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NOTE Confidence: 0.823477190071429

00:00:00.000 --> 00:00:02.240 Afternoon I'm David Fiellin and I'm director

NOTE Confidence: 0.823477190071429

00:00:02.240 --> 00:00:05.098 of the Yale Program and Addiction medicine,

NOTE Confidence: 0.823477190071429

00:00:05.100 --> 00:00:07.521 and I want to welcome you to the today's

NOTE Confidence: 0.823477190071429

00:00:07.521 --> 00:00:10.367 talk in our finding solutions to the opioid

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00:00:10.367 --> 00:00:12.326 crisis speaker series in collaboration

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00:00:12.326 --> 00:00:14.376 with the Sandgaard Foundation.

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00:00:14.380 --> 00:00:17.020 We're joined today by Ryan Hampton,

NOTE Confidence: 0.823477190071429

00:00:17.020 --> 00:00:18.418 who will speak on the topic.

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00:00:18.420 --> 00:00:20.556 We are the answer to ending

NOTE Confidence: 0.823477190071429

00:00:20.560 --> 00:00:22.132 America's addiction crisis.

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00:00:22.132 --> 00:00:24.228 Before we get started,

NOTE Confidence: 0.823477190071429

00:00:24.230 --> 00:00:26.134 just want to review a few housekeeping

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00:00:26.134 --> 00:00:27.919 items on the following slides.

NOTE Confidence: 0.69841504

00:00:30.100 --> 00:00:31.715 First, we encourage you to stay
NOTE Confidence: 0.69841504

00:00:31.715 --> 00:00:33.696 up to date with the latest in the
NOTE Confidence: 0.69841504

00:00:33.696 --> 00:00:35.116 finding solution series and the
NOTE Confidence: 0.69841504

00:00:35.116 --> 00:00:36.859 Yale Program and Addiction Medicine.
NOTE Confidence: 0.69841504

00:00:36.860 --> 00:00:38.860 By visiting our website.
NOTE Confidence: 0.69841504

00:00:38.860 --> 00:00:41.360 Following us on Twitter and
NOTE Confidence: 0.69841504

00:00:41.360 --> 00:00:43.700 joining our program listserv.
NOTE Confidence: 0.69841504

00:00:43.700 --> 00:00:48.158 If you're tweeting about today's talk.
NOTE Confidence: 0.69841504

00:00:48.160 --> 00:00:49.472 Please use the hashtags
NOTE Confidence: 0.69841504

00:00:49.472 --> 00:00:50.784 on the previous slide.
NOTE Confidence: 0.902106827777778

00:00:52.980 --> 00:00:54.232 Second, as a reminder,
NOTE Confidence: 0.902106827777778

00:00:54.232 --> 00:00:55.797 coming up in this series,
NOTE Confidence: 0.902106827777778

00:00:55.800 --> 00:00:57.172 we'll be welcoming Dr.
NOTE Confidence: 0.902106827777778

00:00:57.172 --> 00:00:57.858 Travis Rieder.
NOTE Confidence: 0.902106827777778

00:00:57.860 --> 00:01:00.515 Dr. Travis Rieder is a
NOTE Confidence: 0.902106827777778

00:01:00.515 --> 00:01:02.639 bioethicist at Johns Hopkins

NOTE Confidence: 0.902106827777778
00:01:02.639 --> 00:01:05.020 University whose book is in Pain,
NOTE Confidence: 0.902106827777778
00:01:05.020 --> 00:01:09.496 a bioethicist personal struggle with opioids.
NOTE Confidence: 0.902106827777778
00:01:09.500 --> 00:01:11.660 And he'll talk about what becoming
NOTE Confidence: 0.902106827777778
00:01:11.660 --> 00:01:13.500 a patient taught him about
NOTE Confidence: 0.902106827777778
00:01:13.500 --> 00:01:14.776 America's problem with opioids,
NOTE Confidence: 0.902106827777778
00:01:14.776 --> 00:01:16.371 and that is on November
NOTE Confidence: 0.902106827777778
00:01:16.371 --> 00:01:17.649 30th at 12:00 o'clock.
NOTE Confidence: 0.896539001428571
00:01:20.630 --> 00:01:22.828 So how to participate in today's session?
NOTE Confidence: 0.896539001428571
00:01:22.830 --> 00:01:25.953 You use the chat box to share comments and
NOTE Confidence: 0.896539001428571
00:01:25.953 --> 00:01:28.069 observations with your fellow attendees,
NOTE Confidence: 0.896539001428571
00:01:28.070 --> 00:01:29.270 and if you have questions,
NOTE Confidence: 0.896539001428571
00:01:29.270 --> 00:01:31.125 please put those in the question and
NOTE Confidence: 0.896539001428571
00:01:31.125 --> 00:01:33.245 answer box and then Ryan and I will
NOTE Confidence: 0.896539001428571
00:01:33.245 --> 00:01:35.200 attempt to answer them later in the talk.
NOTE Confidence: 0.930755008333333
00:01:38.770 --> 00:01:42.082 Finally, we have continuing
NOTE Confidence: 0.930755008333333

00:01:42.082 --> 00:01:43.738 medical education.
NOTE Confidence: 0.930755008333333
00:01:43.740 --> 00:01:45.388 And to receive credit,
NOTE Confidence: 0.930755008333333
00:01:45.388 --> 00:01:47.036 please text the code
NOTE Confidence: 0.90439045
00:01:54.620 --> 00:01:55.150 3077422034429435.
NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475
00:01:57.360 --> 00:01:59.896 So now I'd like to introduce an invite.
NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475
00:01:59.900 --> 00:02:01.720 Kyle Henderson, who's the executive
NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475
00:02:01.720 --> 00:02:03.540 director of the Sandgaard Foundation,
NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475
00:02:03.540 --> 00:02:05.700 to say a few words and share about the
NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475
00:02:05.700 --> 00:02:09.140 mission and the work of the foundation, Kyle.
NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475
00:02:09.140 --> 00:02:10.660 Thank you so much David.
NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475
00:02:10.660 --> 00:02:12.643 So Kyle Henderson here,
NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475
00:02:12.643 --> 00:02:14.607 executive director of the
NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475
00:02:14.607 --> 00:02:15.935 Sandgaard Foundation,
NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475
00:02:15.935 --> 00:02:17.608 was founded about three years
NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475
00:02:17.608 --> 00:02:19.268 ago by Thomas Sandgaard.
NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475
00:02:19.270 --> 00:02:21.745 So Thomas founded the publicly

NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:02:21.745 --> 00:02:23.725 traded company Zynex Medical,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:02:23.730 --> 00:02:25.682 which makes medical devices that

NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:02:25.682 --> 00:02:27.765 help with pain management and helps

NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:02:27.765 --> 00:02:29.890 to get people off of addictive

NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:02:29.890 --> 00:02:32.094 painkilling drugs like Oxycontin

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00:02:32.094 --> 00:02:34.849 so they stand guard foundations.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:02:34.850 --> 00:02:38.330 Exclusive focus is the opioid epidemic,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:02:38.330 --> 00:02:39.150 and we're.

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00:02:39.150 --> 00:02:41.240 We're thrilled and honored to be working

NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:02:41.240 --> 00:02:43.153 with the Yale Program in Addiction

NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:02:43.153 --> 00:02:45.138 Medicine on the speaker series.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:02:45.140 --> 00:02:46.544 We've had some unbelievable

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00:02:46.544 --> 00:02:47.597 speakers this year,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:02:47.600 --> 00:02:50.030 and today is certainly no exception.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:02:50.030 --> 00:02:51.870 So we're welcoming Ryan Hampton,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:02:51.870 --> 00:02:54.438 who is a dear friend and also a
NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:02:54.438 --> 00:02:56.391 strategic partner of the Sandgaard
NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:02:56.391 --> 00:02:58.043 foundation we've been working
NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:02:58.043 --> 00:03:00.138 with Ryan closely for a number
NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:03:00.140 --> 00:03:02.518 of years now and have worked
NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:03:02.518 --> 00:03:04.598 together this year specifically to
NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:03:04.598 --> 00:03:06.262 distribute over 500,000 units.
NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:03:06.262 --> 00:03:08.758 So naloxone around the country
NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:03:08.758 --> 00:03:11.293 to recovery homes in partnership
NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:03:11.293 --> 00:03:12.916 with Ryan's organization,
NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:03:12.920 --> 00:03:15.488 The Voices Project and Direct relief.
NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:03:15.490 --> 00:03:16.498 We also just.
NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:03:16.498 --> 00:03:19.555 He had a big mobilize recovery event and
NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:03:19.555 --> 00:03:22.285 recover out loud concert sober concert.
NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:03:22.290 --> 00:03:23.260 There are one of our
NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:03:23.260 --> 00:03:24.920 largest grant recipients,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:03:24.920 --> 00:03:27.920 and it's because we've got such

NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:03:27.920 --> 00:03:30.320 massive passion for Ryan and his work.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:03:30.320 --> 00:03:31.700 He's also doing credible author,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:03:31.700 --> 00:03:32.918 which we'll hear more about today.

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00:03:32.920 --> 00:03:33.754 But Ryan,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:03:33.754 --> 00:03:36.256 we sincerely appreciate you taking the

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00:03:36.256 --> 00:03:38.760 time to share your wisdom with us and Yale.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:03:38.760 --> 00:03:41.168 Thank you so much for hosting this wonderful

NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:03:41.168 --> 00:03:43.337 event and letting us be a part of it.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:03:43.340 --> 00:03:44.486 Thank you Carolyn.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:03:44.486 --> 00:03:46.396 Thank you for the opportunity.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:03:46.400 --> 00:03:48.656 So I'm going to introduce Ryan.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:03:48.660 --> 00:03:51.336 Ryan Hampton is a prominent advocate,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:03:51.340 --> 00:03:51.762 speaker,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:03:51.762 --> 00:03:53.450 author and media commentator

NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:03:53.450 --> 00:03:55.560 on the issue of addiction.
NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:03:55.560 --> 00:03:57.600 He is the founder of the Voices Project,
NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:03:57.600 --> 00:04:00.660 a grassroots recovery advocacy organization,
NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:04:00.660 --> 00:04:02.204 and several other initiatives.
NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:04:02.204 --> 00:04:05.004 He's an alumnus of the Clinton White
NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:04:05.004 --> 00:04:07.476 House and he's worked with multiple
NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:04:07.476 --> 00:04:09.347 nonprofits and national recovery
NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:04:09.347 --> 00:04:11.834 recovery advocacy campaigns in recovery
NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:04:11.834 --> 00:04:14.156 from a decade long opioid addiction.
NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:04:14.160 --> 00:04:16.280 He's a prominent leading face
NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:04:16.280 --> 00:04:18.400 and voice of recovery advocacy.
NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:04:18.400 --> 00:04:20.120 And is changing the national
NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:04:20.120 --> 00:04:22.690 conversation about addiction.
NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:04:22.690 --> 00:04:25.177 Ryan was part of the core team that
NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:04:25.177 --> 00:04:27.068 released the first ever US Surgeon
NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:04:27.070 --> 00:04:29.356 General's Report on Addiction in 2016,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:04:29.360 --> 00:04:32.430 and he's been identified by Forbes

NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:04:32.430 --> 00:04:34.110 as a top social entrepreneur

NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:04:34.174 --> 00:04:35.598 in the recovery movement.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:04:35.600 --> 00:04:37.896 He worked closely with the White House,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:04:37.900 --> 00:04:40.250 Senate Democrats, Republicans and you.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:04:40.250 --> 00:04:41.194 How's U.S.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:04:41.194 --> 00:04:43.082 House leadership helping craft

NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:04:43.082 --> 00:04:45.944 portions of the historic HR6 support

NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:04:45.944 --> 00:04:48.866 for patients and Communities Act that

NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:04:48.866 --> 00:04:51.860 was signed into law in October 2018?

NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:04:51.860 --> 00:04:53.810 And as you heard earlier,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:04:53.810 --> 00:04:55.924 Ryan is the author of two books.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:04:55.930 --> 00:04:59.010 The first is American fix inside the

NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:04:59.010 --> 00:05:01.728 opioid addiction crisis and how to end it.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:05:01.730 --> 00:05:04.789 And the most recent one is unsettled.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:05:04.790 --> 00:05:07.886 We look forward to and welcome you to Yale.
NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:05:07.890 --> 00:05:08.342 Thank you,
NOTE Confidence: 0.8723968475

00:05:08.342 --> 00:05:08.568 Ryan.
NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366

00:05:10.510 --> 00:05:13.095 Thank you, David. Thank you, Kyle.
NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366

00:05:13.095 --> 00:05:15.645 Thank you everybody for joining today.
NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366

00:05:15.650 --> 00:05:17.945 Just bear with me for just one moment 'cause
NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366

00:05:17.945 --> 00:05:20.666 I have some slides that I do want to use.
NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366

00:05:20.666 --> 00:05:23.533 OK, can everybody see that great?
NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366

00:05:23.533 --> 00:05:24.948 OK, it's on the screen.
NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366

00:05:24.950 --> 00:05:27.686 So thanks for welcoming me today.
NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366

00:05:27.690 --> 00:05:29.808 I'm really glad to be here.
NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366

00:05:29.810 --> 00:05:31.329 I just want to say at the
NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366

00:05:31.329 --> 00:05:32.935 top of of this call. Well,
NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366

00:05:32.935 --> 00:05:35.055 first and foremost my name is Ryan Hampton.
NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366

00:05:35.060 --> 00:05:36.614 I'm an author.
NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366

00:05:36.614 --> 00:05:38.168 I'm an advocate.

NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366
00:05:38.170 --> 00:05:39.922 I'm a dog lover.
NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366
00:05:39.922 --> 00:05:41.674 Most important to me,
NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366
00:05:41.680 --> 00:05:43.666 I'm a person in long term
NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366
00:05:43.666 --> 00:05:44.659 recovery from addiction,
NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366
00:05:44.660 --> 00:05:46.520 also known as substance use disorder,
NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366
00:05:46.520 --> 00:05:49.136 which means I haven't felt it necessary to
NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366
00:05:49.136 --> 00:05:52.213 have a drink or a drug since February 2nd,
NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366
00:05:52.213 --> 00:05:54.271 2015. I'm coming up on seven
NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366
00:05:54.271 --> 00:05:55.948 years in my own recovery.
NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366
00:05:55.948 --> 00:05:58.626 I'm also the founder of a nonprofit
NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366
00:05:58.626 --> 00:06:01.050 organization as Kyle mentioned,
NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366
00:06:01.050 --> 00:06:04.038 called The Voices Project and the
NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366
00:06:04.038 --> 00:06:06.092 organizing director for another
NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366
00:06:06.092 --> 00:06:07.670 nonprofit organization called
NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366
00:06:07.670 --> 00:06:09.774 the Recovery Advocacy Project,
NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366

00:06:09.780 --> 00:06:10.870 of which I'll talk about.
NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366

00:06:10.870 --> 00:06:12.805 A little bit at the end of this screen,
NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366

00:06:12.810 --> 00:06:15.050 but I I just want to mention
NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366

00:06:15.050 --> 00:06:17.158 at the top of this call.
NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366

00:06:17.160 --> 00:06:19.836 Just the deep gratitude and respect
NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366

00:06:19.840 --> 00:06:22.216 that this Community people in recovery,
NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366

00:06:22.220 --> 00:06:23.216 the recovery movement,
NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366

00:06:23.216 --> 00:06:25.540 the work we do with the voices
NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366

00:06:25.610 --> 00:06:27.680 project has for Thomas Scanguard
NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366

00:06:27.680 --> 00:06:29.520 and the Scanguard Foundation.
NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366

00:06:29.520 --> 00:06:30.502 You know,
NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366

00:06:30.502 --> 00:06:32.957 without the support of organizations
NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366

00:06:32.957 --> 00:06:36.299 such as the Sand Guard Foundation
NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366

00:06:36.300 --> 00:06:38.610 and and and the partnership
NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366

00:06:38.610 --> 00:06:40.314 that we have been grateful to
NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366

00:06:40.314 --> 00:06:42.020 have the last couple of years.

NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366

00:06:42.020 --> 00:06:45.692 A lot of this work would not be possible.

NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366

00:06:45.700 --> 00:06:47.221 And and I'm.

NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366

00:06:47.221 --> 00:06:49.249 Which is profoundly grateful.

NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366

00:06:49.250 --> 00:06:51.434 You know that the the the foundation

NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366

00:06:51.434 --> 00:06:53.775 is stepping in and really helping to

NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366

00:06:53.775 --> 00:06:56.223 fill a philanthropic gap that has long

NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366

00:06:56.223 --> 00:06:57.775 existed when it comes to addressing

NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366

00:06:57.775 --> 00:06:59.350 the overdose crisis in this country.

NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366

00:06:59.350 --> 00:07:00.650 So thank you to Thomas.

NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366

00:07:00.650 --> 00:07:01.866 Thank you to Kyle.

NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366

00:07:01.866 --> 00:07:04.146 Thank you to the Yale program in

NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366

00:07:04.146 --> 00:07:05.694 addiction medicine for hosting

NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366

00:07:05.694 --> 00:07:07.973 this series and allowing me to

NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366

00:07:07.973 --> 00:07:10.194 share some with you this morning.

NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366

00:07:10.194 --> 00:07:13.914 So to help lay the groundwork for some

NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366

00:07:13.914 --> 00:07:15.530 of the stuff I'm going to talk about,
NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366

00:07:15.530 --> 00:07:17.185 I think it's important that
NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366

00:07:17.185 --> 00:07:18.840 we just have a snapshot.
NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366

00:07:18.840 --> 00:07:22.568 Of where we are right now and what
NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366

00:07:22.568 --> 00:07:27.102 the sum of the impact was of the
NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366

00:07:27.102 --> 00:07:29.635 COVID-19 pandemic for this Community.
NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366

00:07:29.635 --> 00:07:32.365 For people who are searching for
NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366

00:07:32.365 --> 00:07:34.932 help for people in recovery for folks
NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366

00:07:34.932 --> 00:07:37.427 who are looking for harm reduction
NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366

00:07:37.427 --> 00:07:39.459 people in addiction treatment.
NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366

00:07:39.460 --> 00:07:41.904 In September of 2020,
NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366

00:07:41.904 --> 00:07:44.959 national polling firm morning console.
NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366

00:07:44.960 --> 00:07:46.982 In partnership with the National Council
NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366

00:07:46.982 --> 00:07:49.310 for Mental well being a large national.
NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366

00:07:49.310 --> 00:07:50.753 Nonprofit that's focused
NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366

00:07:50.753 --> 00:07:52.196 on behavioral health.

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00:07:52.200 --> 00:07:54.498 Did a survey across the country

NOTE Confidence: 0.89649366

00:07:54.498 --> 00:07:57.303 on what is the impact of COVID-19

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00:07:57.303 --> 00:07:59.468 on behavioral health care issues

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00:07:59.468 --> 00:08:01.810 on mental health on substance

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00:08:01.810 --> 00:08:03.409 use disorder issues,

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00:08:03.410 --> 00:08:08.429 and that survey was striking and stunning.

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00:08:08.430 --> 00:08:10.404 The numbers that came out of it,

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00:08:10.410 --> 00:08:12.496 it showed that the demand for this

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00:08:12.496 --> 00:08:14.550 was during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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00:08:14.550 --> 00:08:17.005 The demand for behavioral health

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00:08:17.005 --> 00:08:19.870 services had never been higher 52%.

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00:08:19.870 --> 00:08:22.330 A behavioral Health Organization saw an

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00:08:22.330 --> 00:08:25.408 increase in the demand for their services.

NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463

00:08:25.410 --> 00:08:28.798 At the same time, capacity was diminishing

NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463

00:08:28.798 --> 00:08:33.185 as a result of the COVID pandemic and 54%

NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463

00:08:33.185 --> 00:08:37.350 of organizations had to close their programs
NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463

00:08:37.350 --> 00:08:41.830 while 65% had to cancel, reschedule,
NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463

00:08:41.830 --> 00:08:45.880 or turn away patients completely.
NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463

00:08:45.880 --> 00:08:47.688 Organizational viability and access
NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463

00:08:47.688 --> 00:08:51.352 to care for millions was at the risk
NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463

00:08:51.352 --> 00:08:53.542 of disappearing before the American
NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463

00:08:53.542 --> 00:08:55.790 rescue plan came into effect.
NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463

00:08:55.790 --> 00:08:58.006 Organizations lost, on average,
NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463

00:08:58.006 --> 00:09:00.240 nearly 23% of their annual
NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463

00:09:00.240 --> 00:09:02.760 revenue as a result of COVID-19,
NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463

00:09:02.760 --> 00:09:07.400 and 39% of them as of September of last year,
NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463

00:09:07.400 --> 00:09:09.608 didn't see the runway ahead of
NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463

00:09:09.608 --> 00:09:11.900 them for six months or longer.
NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463

00:09:11.900 --> 00:09:13.850 Now, this number.
NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463

00:09:13.850 --> 00:09:15.800 This last stat.
NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463

00:09:15.800 --> 00:09:18.733 We're still recovering from a lot of

NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463

00:09:18.733 --> 00:09:21.950 these folks are still closed over 1000.

NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463

00:09:21.950 --> 00:09:23.990 Addiction treatment providers in

NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463

00:09:23.990 --> 00:09:27.135 the United States had to close

NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463

00:09:27.135 --> 00:09:29.695 their doors during the pandemic,

NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463

00:09:29.700 --> 00:09:31.695 many of them mom and pop shops.

NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463

00:09:31.700 --> 00:09:35.140 Many of them had to close them permanently.

NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463

00:09:35.140 --> 00:09:36.735 We're still recovering from the

NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463

00:09:36.735 --> 00:09:39.508 impact of a lot of the the shutdown

NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463

00:09:39.508 --> 00:09:41.358 orders and the social isolation

NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463

00:09:41.358 --> 00:09:43.699 that came with the COVID pandemic.

NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463

00:09:43.700 --> 00:09:44.334 You know,

NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463

00:09:44.334 --> 00:09:46.236 COVID brought a lot of destruction

NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463

00:09:46.236 --> 00:09:47.650 onto our communities.

NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463

00:09:47.650 --> 00:09:51.586 But it also just put a huge spotlight

NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463

00:09:51.586 --> 00:09:54.015 on all of the social determinants

NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463

00:09:54.015 --> 00:09:56.698 of health that lead people to mental
NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463

00:09:56.698 --> 00:09:58.568 health issues to substance use.
NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463

00:09:58.570 --> 00:10:00.010 Issues to overdose,
NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463

00:10:00.010 --> 00:10:02.890 to use of alcohol and drugs.
NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463

00:10:02.890 --> 00:10:04.983 So I think it goes without saying
NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463

00:10:04.983 --> 00:10:07.240 that the work we do here on my end
NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463

00:10:07.240 --> 00:10:09.567 my my side of the dirt in terms
NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463

00:10:09.567 --> 00:10:10.963 of activists and advocacy,
NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463

00:10:10.970 --> 00:10:13.049 the work that public health professionals do,
NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463

00:10:13.050 --> 00:10:15.864 such as the good folks at Yale
NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463

00:10:15.864 --> 00:10:17.960 Addiction Studies program, and.
NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463

00:10:17.960 --> 00:10:20.876 The work that private philanthropy does,
NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463

00:10:20.880 --> 00:10:23.000 such as the Scanguard Foundation,
NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463

00:10:23.000 --> 00:10:25.968 that work has never been more important.
NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463

00:10:25.970 --> 00:10:27.298 We have a lot of things we have
NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463

00:10:27.298 --> 00:10:28.740 to deal with coming out of COVID.

NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463
00:10:28.740 --> 00:10:30.576 But as we flatten that curve,
NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463
00:10:30.580 --> 00:10:32.464 right and people are getting the
NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463
00:10:32.464 --> 00:10:34.080 vaccine and we're starting to
NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463
00:10:34.080 --> 00:10:35.380 recover from that pandemic,
NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463
00:10:35.380 --> 00:10:38.570 we have a whole other pandemic that
NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463
00:10:38.570 --> 00:10:40.995 twin pandemic in addressing overdose,
NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463
00:10:41.000 --> 00:10:43.808 and we have to start putting our money
NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463
00:10:43.808 --> 00:10:46.649 and our efforts where our mouth is.
NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463
00:10:46.650 --> 00:10:49.806 Now the 2020 to 2021 preliminary
NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463
00:10:49.806 --> 00:10:51.910 data was just released.
NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463
00:10:51.910 --> 00:10:54.018 It's been updated continuously
NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463
00:10:54.018 --> 00:10:56.126 because it's preliminary data,
NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463
00:10:56.130 --> 00:10:58.810 but that data coming out of the CDC
NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463
00:10:58.810 --> 00:11:01.066 covering the period of March 2020.
NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463
00:11:01.070 --> 00:11:03.488 To adjust this path past March,
NOTE Confidence: 0.93638463

00:11:03.490 --> 00:11:05.278 2021 shows that ninety
NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:11:08.090 --> 00:11:11.762 6779 people lost their lives to
NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:11:11.762 --> 00:11:13.410 overdoses during that period.
NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:11:13.410 --> 00:11:14.928 Now, to give you a snapshot,
NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:11:14.930 --> 00:11:16.880 when I got into recovery.
NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:11:16.880 --> 00:11:22.225 In 2015, that number was hovering
NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:11:22.225 --> 00:11:25.124 around 4445 thousand Americans and
NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:11:25.124 --> 00:11:27.740 back then we were talking about,
NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:11:27.740 --> 00:11:29.612 Oh my gosh, these are historic
NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:11:29.612 --> 00:11:31.212 numbers as countries never seen
NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:11:31.212 --> 00:11:32.982 this where we're entering into this
NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:11:32.982 --> 00:11:35.079 phase of this huge overdose crisis,
NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:11:35.080 --> 00:11:36.856 that number has doubled.
NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:11:36.856 --> 00:11:39.076 Since I found recovery almost
NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:11:39.076 --> 00:11:41.291 seven years ago, it has doubled.
NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:11:41.291 --> 00:11:43.999 This is this is this is a number

NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:11:43.999 --> 00:11:46.049 that that we couldn't even

NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:11:46.049 --> 00:11:48.540 have thought up two years ago.

NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:11:48.540 --> 00:11:50.140 Things are actually getting worse.

NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:11:50.140 --> 00:11:51.595 They're getting significantly

NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:11:51.595 --> 00:11:53.535 worse in this country,

NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:11:53.540 --> 00:11:56.573 so it means that we have to rise to

NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:11:56.573 --> 00:11:59.801 the challenge to combat what I believe

NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:11:59.801 --> 00:12:02.880 is this rising curb of overdoses.

NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:12:02.880 --> 00:12:06.840 As we're flattening this curve in on COVID.

NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:12:06.840 --> 00:12:09.276 Now notably also Samsa the substance abuse

NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:12:09.276 --> 00:12:11.779 and Mental Health Services Administration.

NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:12:11.780 --> 00:12:14.114 The branch of the federal government

NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:12:14.114 --> 00:12:16.780 that deals with substance use and mental

NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:12:16.780 --> 00:12:18.856 health release the the the findings

NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:12:18.856 --> 00:12:21.339 from their their their national study.

NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:12:21.340 --> 00:12:24.544 Gnaizda known as Gnaizda just last
NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:12:24.544 --> 00:12:28.248 week and in this study it showed
NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:12:28.248 --> 00:12:31.234 that throughout 2020 forty million
NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:12:31.234 --> 00:12:35.416 Americans had a substance use disorder.
NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:12:35.420 --> 00:12:38.846 40 million.
NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:12:38.846 --> 00:12:40.559 Americans.
NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:12:40.560 --> 00:12:43.638 Was taken aback when I saw
NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:12:43.638 --> 00:12:45.690 that number come out.
NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:12:45.690 --> 00:12:48.282 We have a lot of work ahead of us.
NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:12:48.290 --> 00:12:50.898 The topic for this short time we have
NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:12:50.898 --> 00:12:53.005 together in this presentation is that
NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:12:53.005 --> 00:12:55.750 I believe in the work that that we
NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:12:55.750 --> 00:12:58.142 do at the voices project and the work
NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:12:58.150 --> 00:12:59.626 we do with the recovery community
NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:12:59.626 --> 00:13:01.890 that we and when I say we I don't
NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:13:01.890 --> 00:13:03.120 just mean the recovery community.

NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:13:03.120 --> 00:13:06.090 I mean all of us together are the

NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:13:06.090 --> 00:13:08.290 answer to the addiction crisis.

NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:13:08.290 --> 00:13:10.490 It's great that we hear a lot of

NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:13:10.490 --> 00:13:12.664 talk from policymakers and, you know,

NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:13:12.664 --> 00:13:14.183 we see some bills once in awhile,

NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:13:14.190 --> 00:13:15.680 make their way through Congress.

NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:13:15.680 --> 00:13:18.220 But with numbers like this,

NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:13:18.220 --> 00:13:20.885 40 million Americans with substance

NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:13:20.885 --> 00:13:23.497 use disorder close to 100,000

NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:13:23.497 --> 00:13:26.359 lives lost to overdoses last year,

NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:13:26.360 --> 00:13:28.754 people have to start listening to us.

NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:13:28.760 --> 00:13:29.654 They have to,

NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:13:29.654 --> 00:13:32.084 and I believe that the way to get

NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:13:32.084 --> 00:13:34.244 them to listen to us is to begin

NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:13:34.244 --> 00:13:37.065 to organize like many other social

NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:13:37.065 --> 00:13:38.055 justice movements,
NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:13:38.060 --> 00:13:39.780 like many other health care
NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:13:39.780 --> 00:13:41.156 movements in this country,
NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:13:41.160 --> 00:13:42.748 which means getting people
NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:13:42.748 --> 00:13:43.939 with lived experience,
NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:13:43.940 --> 00:13:45.410 people in recovery.
NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:13:45.410 --> 00:13:47.370 People who use drugs,
NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:13:47.370 --> 00:13:50.148 people in harm reduction family members,
NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:13:50.150 --> 00:13:51.758 family members have lost
NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:13:51.758 --> 00:13:53.366 family members in recovery,
NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:13:53.370 --> 00:13:55.290 public health experts to really
NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:13:55.290 --> 00:13:57.771 organize this as we have other
NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:13:57.771 --> 00:14:00.226 successful movements in this country.
NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:14:00.230 --> 00:14:02.267 And that's going to be mostly what
NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:14:02.267 --> 00:14:04.438 I'm going to talk about throughout
NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:14:04.438 --> 00:14:06.444 the context of my talk today,

NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:14:06.444 --> 00:14:08.692 I'm going to give a few tactics

NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:14:08.692 --> 00:14:11.034 a few real world examples and

NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:14:11.034 --> 00:14:12.804 then hopefully give you some

NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:14:12.804 --> 00:14:14.575 information about what we're doing

NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:14:14.575 --> 00:14:16.315 and how you can get involved.

NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:14:16.320 --> 00:14:18.730 If you feel so inspired.

NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:14:18.730 --> 00:14:22.716 To to to do this work as an

NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:14:22.716 --> 00:14:27.370 organizing Ave in your communities so.

NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:14:27.370 --> 00:14:29.169 I want to talk a little bit

NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:14:29.169 --> 00:14:31.410 about where my values come from,

NOTE Confidence: 0.877230652

00:14:31.410 --> 00:14:33.790 because when we talk about.

NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:14:33.790 --> 00:14:34.998 You know community organizing,

NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:14:34.998 --> 00:14:36.810 which is really what we're doing.

NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:14:36.810 --> 00:14:38.142 It's important to understand

NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:14:38.142 --> 00:14:39.807 where my values come from.

NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:14:39.810 --> 00:14:40.950 Why I do this work?
NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:14:40.950 --> 00:14:44.076 Why I've been LED into this work and
NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:14:44.076 --> 00:14:48.523 there is a model of organizing that
NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:14:48.523 --> 00:14:51.966 comes out of the Harvard Kennedy School.
NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:14:51.966 --> 00:14:54.536 It's been used for decades
NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:14:54.540 --> 00:14:56.432 through a professor called
NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:14:56.432 --> 00:14:58.324 Professor Professor Marshall Ganz,
NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:14:58.330 --> 00:14:59.766 that I subscribe to,
NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:14:59.766 --> 00:15:01.920 and I've gone through a lot
NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:15:01.995 --> 00:15:04.087 of Professor Gansus classes.
NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:15:04.090 --> 00:15:05.755 There are three key questions
NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:15:05.755 --> 00:15:08.445 that you have to ask yourself when
NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:15:08.445 --> 00:15:10.825 you're really organizing for change,
NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:15:10.830 --> 00:15:12.774 which is what we're doing in
NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:15:12.774 --> 00:15:14.070 the addiction recovery movement.
NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:15:14.070 --> 00:15:15.894 Those three main questions that you

NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:15:15.894 --> 00:15:18.128 must ask yourself are who are my people?

NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:15:18.130 --> 00:15:19.828 What is the change they need?

NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:15:19.830 --> 00:15:22.000 What is the problem or goal that

NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:15:22.000 --> 00:15:23.709 they are trying to achieve,

NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:15:23.710 --> 00:15:26.636 and how can we turn our resources

NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:15:26.636 --> 00:15:27.890 that we have?

NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:15:27.890 --> 00:15:30.613 Into the power that we need to

NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:15:30.613 --> 00:15:33.595 achieve what we want or the end

NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:15:33.595 --> 00:15:35.755 result that we're looking for.

NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:15:35.760 --> 00:15:38.208 Folks oftentimes will hear that word

NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:15:38.208 --> 00:15:39.900 resources, and they'll think about money.

NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:15:39.900 --> 00:15:40.288 Big money.

NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:15:40.288 --> 00:15:41.258 We need lots of money.

NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:15:41.260 --> 00:15:43.340 Well, yes, we need money.

NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:15:43.340 --> 00:15:44.444 But I believe equally,

NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:15:44.444 --> 00:15:46.100 if not more important than money,

NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:15:46.100 --> 00:15:47.960 we need people power, right?

NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:15:47.960 --> 00:15:50.256 And sometimes those resources

NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:15:50.256 --> 00:15:53.126 are things other than money.

NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:15:53.130 --> 00:15:54.840 It could be collective action.

NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:15:54.840 --> 00:15:55.980 It can be a protest.

NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:15:55.980 --> 00:15:58.590 It can be organized efforts

NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:15:58.590 --> 00:16:01.200 towards legislators to you know,

NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:16:01.200 --> 00:16:03.699 work on on issues such as treatment

NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:16:03.699 --> 00:16:05.096 prevention, harm reduction,

NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:16:05.096 --> 00:16:06.650 recovery, support services.

NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:16:06.650 --> 00:16:08.684 We've seen this model be successful

NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:16:08.684 --> 00:16:11.022 just in the last year in terms

NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:16:11.022 --> 00:16:12.652 of pushing for more funding

NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:16:12.652 --> 00:16:14.210 for recovery support services.

NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:16:14.210 --> 00:16:16.410 Such as housing peer supports

NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:16:16.410 --> 00:16:19.672 long term care for people who are

NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:16:19.672 --> 00:16:22.127 getting out of addiction treatment.

NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:16:22.130 --> 00:16:26.435 We just saw just this past week.

NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:16:26.440 --> 00:16:28.420 Health and Human Services announce

NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:16:28.420 --> 00:16:30.400 their new overdose prevention strategy,

NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:16:30.400 --> 00:16:30.748 which,

NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:16:30.748 --> 00:16:33.184 for the first time you know includes

NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:16:33.184 --> 00:16:35.740 harm reduction as one of its main principles.

NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:16:35.740 --> 00:16:38.140 That was the result of a lot of

NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:16:38.140 --> 00:16:39.385 community organizing that's taken

NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:16:39.385 --> 00:16:41.443 place over the last couple of years

NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:16:41.443 --> 00:16:43.469 of people with lived experience.

NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:16:43.470 --> 00:16:47.010 But in order to to to do this work right,

NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:16:47.010 --> 00:16:49.565 we have to tell something called a

NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:16:49.565 --> 00:16:52.129 shared story or a public narrative.

NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:16:52.130 --> 00:16:54.986 You know, I learned early in recovery,
NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:16:54.990 --> 00:16:55.640 you know,
NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:16:55.640 --> 00:16:57.590 within my first couple of months
NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:16:57.590 --> 00:16:59.030 that people in recovery,
NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:16:59.030 --> 00:17:00.008 the recovery community,
NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:17:00.008 --> 00:17:01.638 people who are impacted with
NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:17:01.638 --> 00:17:02.290 lived experience,
NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:17:02.290 --> 00:17:04.082 we're we're actually really
NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:17:04.082 --> 00:17:06.470 good at sharing our stories,
NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:17:06.470 --> 00:17:08.762 telling our stories to audiences,
NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:17:08.762 --> 00:17:09.594 you know,
NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:17:09.594 --> 00:17:12.090 and especially audiences that are impacted,
NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:17:12.090 --> 00:17:13.938 people who really understand and can.
NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:17:13.940 --> 00:17:17.120 Can connect with our narratives,
NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:17:17.120 --> 00:17:19.794 but what we're not that great at
NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:17:19.794 --> 00:17:22.051 what we haven't been that great

NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:17:22.051 --> 00:17:25.031 at in the past has been crafting

NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:17:25.031 --> 00:17:27.716 our stories into this effective

NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:17:27.720 --> 00:17:30.500 public narrative that would move

NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:17:30.500 --> 00:17:32.942 people's feet to action right in

NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:17:32.942 --> 00:17:35.699 the public forum that would connect.

NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:17:35.700 --> 00:17:37.428 As you could see down here on my

NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:17:37.428 --> 00:17:39.038 chart where this this shared story.

NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:17:39.040 --> 00:17:41.920 The story of self, the story of us,

NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:17:41.920 --> 00:17:43.200 the story of now,

NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:17:43.200 --> 00:17:45.120 right for anybody who's on this.

NOTE Confidence: 0.932154304

00:17:45.120 --> 00:17:48.280 Paul, who's in recovery and and you know,

NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572

00:17:48.280 --> 00:17:51.339 subscribes to a fellowship such as mine.

NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572

00:17:51.340 --> 00:17:52.845 You know, we're really good at telling

NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572

00:17:52.845 --> 00:17:54.240 this story of what it was like,

NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572

00:17:54.240 --> 00:17:56.240 what happened, what it's like now, right?

NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572

00:17:56.240 --> 00:17:58.840 Which is really about self.
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572

00:17:58.840 --> 00:18:01.738 We haven't been that great nor trained
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572

00:18:01.740 --> 00:18:04.676 and how we tell that story of self.
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572

00:18:04.680 --> 00:18:06.164 But how we connect it to the
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572

00:18:06.164 --> 00:18:07.591 story of our community, right?
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572

00:18:07.591 --> 00:18:08.857 Which is the story of us?
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572

00:18:08.860 --> 00:18:11.198 Why our Community should care and then
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572

00:18:11.198 --> 00:18:13.720 how we connect it to the story of now.
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572

00:18:13.720 --> 00:18:15.748 Which is why does our community.
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572

00:18:15.750 --> 00:18:17.910 Need to take action right now on this issue.
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572

00:18:17.910 --> 00:18:20.630 Why should this be a priority to them?
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572

00:18:20.630 --> 00:18:23.528 And really link it through emotion right?
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572

00:18:23.530 --> 00:18:25.230 And let our community know,
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572

00:18:25.230 --> 00:18:27.344 kind of where our agency comes from,
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572

00:18:27.350 --> 00:18:29.266 how it's impacted us,
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572

00:18:29.266 --> 00:18:32.140 but also how it's impacting them.

NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572
00:18:32.140 --> 00:18:34.450 Once we're able to kind of
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572
00:18:34.450 --> 00:18:36.540 nail that shared story piece,
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572
00:18:36.540 --> 00:18:38.220 then we can move into,
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572
00:18:38.220 --> 00:18:38.846 you know,
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572
00:18:38.846 --> 00:18:40.411 commitment as a movement which
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572
00:18:40.411 --> 00:18:41.685 is building relationships that
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572
00:18:41.685 --> 00:18:43.105 are grounded in similar values.
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572
00:18:43.110 --> 00:18:45.018 I believe if you're showing up
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572
00:18:45.018 --> 00:18:47.638 today right to this to this zoom,
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572
00:18:47.640 --> 00:18:49.968 there's a great chance that we
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572
00:18:49.968 --> 00:18:52.451 have some sort of common bond
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572
00:18:52.451 --> 00:18:54.995 shared value in in this issue,
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572
00:18:55.000 --> 00:18:57.842 and then we move into structure which
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572
00:18:57.842 --> 00:19:00.110 is really recruiting and launching
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572
00:19:00.110 --> 00:19:03.326 effective teams right to a strategy.
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572

00:19:03.326 --> 00:19:06.522 To action and then hopefully starting
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572

00:19:06.522 --> 00:19:09.570 to achieve some of our goals.
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572

00:19:09.570 --> 00:19:12.186 Now I think one of the.
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572

00:19:12.190 --> 00:19:14.675 Most important things for me when getting
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572

00:19:14.675 --> 00:19:17.210 into this work right around advocacy,
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572

00:19:17.210 --> 00:19:18.890 around activism around you,
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572

00:19:18.890 --> 00:19:21.410 know the belief that we are
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572

00:19:21.492 --> 00:19:23.248 all of us collectively.
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572

00:19:23.250 --> 00:19:27.870 The answer to solving this overdose crisis.
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572

00:19:27.870 --> 00:19:30.150 I had just subscribed to A to a
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572

00:19:30.150 --> 00:19:31.854 definition of leadership, right?
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572

00:19:31.854 --> 00:19:34.038 And I always long believed as
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572

00:19:34.038 --> 00:19:36.308 someone who came out of you know,
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572

00:19:36.310 --> 00:19:38.347 as as as David had mentioned worked,
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572

00:19:38.350 --> 00:19:38.910 you know,
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572

00:19:38.910 --> 00:19:40.590 in the White House for some

NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572
00:19:40.590 --> 00:19:42.368 time way back pre addiction.
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572
00:19:42.370 --> 00:19:45.037 Days had worked for labor unions and
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572
00:19:45.037 --> 00:19:47.710 different types of organizing campaigns,
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572
00:19:47.710 --> 00:19:49.024 and nonpartisan.
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572
00:19:49.024 --> 00:19:50.338 You know,
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572
00:19:50.338 --> 00:19:52.309 political and community
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572
00:19:52.309 --> 00:19:53.623 organizing initiatives.
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572
00:19:53.630 --> 00:19:55.352 I'd always believe that like a leader
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572
00:19:55.352 --> 00:19:57.419 with someone at the top who led the way
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572
00:19:57.419 --> 00:19:58.930 you know who developed the strategy,
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572
00:19:58.930 --> 00:19:59.550 the action,
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572
00:19:59.550 --> 00:20:00.790 the structure you know,
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572
00:20:00.790 --> 00:20:02.770 got everybody committed and then just,
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572
00:20:02.770 --> 00:20:04.594 you know, charted the course and
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572
00:20:04.594 --> 00:20:06.130 stayed ahead of everyone else.
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572

00:20:06.130 --> 00:20:06.984 And really,
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572

00:20:06.984 --> 00:20:09.119 to be an effective organizer
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572

00:20:09.119 --> 00:20:10.910 on this particular issue,
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572

00:20:10.910 --> 00:20:12.898 I have taken on this new definition
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572

00:20:12.898 --> 00:20:14.669 of leadership that I actually have
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572

00:20:14.669 --> 00:20:16.692 pasted and you can't see because you're
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572

00:20:16.747 --> 00:20:18.427 you're turned around in my zoom,
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572

00:20:18.430 --> 00:20:20.250 but right above my computer and I
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572

00:20:20.250 --> 00:20:22.328 look at it every single morning.
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572

00:20:22.330 --> 00:20:24.424 You know leadership to me and
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572

00:20:24.424 --> 00:20:26.709 leadership in this movement is really
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572

00:20:26.709 --> 00:20:28.764 that we are accepting responsibility.
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572

00:20:28.770 --> 00:20:30.438 All of us.
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572

00:20:30.438 --> 00:20:34.522 To enable others to achieve shared purpose,
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572

00:20:34.522 --> 00:20:36.610 common purpose under conditions
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572

00:20:36.610 --> 00:20:37.490 of uncertainty.

NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572
00:20:37.490 --> 00:20:40.130 Now this is a definition that's
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572
00:20:40.200 --> 00:20:42.570 used by many community community
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572
00:20:42.570 --> 00:20:44.466 organizers and many different
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572
00:20:44.466 --> 00:20:46.318 issues across this nation.
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572
00:20:46.320 --> 00:20:50.505 But I can't think of a more pressing
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572
00:20:50.505 --> 00:20:53.475 issue such as combating the overdose
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572
00:20:53.475 --> 00:20:56.791 right now where we are operating
NOTE Confidence: 0.890886201428572
00:20:56.791 --> 00:20:59.521 under such conditions of uncertainty.
NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645
00:20:59.530 --> 00:21:01.438 It is constantly shifting.
NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645
00:21:01.438 --> 00:21:03.346 The drugs are shifting.
NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645
00:21:03.350 --> 00:21:05.382 Fentanyl analogs are shifting.
NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645
00:21:05.382 --> 00:21:08.149 Services are shifting, funding is shifting.
NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645
00:21:08.149 --> 00:21:09.801 Stigma is shifting both
NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645
00:21:09.801 --> 00:21:12.008 in good and in bad ways.
NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645
00:21:12.010 --> 00:21:14.850 The players are shifting right?
NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:21:14.850 --> 00:21:17.390 The targets are shifting constantly.
NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:21:17.390 --> 00:21:20.513 We're we. We do this work every single day
NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:21:20.513 --> 00:21:23.508 under some of the most uncertain terms I
NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:21:23.508 --> 00:21:26.207 could ever think of in my entire life.
NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:21:26.210 --> 00:21:28.568 So this hopefully is a is a is a
NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:21:28.568 --> 00:21:30.419 definition of leadership that maybe.
NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:21:30.420 --> 00:21:32.448 You can take home with me
NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:21:32.448 --> 00:21:34.280 or back into your work.
NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:21:34.280 --> 00:21:35.834 You know to to help you know,
NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:21:35.840 --> 00:21:38.724 put into motion in your efforts when
NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:21:38.724 --> 00:21:41.320 thinking about how do I build teams?
NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:21:41.320 --> 00:21:44.104 How do I inspire others to
NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:21:44.104 --> 00:21:46.560 get involved in this work?
NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:21:46.560 --> 00:21:49.116 So if it's OK with you, I am.
NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:21:49.116 --> 00:21:51.706 I I am gonna share,
NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:21:51.710 --> 00:21:54.200 you know take the next 15

NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:21:54.200 --> 00:21:55.488 minutes and share what what?

NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:21:55.488 --> 00:21:56.790 My public narrative is and again

NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:21:56.835 --> 00:21:58.270 the definition of public narrative.

NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:21:58.270 --> 00:22:01.654 It is a leadership practice of

NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:22:01.654 --> 00:22:04.348 translating ones values into action.

NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:22:04.348 --> 00:22:07.841 It's based on this idea that values

NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:22:07.841 --> 00:22:10.311 are really experienced emotionally

NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:22:10.311 --> 00:22:14.679 and is as such their their sources

NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:22:14.680 --> 00:22:17.130 of ends worthy of action.

NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:22:17.130 --> 00:22:19.418 And really the capacity.

NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:22:19.418 --> 00:22:21.134 For taking action,

NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:22:21.140 --> 00:22:23.688 this is the public narrative that I

NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:22:23.688 --> 00:22:26.529 first learned how to craft when I got

NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:22:26.529 --> 00:22:28.969 involved in this work several years ago.

NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:22:28.970 --> 00:22:31.634 It shares a little bit about who I am,

NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:22:31.640 --> 00:22:34.056 where my values in my agency comes from,
NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:22:34.060 --> 00:22:35.656 and why I do this work.
NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:22:35.660 --> 00:22:38.474 This is step one really for our
NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:22:38.474 --> 00:22:40.614 community and learning and translating
NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:22:40.614 --> 00:22:43.164 these values in order to work
NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:22:43.164 --> 00:22:45.244 towards our more overall goals.
NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:22:45.244 --> 00:22:48.660 So I'm going to stop sharing my screen.
NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:22:48.660 --> 00:22:51.380 For just a moment.
NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:22:51.380 --> 00:22:52.740 And dumb.
NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:22:52.740 --> 00:22:53.665 I'm going to share my
NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:22:53.665 --> 00:22:54.405 public narrative with you,
NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:22:54.410 --> 00:22:55.330 which I'm I'm really excited
NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:22:55.330 --> 00:22:56.250 to do 'cause I haven't.
NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:22:56.250 --> 00:22:58.028 I haven't done this in a while,
NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:22:58.030 --> 00:22:59.773 especially given COVID.
NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:22:59.773 --> 00:23:02.097 So I'll I'll never.

NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:23:02.100 --> 00:23:03.955 Forget sitting in that old beat up

NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:23:03.955 --> 00:23:06.192 Green chair on the deck where we used

NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:23:06.192 --> 00:23:08.120 to have our Saturday morning meetings.

NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:23:08.120 --> 00:23:10.856 It was an early day early and cold day.

NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:23:10.860 --> 00:23:14.794 Actually, in November, about five years ago,

NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:23:14.800 --> 00:23:17.122 five and five years ago in Pasadena, CA.

NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:23:17.122 --> 00:23:18.208 We were confused.

NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:23:18.208 --> 00:23:21.635 We sat in this round circle like we always

NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:23:21.635 --> 00:23:24.379 did for our weekend check in meetings,

NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:23:24.380 --> 00:23:27.272 but this meeting at my recovery

NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:23:27.272 --> 00:23:28.718 house felt different.

NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:23:28.720 --> 00:23:30.385 Something was wrong and you

NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:23:30.385 --> 00:23:32.050 could see it in everyone.

NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:23:32.050 --> 00:23:33.862 Faces that morning.

NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:23:33.862 --> 00:23:37.486 It was completely and eerily silent.

NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:23:37.490 --> 00:23:39.960 You see, at this point in my life I was

NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:23:40.030 --> 00:23:42.564 still holding on for complete dear life.

NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:23:42.570 --> 00:23:43.262 You know,

NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:23:43.262 --> 00:23:45.684 I walked into that recovery house less

NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:23:45.684 --> 00:23:47.930 than a year earlier with nothing,

NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:23:47.930 --> 00:23:49.925 nothing but the clothes on my back.

NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:23:49.930 --> 00:23:52.604 I was on public assistance on Medicaid.

NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:23:52.610 --> 00:23:53.958 I had no job.

NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:23:53.958 --> 00:23:55.306 I had no transportation.

NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:23:55.310 --> 00:23:58.270 I suffered from severe depression,

NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:23:58.270 --> 00:24:00.690 a lot of unresolved trauma.

NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:24:00.690 --> 00:24:02.895 I was confused and more than anything,

NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:24:02.900 --> 00:24:06.210 I was really, really tired.

NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:24:06.210 --> 00:24:08.130 I knew how hard it was.

NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:24:08.130 --> 00:24:09.810 To hold on and some days I

NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:24:09.810 --> 00:24:11.764 just wanted to to throw in the

NOTE Confidence: 0.93756645

00:24:11.764 --> 00:24:13.229 towel completely and give up.

NOTE Confidence: 0.961133743333333

00:24:13.230 --> 00:24:15.001 I wanted to go back to where

NOTE Confidence: 0.961133743333333

00:24:15.001 --> 00:24:16.930 I felt the most comfortable,

NOTE Confidence: 0.961133743333333

00:24:16.930 --> 00:24:18.466 which was in isolation.

NOTE Confidence: 0.961133743333333

00:24:18.466 --> 00:24:20.386 It was on the streets.

NOTE Confidence: 0.961133743333333

00:24:20.390 --> 00:24:24.278 It was wandering in this never ending spiral

NOTE Confidence: 0.961133743333333

00:24:24.278 --> 00:24:27.130 of drug use and as dark as that sounds.

NOTE Confidence: 0.961133743333333

00:24:27.130 --> 00:24:29.415 That's actually where I felt

NOTE Confidence: 0.961133743333333

00:24:29.415 --> 00:24:31.700 most welcomed at the time.

NOTE Confidence: 0.961133743333333

00:24:31.700 --> 00:24:33.460 That's the place where I didn't feel judged.

NOTE Confidence: 0.961133743333333

00:24:33.460 --> 00:24:35.572 That's the place where I wouldn't

NOTE Confidence: 0.961133743333333

00:24:35.572 --> 00:24:38.012 worry about being told that I was

NOTE Confidence: 0.961133743333333

00:24:38.012 --> 00:24:40.259 different than and that I didn't belong.

