can get the care they need, reducing overdoses and improving health outcomes in Kane County.”

“Many healthcare providers want to help patients with opioid use disorder but don’t always know where to start,” said Dr. Stephen Holtsford, one of the physician trainers. “This training provides practical knowledge, breaks down stigma, and helps participants feel confident in prescribing buprenorphine as part of their practice.”

This training offers healthcare providers the opportunity to make a meaningful impact by helping patients achieve long-term recovery with a safe, evidence-based treatment. Buprenorphine prescribing not only improves outcomes for individuals with opioid use disorder but also enhances providers’ ability to manage both opioid use disorder and chronic pain.

Open to physicians, physician assistants, and nurse practitioners practicing in Kane County, the program welcomes any licensed and practicing provider with prescribing authority who wants to integrate this life-saving treatment into their

practice. In recognition of their time and commitment to expanding access to care, participants will receive compensation for completing the training.

With limited spots available, healthcare providers are encouraged to register today and take the first step toward offering life-saving care in their community. For more information, visit: [KCHD Buprenorphine Training](#).