NOTE Confidence: 0.961133743333333

00:24:40.260 --> 00:24:42.906 And on those dark days when I felt like

NOTE Confidence: 0.961133743333333

00:24:42.906 --> 00:24:45.697 there was absolutely no end insight for me,

NOTE Confidence: 0.961133743333333

00:24:45.700 --> 00:24:47.569 I'd oftentimes pick up the phone and
NOTE Confidence: 0.9611337433333333

00:24:47.569 --> 00:24:49.372 call the only person who would talk
NOTE Confidence: 0.9611337433333333

00:24:49.372 --> 00:24:51.716 to me and that was that was my mom.
NOTE Confidence: 0.9611337433333333

00:24:51.716 --> 00:24:53.450 My mom was getting close to
NOTE Confidence: 0.9611337433333333

00:24:53.515 --> 00:24:54.960 her 70s at this point,
NOTE Confidence: 0.9611337433333333

00:24:54.960 --> 00:24:56.960 and she always had something to tell me.
NOTE Confidence: 0.9611337433333333

00:24:56.960 --> 00:24:59.670 She always had some sort of a a wise word,
NOTE Confidence: 0.9611337433333333

00:24:59.670 --> 00:25:00.960 you know, she, she talks.
NOTE Confidence: 0.9611337433333333

00:25:00.960 --> 00:25:02.510 She would be very calm.
NOTE Confidence: 0.9611337433333333

00:25:02.510 --> 00:25:06.350 Her tone would be soft and it would be slow,
NOTE Confidence: 0.9611337433333333

00:25:06.350 --> 00:25:08.654 and she'd remind me that when I was
NOTE Confidence: 0.9611337433333333

00:25:08.654 --> 00:25:11.497 14 or 15 years old and in my dad had
NOTE Confidence: 0.9611337433333333

00:25:11.497 --> 00:25:14.124 had gone to prison and our family
NOTE Confidence: 0.9611337433333333

00:25:14.124 --> 00:25:16.129 had pretty much lost everything.
NOTE Confidence: 0.9611337433333333

00:25:16.130 --> 00:25:18.114 But I'd stay up late at night with
NOTE Confidence: 0.9611337433333333

00:25:18.114 --> 00:25:19.815 my little sister to do homework

NOTE Confidence: 0.961133743333333

00:25:19.815 --> 00:25:21.537 while she was out working her

NOTE Confidence: 0.961133743333333

00:25:21.598 --> 00:25:23.806 second or third job just to keep our

NOTE Confidence: 0.961133743333333

00:25:23.806 --> 00:25:25.735 family going to keep clothes on her

NOTE Confidence: 0.961133743333333

00:25:25.735 --> 00:25:27.819 back to keep food on our table.

NOTE Confidence: 0.961133743333333

00:25:27.820 --> 00:25:29.134 I can remember so many times

NOTE Confidence: 0.961133743333333

00:25:29.134 --> 00:25:30.320 when things were extra tight.

NOTE Confidence: 0.961133743333333

00:25:30.320 --> 00:25:32.504 My mom would actually make a weekly

NOTE Confidence: 0.961133743333333

00:25:32.504 --> 00:25:34.683 stop at McDonald's on 29 Cent Hamburger

NOTE Confidence: 0.961133743333333

00:25:34.683 --> 00:25:36.760 Day and she buy enough burgers for

NOTE Confidence: 0.961133743333333

00:25:36.760 --> 00:25:38.496 my sister and I because she'd be

NOTE Confidence: 0.961133743333333

00:25:38.496 --> 00:25:40.865 out at night school till 9:00 or

NOTE Confidence: 0.961133743333333

00:25:40.865 --> 00:25:42.807 10:00 o'clock some nights teaching

NOTE Confidence: 0.961133743333333

00:25:42.807 --> 00:25:45.489 since up at 7:30 that morning.

NOTE Confidence: 0.961133743333333

00:25:45.490 --> 00:25:47.794 She'd remind me that as long as we

NOTE Confidence: 0.961133743333333

00:25:47.794 --> 00:25:49.780 stuck together everything would be OK.

NOTE Confidence: 0.961133743333333

00:25:49.780 --> 00:25:50.707 Now my mom,
NOTE Confidence: 0.9611337433333333

00:25:50.707 --> 00:25:53.519 my mom was not someone who ever gave up,
NOTE Confidence: 0.9611337433333333

00:25:53.520 --> 00:25:56.320 but even when we had each other,
NOTE Confidence: 0.9611337433333333

00:25:56.320 --> 00:25:58.978 loneliness seemed to be this defining.
NOTE Confidence: 0.9611337433333333

00:25:58.980 --> 00:26:01.192 Theme for us because for the better
NOTE Confidence: 0.9611337433333333

00:26:01.192 --> 00:26:03.378 part of my my teenage years,
NOTE Confidence: 0.9611337433333333

00:26:03.380 --> 00:26:06.644 it felt to me like we were seemingly
NOTE Confidence: 0.9611337433333333

00:26:06.644 --> 00:26:07.460 UN welcomed.
NOTE Confidence: 0.9611337433333333

00:26:07.460 --> 00:26:09.164 We were unwelcomed at the church
NOTE Confidence: 0.9611337433333333

00:26:09.164 --> 00:26:10.550 that I grew up in.
NOTE Confidence: 0.9611337433333333

00:26:10.550 --> 00:26:12.884 Our family story of my dad's
NOTE Confidence: 0.9611337433333333

00:26:12.884 --> 00:26:14.812 incarceration was actually really big
NOTE Confidence: 0.9611337433333333

00:26:14.812 --> 00:26:17.220 news in our small little village in in
NOTE Confidence: 0.9611337433333333

00:26:17.220 --> 00:26:19.975 South Florida that we lived out at the time.
NOTE Confidence: 0.9611337433333333

00:26:19.980 --> 00:26:21.815 People we'd spend holidays and
NOTE Confidence: 0.9611337433333333

00:26:21.815 --> 00:26:24.048 birthdays with when I was younger

NOTE Confidence: 0.961133743333333

00:26:24.048 --> 00:26:26.344 they would look the other way when

NOTE Confidence: 0.961133743333333

00:26:26.344 --> 00:26:28.967 we walk into Sunday worship services,

NOTE Confidence: 0.961133743333333

00:26:28.970 --> 00:26:31.722 it felt as though we were no longer

NOTE Confidence: 0.961133743333333

00:26:31.722 --> 00:26:34.164 welcome because we were different and it

NOTE Confidence: 0.961133743333333

00:26:34.164 --> 00:26:37.760 felt as if we were pretty much on our own.

NOTE Confidence: 0.961133743333333

00:26:37.760 --> 00:26:40.352 When we'd be shunned or we'd be forced out,

NOTE Confidence: 0.961133743333333

00:26:40.360 --> 00:26:42.640 whether it was from the church,

NOTE Confidence: 0.961133743333333

00:26:42.640 --> 00:26:44.956 I received my first Communion at,

NOTE Confidence: 0.961133743333333

00:26:44.960 --> 00:26:48.013 or even the house that I grew up in,

NOTE Confidence: 0.961133743333333

00:26:48.013 --> 00:26:50.119 when we felt like the family.

NOTE Confidence: 0.961133743333333

00:26:50.120 --> 00:26:53.396 Our small family unit was on the

NOTE Confidence: 0.961133743333333

00:26:53.396 --> 00:26:56.799 brink of total and utter collapse.

NOTE Confidence: 0.961133743333333

00:26:56.800 --> 00:26:58.348 My mom would always come through,

NOTE Confidence: 0.961133743333333

00:26:58.350 --> 00:27:00.990 and she'd be our backbone.

NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:27:00.990 --> 00:27:03.980 And she tells us that things are gonna be OK.

NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:27:03.980 --> 00:27:06.110 Because she tells us that we
NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:27:06.110 --> 00:27:08.692 could build a better home and a
NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:27:08.692 --> 00:27:10.864 place where we do belong together.
NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:27:10.870 --> 00:27:13.080 Mom would oftentimes remind me
NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:27:13.080 --> 00:27:15.450 that when everything in the world
NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:27:15.450 --> 00:27:18.090 feels like it's lost and it's dire,
NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:27:18.090 --> 00:27:20.386 and it's bleak that there is always
NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:27:20.386 --> 00:27:22.947 some sort of agency of hope that
NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:27:22.947 --> 00:27:24.827 hope was something that could
NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:27:24.827 --> 00:27:27.285 carry us to a place where maybe one
NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:27:27.285 --> 00:27:29.410 day we would be welcomed.
NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:27:29.410 --> 00:27:31.930 So I completely understood.
NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:27:31.930 --> 00:27:32.827 To my core,
NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:27:32.827 --> 00:27:34.920 when my roommate Nick had come home
NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:27:34.985 --> 00:27:37.192 to me the night before and he he
NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:27:37.192 --> 00:27:40.088 told me that he had lost all hope,

NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:27:40.090 --> 00:27:42.486 I knew how he felt when he told me he was

NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:27:42.486 --> 00:27:44.943 using again that he couldn't stop on his own.

NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:27:44.950 --> 00:27:47.286 Now Nick wasn't just any roommate he was.

NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:27:47.290 --> 00:27:48.558 He was my roommate.

NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:27:48.558 --> 00:27:51.558 He was 24 years old and he seemed like

NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:27:51.558 --> 00:27:54.529 he had the whole world in front of him.

NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:27:54.530 --> 00:27:56.590 But Nick didn't think so.

NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:27:56.590 --> 00:27:58.960 He was afraid he was begging.

NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:27:58.960 --> 00:28:01.235 He was begging for a way out.

NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:28:01.240 --> 00:28:03.676 Nick felt he couldn't tell his job,

NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:28:03.680 --> 00:28:05.124 couldn't tell his family.

NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:28:05.124 --> 00:28:06.568 He had no insurance.

NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:28:06.570 --> 00:28:08.810 He had no money.

NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:28:08.810 --> 00:28:11.610 He had no absolution insight.

NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:28:11.610 --> 00:28:12.520 And to top it off,

NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:28:12.520 --> 00:28:14.408 he was going to be UN welcomed at
NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:28:14.408 --> 00:28:15.898 our recovery house sometime around
NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:28:15.898 --> 00:28:17.818 the stroke of midnight that night.
NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:28:17.820 --> 00:28:19.584 The rules of this recovery house
NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:28:19.584 --> 00:28:21.462 were the rules and they were
NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:28:21.462 --> 00:28:23.067 completely out of my control.
NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:28:23.070 --> 00:28:26.258 And Simply put that night in Pasadena,
NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:28:26.258 --> 00:28:27.920 I I felt.
NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:28:27.920 --> 00:28:31.090 This sense of complete powerlessness.
NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:28:31.090 --> 00:28:32.175 I can remember looking at
NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:28:32.175 --> 00:28:33.043 the clock that night,
NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:28:33.050 --> 00:28:35.110 feeling anxious when I realized
NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:28:35.110 --> 00:28:37.170 it was already sometime around
NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:28:37.170 --> 00:28:38.730 11:45 and we still didn't have
NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:28:38.730 --> 00:28:40.610 a plan for where Nick would go,
NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:28:40.610 --> 00:28:42.838 and I I thought to myself, wait a second.

NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:28:42.838 --> 00:28:43.906 Doesn't the doesn't?

NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:28:43.910 --> 00:28:44.836 The hospital.

NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:28:44.836 --> 00:28:46.688 Doesn't the Pasadena hospital

NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:28:46.690 --> 00:28:48.064 right down the block have some

NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:28:48.064 --> 00:28:49.250 sort of mental health unit?

NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:28:49.250 --> 00:28:51.306 Shouldn't they be able to accept Nick and

NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:28:51.306 --> 00:28:53.483 just just hold him there for a day or two?

NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:28:53.490 --> 00:28:54.938 Get him medically cleared,

NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:28:54.938 --> 00:28:56.982 get him some medication you know,

NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:28:56.982 --> 00:28:57.870 get him stabilized,

NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:28:57.870 --> 00:29:00.075 and then he can come back to the recovery

NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:29:00.075 --> 00:29:01.919 home and we can do what we do and.

NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:29:01.920 --> 00:29:03.544 Help him get back on his feet and

NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:29:03.544 --> 00:29:05.219 he'll be safe and you know we can.

NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:29:05.220 --> 00:29:07.378 We can move on here and and that

NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:29:07.378 --> 00:29:08.960 thought like you know sounded like a
NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:29:09.012 --> 00:29:10.992 pretty good plan at the time and I thought,
NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:29:11.000 --> 00:29:11.384 well, well,
NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:29:11.384 --> 00:29:11.960 let's do that.
NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:29:11.960 --> 00:29:14.696 At least he'll have a safe place to
NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:29:14.696 --> 00:29:16.816 stay tonight and you'll have medical
NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:29:16.816 --> 00:29:18.970 professionals that are looking after him.
NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:29:18.970 --> 00:29:22.250 And that was it.
NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:29:22.250 --> 00:29:22.822 That night,
NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:29:22.822 --> 00:29:25.110 when Nick left for the hospital that was.
NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:29:25.110 --> 00:29:28.030 That was the last time that I ever saw him.
NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:29:28.030 --> 00:29:30.750 He went to that hospital and he waited.
NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:29:30.750 --> 00:29:34.246 When he got there that night he was.
NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:29:34.250 --> 00:29:34.976 Not treated,
NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:29:34.976 --> 00:29:38.405 but he was treated as if he was some
NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:29:38.405 --> 00:29:41.506 kind of second or third class citizen.

NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:29:41.510 --> 00:29:43.589 He wasn't even seen by a doctor.

NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:29:43.590 --> 00:29:44.385 He showed up.

NOTE Confidence: 0.939311729

00:29:44.385 --> 00:29:46.240 He he told the nurses that he

NOTE Confidence: 0.970684376428571

00:29:46.304 --> 00:29:47.968 couldn't stop using heroin,

NOTE Confidence: 0.970684376428571

00:29:47.970 --> 00:29:49.320 that he was fearful about

NOTE Confidence: 0.970684376428571

00:29:49.320 --> 00:29:50.950 what would happen to him now.

NOTE Confidence: 0.970684376428571

00:29:50.950 --> 00:29:52.990 Now imagine this with me for

NOTE Confidence: 0.970684376428571

00:29:52.990 --> 00:29:54.950 just just a brief moment.

NOTE Confidence: 0.970684376428571

00:29:54.950 --> 00:29:57.610 This wasn't just any hospital,

NOTE Confidence: 0.970684376428571

00:29:57.610 --> 00:30:01.840 this was one of the best and most renowned

NOTE Confidence: 0.970684376428571

00:30:01.840 --> 00:30:04.490 hospitals in Southern California.

NOTE Confidence: 0.970684376428571

00:30:04.490 --> 00:30:06.356 They told my friend that night

NOTE Confidence: 0.970684376428571

00:30:06.356 --> 00:30:08.179 that they they couldn't help him.

NOTE Confidence: 0.970684376428571

00:30:08.180 --> 00:30:10.188 And instead they sent him on his way

NOTE Confidence: 0.970684376428571

00:30:10.188 --> 00:30:11.821 with nothing more than a piece of

NOTE Confidence: 0.970684376428571

00:30:11.821 --> 00:30:13.393 paper with a dozen or so potlines
NOTE Confidence: 0.970684376428571

00:30:13.393 --> 00:30:15.153 on it that he could call in the
NOTE Confidence: 0.970684376428571

00:30:15.160 --> 00:30:17.778 morning if he was quote UN quote.
NOTE Confidence: 0.970684376428571

00:30:17.780 --> 00:30:21.390 Willing to do so himself.
NOTE Confidence: 0.970684376428571

00:30:21.390 --> 00:30:23.926 I, I think a lot of us know.
NOTE Confidence: 0.970684376428571

00:30:23.930 --> 00:30:25.088 Who are on this call today?
NOTE Confidence: 0.970684376428571

00:30:25.090 --> 00:30:27.386 We all know far too well what
NOTE Confidence: 0.970684376428571

00:30:27.386 --> 00:30:29.830 it feels like to be turned away,
NOTE Confidence: 0.970684376428571

00:30:29.830 --> 00:30:31.990 what it feels like to be UN welcomed
NOTE Confidence: 0.970684376428571

00:30:31.990 --> 00:30:34.039 and what it feels like to be told
NOTE Confidence: 0.970684376428571

00:30:34.039 --> 00:30:36.210 to try the next house on the block.
NOTE Confidence: 0.970684376428571

00:30:36.210 --> 00:30:39.528 It's probably one of the most defeating
NOTE Confidence: 0.970684376428571

00:30:39.528 --> 00:30:44.538 feelings that any human ever has to face.
NOTE Confidence: 0.970684376428571

00:30:44.540 --> 00:30:46.919 The next morning.
NOTE Confidence: 0.970684376428571

00:30:46.920 --> 00:30:49.904 I was sitting in that that Green chair.
NOTE Confidence: 0.970684376428571

00:30:49.910 --> 00:30:51.848 And I knew what was coming.

NOTE Confidence: 0.970684376428571
00:30:51.850 --> 00:30:53.245 I knew where he was going to tell us.
NOTE Confidence: 0.970684376428571
00:30:53.250 --> 00:30:54.700 The owner of this house
NOTE Confidence: 0.970684376428571
00:30:54.700 --> 00:30:56.150 didn't have us circled up.
NOTE Confidence: 0.970684376428571
00:30:56.150 --> 00:30:57.428 You know, three and a half,
NOTE Confidence: 0.970684376428571
00:30:57.430 --> 00:30:59.782 four hours early for our house meeting
NOTE Confidence: 0.970684376428571
00:30:59.782 --> 00:31:02.108 to break the best of news to us.
NOTE Confidence: 0.970684376428571
00:31:02.110 --> 00:31:04.196 And then he started to tell us
NOTE Confidence: 0.970684376428571
00:31:04.196 --> 00:31:06.000 he started kind of mumble it.
NOTE Confidence: 0.970684376428571
00:31:06.000 --> 00:31:06.832 He said, you know,
NOTE Confidence: 0.970684376428571
00:31:06.832 --> 00:31:07.664 there's something like this.
NOTE Confidence: 0.970684376428571
00:31:07.670 --> 00:31:09.329 This is this is what happens guys.
NOTE Confidence: 0.970684376428571
00:31:09.330 --> 00:31:11.950 He said people people die,
NOTE Confidence: 0.970684376428571
00:31:11.950 --> 00:31:12.576 you know.
NOTE Confidence: 0.970684376428571
00:31:12.576 --> 00:31:14.454 Last night Nick overdosed and he
NOTE Confidence: 0.970684376428571
00:31:14.454 --> 00:31:16.517 died just a few blocks from from
NOTE Confidence: 0.970684376428571

00:31:16.517 --> 00:31:18.378 the house and he continued to say I
NOTE Confidence: 0.970684376428571

00:31:18.378 --> 00:31:20.015 just don't know what else to tell
NOTE Confidence: 0.970684376428571

00:31:20.015 --> 00:31:21.437 you except what I've been telling
NOTE Confidence: 0.970684376428571

00:31:21.437 --> 00:31:23.248 you since day one when you got here.
NOTE Confidence: 0.970684376428571

00:31:23.250 --> 00:31:24.258 Which is.
NOTE Confidence: 0.970684376428571

00:31:24.258 --> 00:31:27.346 Sometimes people have to die so
NOTE Confidence: 0.970684376428571

00:31:27.346 --> 00:31:29.610 that others can recover.
NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:31:32.170 --> 00:31:34.722 I still say that I repeat that phrase
NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:31:34.722 --> 00:31:37.604 today and it it gives me nothing but rage.
NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:31:37.610 --> 00:31:40.088 That statement gives me nothing but
NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:31:40.088 --> 00:31:43.103 rage because I can tell you I Nick
NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:31:43.103 --> 00:31:45.814 didn't have to die so that I could
NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:31:45.814 --> 00:31:48.278 sit here and share this story with
NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:31:48.278 --> 00:31:51.745 you and do the work that I'm doing.
NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:31:51.750 --> 00:31:54.725 It took me months to really understand
NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:31:54.725 --> 00:31:57.478 what what really happened that day.

NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:31:57.480 --> 00:31:59.594 Nick was always top of my mind

NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:31:59.594 --> 00:32:01.768 everywhere I went everywhere I speak,

NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:32:01.770 --> 00:32:02.750 and as you can tell,

NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:32:02.750 --> 00:32:06.236 he's still top of my mind today.

NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:32:06.240 --> 00:32:07.100 I didn't know it then,

NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:32:07.100 --> 00:32:09.413 but but his death sent me down this journey.

NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:32:09.420 --> 00:32:11.925 This journey to ask this question, why,

NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:32:11.925 --> 00:32:15.180 why is this happening to my community,

NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:32:15.180 --> 00:32:16.482 to our community?

NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:32:16.482 --> 00:32:18.218 Now, five years ago,

NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:32:18.220 --> 00:32:21.032 that journey led me to a Union hall right

NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:32:21.032 --> 00:32:22.936 down the street from my sober living.

NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:32:22.940 --> 00:32:24.977 I showed up there with over 100

NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:32:24.977 --> 00:32:26.880 friends of mine friends of Nicks

NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:32:26.880 --> 00:32:28.812 and other friends of friends who

NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:32:28.812 --> 00:32:31.177 we had lost to overdoses that year.
NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:32:31.180 --> 00:32:34.181 To stick that question to our community, why?
NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:32:34.181 --> 00:32:36.749 It was in the middle of a heated
NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:32:36.749 --> 00:32:39.137 election season in 2016 and these
NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:32:39.137 --> 00:32:41.127 caucuses were happening all over
NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:32:41.204 --> 00:32:43.844 our state to elect delegates to
NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:32:43.844 --> 00:32:45.604 the National Party conventions.
NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:32:45.610 --> 00:32:48.886 By this point in my early recovery we had
NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:32:48.886 --> 00:32:51.779 already buried nearly a half a dozen people.
NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:32:51.779 --> 00:32:53.624 We loved friends we loved
NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:32:53.624 --> 00:32:55.100 and cared deeply about.
NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:32:55.100 --> 00:32:57.081 We were desperate for for some sort
NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:32:57.081 --> 00:32:59.778 of a solution, and more importantly,
NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:32:59.778 --> 00:33:01.626 equally as importantly,
NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:33:01.630 --> 00:33:03.905 we were desperate to to just be
NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:33:03.905 --> 00:33:06.039 heard to just be listened to.

NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:33:06.040 --> 00:33:07.490 And it remained it it.

NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:33:07.490 --> 00:33:10.178 It reminded me of those days,

NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:33:10.180 --> 00:33:12.430 those early days, when my mom.

NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:33:12.430 --> 00:33:13.930 Would be out working late.

NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:33:13.930 --> 00:33:15.570 She used to have to.

NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:33:15.570 --> 00:33:19.017 She used to have me and my sister walk

NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:33:19.017 --> 00:33:20.786 to my grandmother's house where we

NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:33:20.786 --> 00:33:22.750 would stay until she could pick us up.

NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:33:22.750 --> 00:33:24.785 Some nights my grandmother would

NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:33:24.785 --> 00:33:26.820 oftentimes be looking for something

NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:33:26.881 --> 00:33:28.791 for us to do so she take us to a

NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:33:28.857 --> 00:33:31.118 community town hall or a local City

NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:33:31.118 --> 00:33:33.602 Council meeting to occupy the time.

NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:33:33.602 --> 00:33:37.454 She teach my sister and I how laws

NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:33:37.454 --> 00:33:39.926 were made and through these meetings

NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:33:39.926 --> 00:33:43.012 she teach us the value of civic
NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:33:43.012 --> 00:33:44.950 participation and that year in 6th grade.
NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:33:44.950 --> 00:33:47.169 When I arrived at a new school
NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:33:47.169 --> 00:33:48.850 as a complete outsider,
NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:33:48.850 --> 00:33:51.062 I actually ran for class president to
NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:33:51.062 --> 00:33:53.527 try and find some sort of belonging.
NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:33:53.530 --> 00:33:55.650 I put up posters, I called my classmates.
NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:33:55.650 --> 00:33:57.914 I visited them at addresses I found in
NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:33:57.914 --> 00:34:00.210 the yearbook and I I took this possibility.
NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:34:00.210 --> 00:34:01.630 Believe it or not,
NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:34:01.630 --> 00:34:04.520 of making 6th grade policy change seriously.
NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:34:04.520 --> 00:34:04.839 Well,
NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:34:04.839 --> 00:34:07.072 I won that election and I finally
NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:34:07.072 --> 00:34:09.475 felt like I was a part of something.
NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:34:09.480 --> 00:34:12.040 So in a sense I was really hard
NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:34:12.040 --> 00:34:13.859 wired for this solution.

NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:34:13.860 --> 00:34:16.177 When my friends and I showed up

NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:34:16.177 --> 00:34:18.198 to that Union Hall in 2016,

NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:34:18.200 --> 00:34:20.195 it was now the second time with

NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:34:20.195 --> 00:34:21.739 my name on a ballot.

NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:34:21.740 --> 00:34:24.974 And although this felt like a very

NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:34:24.974 --> 00:34:27.004 far departure from 6th grade,

NOTE Confidence: 0.9472376

00:34:27.004 --> 00:34:29.580 I knew that for us to be

NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091

00:34:29.679 --> 00:34:32.215 heard that we had to step

NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091

00:34:32.215 --> 00:34:34.710 up and become a part of.

NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091

00:34:34.710 --> 00:34:36.862 We had decided as a community a few

NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091

00:34:36.862 --> 00:34:38.358 weeks earlier that our organizing

NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091

00:34:38.358 --> 00:34:40.164 strategy would be to register me

NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091

00:34:40.164 --> 00:34:42.228 as a candidate to that convention,

NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091

00:34:42.230 --> 00:34:44.957 which would at the very least give me the

NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091

00:34:44.957 --> 00:34:46.806 opportunity to speak to our Community.

NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091

00:34:46.810 --> 00:34:49.430 I get 30 seconds to tell them our story and
NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091

00:34:49.491 --> 00:34:52.047 ask them to help us do something about it.
NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091

00:34:52.050 --> 00:34:54.826 We had no intention that day to win.
NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091

00:34:54.830 --> 00:34:56.768 We only wanted to be heard,
NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091

00:34:56.770 --> 00:34:59.416 and this was our mechanism for
NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091

00:34:59.416 --> 00:35:01.770 forcing them to listen to us.
NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091

00:35:01.770 --> 00:35:04.106 But the result was something that's guided me
NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091

00:35:04.106 --> 00:35:06.806 in my advocacy for the past several years.
NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091

00:35:06.810 --> 00:35:09.540 We showed up as these complete
NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091

00:35:09.540 --> 00:35:12.455 outcasts but we left feeling really
NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091

00:35:12.455 --> 00:35:14.922 and being a part of we work this
NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091

00:35:14.922 --> 00:35:16.727 line of hundreds of people waiting
NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091

00:35:16.727 --> 00:35:18.617 outside to cast their ballots.
NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091

00:35:18.620 --> 00:35:20.545 We fanned out in groups of two
NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091

00:35:20.545 --> 00:35:22.678 or three we shared our stories.
NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091

00:35:22.680 --> 00:35:25.407 We shared the stories of the friends we lost.

NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091

00:35:25.410 --> 00:35:27.860 We shared the the story of Nick.

NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091

00:35:27.860 --> 00:35:30.110 We couldn't get a full sentence

NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091

00:35:30.110 --> 00:35:32.465 out with someone on the other

NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091

00:35:32.465 --> 00:35:34.410 end telling us their story.

NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091

00:35:34.410 --> 00:35:36.363 They would tell us about how they've

NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091

00:35:36.363 --> 00:35:38.349 lost a loved one to an overdose,

NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091

00:35:38.350 --> 00:35:41.510 how they grew up in a alcoholic household,

NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091

00:35:41.510 --> 00:35:44.174 how their brother or their sister

NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091

00:35:44.174 --> 00:35:45.950 had just entered treatment.

NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091

00:35:45.950 --> 00:35:50.046 It felt as if our community was waiting,

NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091

00:35:50.050 --> 00:35:51.955 was waiting for our permission

NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091

00:35:51.955 --> 00:35:54.570 to come out of the shadows.

NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091

00:35:54.570 --> 00:35:56.810 Now we were community organizers.

NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091

00:35:56.810 --> 00:35:58.490 That day we just didn't know that

NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091

00:35:58.490 --> 00:36:00.348 that's what you called it at the time.

NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091

00:36:00.350 --> 00:36:02.744 I want to be clear about something.
NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091

00:36:02.750 --> 00:36:04.450 It's through my recovery,
NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091

00:36:04.450 --> 00:36:07.000 my personal recovery that I have
NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091

00:36:07.077 --> 00:36:09.802 found resiliency that I have found
NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091

00:36:09.802 --> 00:36:11.740 community but it is through this
NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091

00:36:11.740 --> 00:36:13.690 work it is through organizing that
NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091

00:36:13.690 --> 00:36:15.936 I have found purpose and that I
NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091

00:36:15.936 --> 00:36:18.548 have found a passion for change and
NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091

00:36:18.548 --> 00:36:21.300 what is possible for this community.
NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091

00:36:21.300 --> 00:36:23.760 Many of those community members from
NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091

00:36:23.760 --> 00:36:26.600 that day went on to be some of our
NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091

00:36:26.600 --> 00:36:29.147 biggest allies over the last several years.
NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091

00:36:29.150 --> 00:36:30.854 They championed lifesaving legislation
NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091

00:36:30.854 --> 00:36:34.090 such as mental health parity in our state.
NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091

00:36:34.090 --> 00:36:36.310 To the first ever sober home
NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091

00:36:36.310 --> 00:36:38.287 standards published by the federal

NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091
00:36:38.287 --> 00:36:40.007 government back in 2018.
NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091
00:36:40.010 --> 00:36:42.298 Today, right now here in the United States,
NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091
00:36:42.300 --> 00:36:45.182 there are 4040 million
NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091
00:36:45.182 --> 00:36:47.406 Americans just like Nick,
NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091
00:36:47.410 --> 00:36:49.545 who are being told that they are
NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091
00:36:49.545 --> 00:36:51.386 unwelcome people who are struggling
NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091
00:36:51.386 --> 00:36:53.306 with a substance use disorder,
NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091
00:36:53.310 --> 00:36:55.040 disorder and the vast majority
NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091
00:36:55.040 --> 00:36:57.639 of them are being told that they
NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091
00:36:57.639 --> 00:36:59.247 are unwelcome to treatment.
NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091
00:36:59.250 --> 00:37:01.185 They're unwelcome to housing they're
NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091
00:37:01.185 --> 00:37:03.120 unwelcome to the critical long
NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091
00:37:03.182 --> 00:37:05.087 term supports that would prevent.
NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091
00:37:05.090 --> 00:37:08.870 Another overdose death. Our community.
NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091
00:37:08.870 --> 00:37:10.230 All of us here today.
NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091

00:37:10.230 --> 00:37:12.129 All of us who are on this call today.
NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091

00:37:12.130 --> 00:37:15.168 You have the power to change that
NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091

00:37:15.170 --> 00:37:18.910 inside and outside the system.
NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091

00:37:18.910 --> 00:37:22.040 So let's get to work.
NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091

00:37:22.040 --> 00:37:24.000 So that's.
NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091

00:37:24.000 --> 00:37:26.364 The public narrative I'm going to
NOTE Confidence: 0.939478860909091

00:37:26.364 --> 00:37:28.470 share my my screen again.
NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:37:30.610 --> 00:37:33.712 That's the public narrative that I
NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:37:33.712 --> 00:37:35.959 use most times, or a version of it
NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:37:35.959 --> 00:37:37.892 when I'm showing up at a City Council
NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:37:37.892 --> 00:37:39.838 meeting or when I'm in front of a
NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:37:39.838 --> 00:37:41.350 group of people in my community,
NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:37:41.350 --> 00:37:43.807 and I'm asking them to get involved.
NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:37:43.810 --> 00:37:46.407 I want to connect with them emotionally.
NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:37:46.410 --> 00:37:47.894 I want to let them know that
NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:37:47.894 --> 00:37:49.050 they too are impacted.

NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571
00:37:49.050 --> 00:37:51.171 That it's OK to share their story
NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571
00:37:51.171 --> 00:37:53.019 that it's OK to get involved
NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571
00:37:53.019 --> 00:37:55.049 in this work and in a sense,
NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571
00:37:55.050 --> 00:37:57.543 in a subtle sense to kind of warn them
NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571
00:37:57.543 --> 00:38:00.256 and let them know what the consequences.
NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571
00:38:00.260 --> 00:38:05.564 Of inaction on this issue is so next
NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571
00:38:05.564 --> 00:38:08.606 I'm going to share just briefly
NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571
00:38:08.606 --> 00:38:12.132 2 real world examples of why we
NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571
00:38:12.132 --> 00:38:14.120 need to advocate for the need for
NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571
00:38:14.186 --> 00:38:16.230 a strong political constituency
NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571
00:38:16.230 --> 00:38:18.274 to address addiction recovery.
NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571
00:38:18.280 --> 00:38:19.400 Now when I say political,
NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571
00:38:19.400 --> 00:38:21.780 I don't mean political party.
NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571
00:38:21.780 --> 00:38:24.078 I mean within the body politic,
NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571
00:38:24.080 --> 00:38:26.920 right within policy within state
NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:38:26.920 --> 00:38:29.192 policy within federal policy,
NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:38:29.200 --> 00:38:30.380 making sure that we are.
NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:38:30.380 --> 00:38:33.158 Organized that people with lived experience,
NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:38:33.160 --> 00:38:35.482 people in public health are helping
NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:38:35.482 --> 00:38:38.202 to guide and advise on the strategies
NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:38:38.202 --> 00:38:40.764 and the need more for more funding
NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:38:40.837 --> 00:38:43.017 towards common sense solutions.
NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:38:43.020 --> 00:38:45.140 So two real world examples.
NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:38:45.140 --> 00:38:48.848 I'm going to give you is 1 based on HR
NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:38:48.848 --> 00:38:51.232 4684 which was also known as Tyler's Law,
NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:38:51.232 --> 00:38:53.188 which was passed by Congress in
NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:38:53.188 --> 00:38:55.980 2018 and another around the the
NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:38:55.980 --> 00:38:58.440 current day Purdue Pharma bankruptcy.
NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:38:58.440 --> 00:39:00.504 I'd like to just make a quick plug.
NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:39:00.510 --> 00:39:01.662 You know it was mentioned at
NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:39:01.662 --> 00:39:02.670 the beginning of this call.

NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:39:02.670 --> 00:39:05.596 My new book unsettled how the Purdue

NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:39:05.596 --> 00:39:07.760 Pharma bankruptcy failed the victims

NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:39:07.760 --> 00:39:10.268 of the American overdose crisis was

NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:39:10.268 --> 00:39:12.805 just released earlier in October.

NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:39:12.805 --> 00:39:14.500 It's available anywhere.

NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:39:14.500 --> 00:39:16.080 Books are sold and online,

NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:39:16.080 --> 00:39:19.216 but it really goes into detail on

NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:39:19.216 --> 00:39:21.164 this second case example that I'm

NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:39:21.164 --> 00:39:23.301 going to give you in case you'd like

NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:39:23.301 --> 00:39:25.341 to read a little bit more about it.

NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:39:25.350 --> 00:39:29.620 So the first example was HR 4684.

NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:39:29.620 --> 00:39:31.360 Shortly after getting sober in

NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:39:31.360 --> 00:39:33.954 recovery in 2017 and working my own

NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:39:33.954 --> 00:39:35.530 personal recovery program before,

NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:39:35.530 --> 00:39:37.609 I really dove in and got involved

NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:39:37.609 --> 00:39:39.660 in advocacy and started the Voices
NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:39:39.660 --> 00:39:42.166 Project and Recovery advocacy project.
NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:39:42.166 --> 00:39:45.880 My first on scene. Who was a young man?
NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:39:45.880 --> 00:39:48.164 I was working with and helping mentor
NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:39:48.164 --> 00:39:50.396 and recovery. His name was Tyler.
NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:39:50.400 --> 00:39:51.744 This picture here of this young
NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:39:51.744 --> 00:39:52.640 man is is Tyler.
NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:39:52.640 --> 00:39:54.542 He had gone to the same
NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:39:54.542 --> 00:39:56.150 treatment facility as I had.
NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:39:56.150 --> 00:39:58.033 He was living in a recovery house
NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:39:58.033 --> 00:40:00.042 that was just a couple blocks away
NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:40:00.042 --> 00:40:01.758 from from where I was living,
NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:40:01.760 --> 00:40:03.420 not just any recovery house,
NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:40:03.420 --> 00:40:05.380 but one of a sober home in Southern
NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:40:05.380 --> 00:40:06.847 California that was marketed as one
NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:40:06.847 --> 00:40:08.658 of the best that dealt, you know,

NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:40:08.658 --> 00:40:10.632 had great outcomes for people who

NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:40:10.632 --> 00:40:13.280 were in early recovery from opioid

NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:40:13.280 --> 00:40:16.970 use disorder specifically and.

NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:40:16.970 --> 00:40:20.130 We were working together for about

NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:40:20.130 --> 00:40:21.738 six months and.

NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:40:21.740 --> 00:40:24.602 In fall of 2017 I got a phone call

NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:40:24.602 --> 00:40:27.464 from Tyler one evening that said,

NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:40:27.464 --> 00:40:30.270 hey Ryan, I'm struggling I'm I'm,

NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:40:30.270 --> 00:40:31.925 you know, I'm using again.

NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:40:31.925 --> 00:40:33.455 I had a recurrent a relapse,

NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:40:33.460 --> 00:40:34.032 he said,

NOTE Confidence: 0.917188611428571

00:40:34.032 --> 00:40:36.320 which we also call a recurrence of use

NOTE Confidence: 0.930710251

00:40:36.320 --> 00:40:39.660 and but I want help you know I want help

NOTE Confidence: 0.930710251

00:40:39.660 --> 00:40:42.610 and I want to I want to go to treatment

NOTE Confidence: 0.930710251

00:40:42.610 --> 00:40:44.284 and he had the ability to go to treatment.

NOTE Confidence: 0.930710251

00:40:44.290 --> 00:40:45.658 The only thing is he couldn't
NOTE Confidence: 0.930710251

00:40:45.658 --> 00:40:47.020 go till the next morning.
NOTE Confidence: 0.930710251

00:40:47.020 --> 00:40:49.500 Now Tyler also knew Nick and was
NOTE Confidence: 0.930710251

00:40:49.500 --> 00:40:51.180 a friend of Nixon and he said,
NOTE Confidence: 0.930710251

00:40:51.180 --> 00:40:53.540 listen, I spoke to a new Nick story.
NOTE Confidence: 0.930710251

00:40:53.540 --> 00:40:55.402 He said I spoke to the folks
NOTE Confidence: 0.930710251

00:40:55.402 --> 00:40:57.019 at the the sober home.
NOTE Confidence: 0.930710251

00:40:57.020 --> 00:40:58.804 They're going to let me stay here tonight,
NOTE Confidence: 0.930710251

00:40:58.810 --> 00:41:01.546 so I'll have a place to stay because they
NOTE Confidence: 0.930710251

00:41:01.546 --> 00:41:03.457 can't get me into treatment until tomorrow.
NOTE Confidence: 0.930710251

00:41:03.460 --> 00:41:04.783 Can you come and pick me up in the
NOTE Confidence: 0.930710251

00:41:04.783 --> 00:41:05.840 morning and take me to treatment?
NOTE Confidence: 0.930710251

00:41:05.840 --> 00:41:06.896 I said, sure, I'll be there,
NOTE Confidence: 0.930710251

00:41:06.900 --> 00:41:08.468 you know, seven 7:30 in the morning
NOTE Confidence: 0.930710251

00:41:08.468 --> 00:41:09.680 will go to treatment.
NOTE Confidence: 0.930710251

00:41:09.680 --> 00:41:10.490 Well, you know,

NOTE Confidence: 0.930710251

00:41:10.490 --> 00:41:12.960 grab coffee and and and get you in there.

NOTE Confidence: 0.930710251

00:41:12.960 --> 00:41:14.654 Glad you're doing the right thing right.

NOTE Confidence: 0.930710251

00:41:14.660 --> 00:41:15.488 Glad you're getting help.

NOTE Confidence: 0.13116866

00:41:17.510 --> 00:41:21.329 Uhm? My story is still hard for me to tell.

NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182

00:41:25.010 --> 00:41:27.380 Tyler and Tyler didn't make it

NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182

00:41:27.380 --> 00:41:29.650 to treatment the next morning.

NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182

00:41:29.650 --> 00:41:33.097 I I woke up the next morning and I

NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182

00:41:33.097 --> 00:41:35.822 learned on Facebook and other mediums

NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182

00:41:35.822 --> 00:41:40.438 that he had died. And his death.

NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182

00:41:40.440 --> 00:41:43.754 Had a tremendous impact on me and so.

NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182

00:41:43.754 --> 00:41:46.616 I wanted to know what happened.

NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182

00:41:46.620 --> 00:41:49.984 And I I went over. I still went over

NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182

00:41:49.984 --> 00:41:52.000 to the recovery house that morning.

NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182

00:41:52.000 --> 00:41:53.099 And I talked to the manager and

NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182

00:41:53.099 --> 00:41:54.359 the owner of the House and I said,

NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182

00:41:54.360 --> 00:41:55.578 hey, what happened?
NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182

00:41:55.578 --> 00:41:57.608 You know what happened with
NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182

00:41:57.608 --> 00:41:59.276 Tyler and they said, well,
NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182

00:41:59.276 --> 00:42:02.110 he overdosed and the short story is that
NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182

00:42:02.110 --> 00:42:05.104 he came home that night and the the
NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182

00:42:05.104 --> 00:42:08.040 owner of the house told him to sleep,
NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182

00:42:08.040 --> 00:42:09.051 sleep it off,
NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182

00:42:09.051 --> 00:42:11.410 quote UN quote to sleep off the,
NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182

00:42:11.410 --> 00:42:12.286 you know,
NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182

00:42:12.286 --> 00:42:14.914 the the intoxication essentially and to
NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182

00:42:14.914 --> 00:42:17.628 stay on the couch in the living room.
NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182

00:42:17.628 --> 00:42:18.963 And that's what he did.
NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182

00:42:18.970 --> 00:42:19.768 He took instruction.
NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182

00:42:19.768 --> 00:42:22.203 And they came down to check on him at
NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182

00:42:22.203 --> 00:42:24.023 6:00 AM that morning the next morning,
NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182

00:42:24.030 --> 00:42:25.798 'cause he had to be up to meet

NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182
00:42:25.798 --> 00:42:27.597 me at 7:00 and he was blue.
NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182
00:42:27.600 --> 00:42:29.848 And anybody who's experienced
NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182
00:42:29.848 --> 00:42:31.540 overdose in person and watched it,
NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182
00:42:31.540 --> 00:42:33.796 it's a terrifying experience
NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182
00:42:33.796 --> 00:42:36.616 and a very vivid experience.
NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182
00:42:36.620 --> 00:42:39.956 He had this thing called a death gargle.
NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182
00:42:39.960 --> 00:42:41.696 He was still alive,
NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182
00:42:41.696 --> 00:42:44.300 but he was short of breath.
NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182
00:42:44.300 --> 00:42:45.360 Nobody knew what to do.
NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182
00:42:45.360 --> 00:42:46.774 The owner didn't know what to do.
NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182
00:42:46.780 --> 00:42:47.765 The manager of the house
NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182
00:42:47.765 --> 00:42:48.750 didn't know what to do.
NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182
00:42:48.750 --> 00:42:50.316 There was no no locks and
NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182
00:42:50.316 --> 00:42:51.889 there was no Narcan on hand.
NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182
00:42:51.890 --> 00:42:53.099 They called 911.
NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182

00:42:53.099 --> 00:42:56.310 He Tyler was alive when they called 911,
NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182

00:42:56.310 --> 00:42:57.242 but four minutes later
NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182

00:42:57.242 --> 00:42:58.407 when the EMT showed up,
NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182

00:42:58.410 --> 00:43:02.210 he was dead on arrival and and he he died.
NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182

00:43:02.210 --> 00:43:03.338 And so I was.
NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182

00:43:03.338 --> 00:43:05.520 As this story is being told to me,
NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182

00:43:05.520 --> 00:43:07.011 the first question,
NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182

00:43:07.011 --> 00:43:09.496 of course to me was.
NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182

00:43:09.500 --> 00:43:11.396 Why didn't anybody know how to
NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182

00:43:11.396 --> 00:43:13.558 respond to an overdose in this House?
NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182

00:43:13.560 --> 00:43:15.636 His family was paying upwards of
NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182

00:43:15.640 --> 00:43:17.104 \$2000 a month for him to stay and
NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182

00:43:17.104 --> 00:43:18.479 what was supposed to be a safe,
NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182

00:43:18.480 --> 00:43:20.524 stable environment for people?
NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182

00:43:20.524 --> 00:43:23.079 Specifically with opioid use disorder.
NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182

00:43:23.080 --> 00:43:24.628 The second question was,

NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182
00:43:24.628 --> 00:43:26.176 where was the Narcan,
NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182
00:43:26.180 --> 00:43:27.640 where was the null oxone?
NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182
00:43:27.640 --> 00:43:29.725 Would you have people who
NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182
00:43:29.725 --> 00:43:31.393 have who have diabetes?
NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182
00:43:31.400 --> 00:43:33.632 You know severe cases of diabetes
NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182
00:43:33.632 --> 00:43:35.617 and you know medically assisted
NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182
00:43:35.617 --> 00:43:37.317 facilities and they don't
NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182
00:43:37.317 --> 00:43:39.442 carry insulin like does that.
NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182
00:43:39.450 --> 00:43:42.708 Make any sense to to anybody and the owner
NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182
00:43:42.708 --> 00:43:45.319 of the house looked at me as I was getting.
NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182
00:43:45.320 --> 00:43:47.231 Angry and heated and she put her
NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182
00:43:47.231 --> 00:43:49.520 hand on my shoulder and she said,
NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182
00:43:49.520 --> 00:43:50.320 you know,
NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182
00:43:50.320 --> 00:43:50.720 rhyme.
NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182
00:43:50.720 --> 00:43:52.720 Don't be mad at us.
NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182

00:43:52.720 --> 00:43:54.302 You know the real sad story here

NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182

00:43:54.302 --> 00:43:55.854 is that your friend Tyler just

NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182

00:43:55.854 --> 00:43:57.492 didn't want to get sober enough

NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182

00:43:57.500 --> 00:43:59.817 and he just didn't want it enough.

NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182

00:43:59.820 --> 00:44:03.906 And once again, it was this,

NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182

00:44:03.910 --> 00:44:05.710 you know, version of quote,

NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182

00:44:05.710 --> 00:44:09.510 UN quote victim shaming right.

NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182

00:44:09.510 --> 00:44:10.914 Wasn't our fault or we had

NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182

00:44:10.914 --> 00:44:12.250 no part to play in it.

NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182

00:44:12.250 --> 00:44:13.610 We because, you know,

NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182

00:44:13.610 --> 00:44:15.634 we're just we're just a safe,

NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182

00:44:15.634 --> 00:44:16.642 stable housing operator

NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182

00:44:16.642 --> 00:44:17.650 that markets ourselves.

NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182

00:44:17.650 --> 00:44:18.382 As you know,

NOTE Confidence: 0.887086801818182

00:44:18.382 --> 00:44:20.090 one of the best sober home facilities

NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615

00:44:20.145 --> 00:44:21.270 in Southern California,

NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615
00:44:21.270 --> 00:44:22.860 but not our responsibility to know
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615
00:44:22.860 --> 00:44:24.589 how to respond to an overdose,
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615
00:44:24.590 --> 00:44:26.526 not our responsibility to
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615
00:44:26.526 --> 00:44:28.946 carry Narcan or have Narcan.
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615
00:44:28.950 --> 00:44:32.709 And I realized at that moment that.
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615
00:44:32.710 --> 00:44:36.436 The power dynamic of this situation.
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615
00:44:36.440 --> 00:44:38.085 There was nothing I could do or
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615
00:44:38.085 --> 00:44:39.860 nothing I could say to this housing
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615
00:44:39.860 --> 00:44:41.720 provider that was going to make them
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615
00:44:41.720 --> 00:44:43.120 change their mind that carrying
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615
00:44:43.120 --> 00:44:45.296 the locks own could be seen as a
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615
00:44:45.296 --> 00:44:47.363 crutch or could give off the wrong
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615
00:44:47.363 --> 00:44:49.428 example to other residents because
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615
00:44:49.428 --> 00:44:51.584 that's what she thought and that's
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615
00:44:51.584 --> 00:44:53.096 what she had explained to me.
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615

00:44:53.100 --> 00:44:55.242 So I had a friend of mine come from
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615

00:44:55.242 --> 00:44:57.056 Missouri who was a harm reductionist,
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615

00:44:57.060 --> 00:44:58.745 brought in several 100 units
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615

00:44:58.745 --> 00:45:00.093 of the locks own.
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615

00:45:00.100 --> 00:45:00.916 We thought, hey,
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615

00:45:00.916 --> 00:45:02.820 the best way to deal with this
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615

00:45:02.883 --> 00:45:04.679 is through community education.
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615

00:45:04.680 --> 00:45:06.390 Maybe we just need to educate.
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615

00:45:06.390 --> 00:45:08.538 Our Community of Path,
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615

00:45:08.538 --> 00:45:11.110 Pasadena sober homeowners that they
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615

00:45:11.110 --> 00:45:14.502 should be carrying no oxone So he came in,
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615

00:45:14.502 --> 00:45:16.291 brought all these 100 units of new
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615

00:45:16.291 --> 00:45:18.227 locks own and we made you know 10
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615

00:45:18.227 --> 00:45:19.792 visits to different recovery houses
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615

00:45:19.792 --> 00:45:21.790 over 2 days to distribute free
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615

00:45:21.790 --> 00:45:24.699 null oxone in 2017 and to train the

NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615
00:45:24.699 --> 00:45:27.009 residents who are the real first
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615
00:45:27.009 --> 00:45:29.710 responders when it comes to an overdose.
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615
00:45:29.710 --> 00:45:31.786 How to respond to an overdose.
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615
00:45:31.790 --> 00:45:33.646 You know I I want to repeat that
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615
00:45:33.646 --> 00:45:35.020 like the first response.
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615
00:45:35.020 --> 00:45:37.420 The real first responders in dealing
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615
00:45:37.420 --> 00:45:40.430 with an overdose are people in recovery.
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615
00:45:40.430 --> 00:45:42.758 People who use drugs and their
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615
00:45:42.758 --> 00:45:43.534 family members.
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615
00:45:43.540 --> 00:45:45.874 Those are the most important people
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615
00:45:45.874 --> 00:45:48.620 that should be carrying the loxone right?
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615
00:45:48.620 --> 00:45:49.952 And we went.
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615
00:45:49.952 --> 00:45:52.616 We tried to train these homes,
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615
00:45:52.620 --> 00:45:54.258 but none of the homes would let
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615
00:45:54.258 --> 00:45:55.799 us talk to the residents.
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615

00:45:55.800 --> 00:45:58.920 They all subscribe to this same
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615

00:45:58.920 --> 00:46:02.100 concept that carrying the loxone
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615

00:46:02.100 --> 00:46:04.776 would give off the wrong message.
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615

00:46:04.780 --> 00:46:07.556 I'd never been more angry in my life,
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615

00:46:07.560 --> 00:46:09.639 but instead of taking my anger out
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615

00:46:09.639 --> 00:46:11.728 and our anger out because there were
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615

00:46:11.728 --> 00:46:14.120 a few of us doing these trainings,
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615

00:46:14.120 --> 00:46:15.192 we weren't an organization.
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615

00:46:15.192 --> 00:46:17.459 We were just a few people in recovery,
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615

00:46:17.460 --> 00:46:18.620 sick and tired of watching
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615

00:46:18.620 --> 00:46:19.548 our friends die too.
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615

00:46:19.550 --> 00:46:23.099 Preventable drug overdoses.
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615

00:46:23.100 --> 00:46:25.711 We took the car after the 10th
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615

00:46:25.711 --> 00:46:28.650 house said no and we drove to
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615

00:46:28.650 --> 00:46:30.815 our member of Congress office.
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615

00:46:30.820 --> 00:46:32.340 Representative Judy Chu of

NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615
00:46:32.340 --> 00:46:34.240 California's 27th district and we
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615
00:46:34.240 --> 00:46:37.660 sat in her office for like 2 Hours.
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615
00:46:37.660 --> 00:46:39.436 Until she would meet with us,
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615
00:46:39.440 --> 00:46:40.628 find Congresswoman Chu finally
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615
00:46:40.628 --> 00:46:41.519 took the meeting.
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615
00:46:41.520 --> 00:46:42.636 She wasn't in DC,
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615
00:46:42.636 --> 00:46:45.119 she was home for a district work period.
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615
00:46:45.120 --> 00:46:46.268 And said, well, what did you know?
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615
00:46:46.270 --> 00:46:47.206 I hear you know,
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615
00:46:47.206 --> 00:46:48.376 I hear your I remember,
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615
00:46:48.380 --> 00:46:50.438 she said I hear you're opioid addicts
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615
00:46:50.438 --> 00:46:52.543 that's what she said and and you want
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615
00:46:52.543 --> 00:46:54.585 to talk about this issue and it was
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615
00:46:54.585 --> 00:46:56.361 a little language training there with
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615
00:46:56.361 --> 00:46:58.784 my member of Congress, not an opioid addict.
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615

00:46:58.784 --> 00:47:00.014 I'm a person in recovery.
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615

00:47:00.020 --> 00:47:00.740 Here's who I am.
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615

00:47:00.740 --> 00:47:01.640 This is what I do.
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615

00:47:01.640 --> 00:47:02.604 Here are my friends.
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615

00:47:02.604 --> 00:47:03.086 This is,
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615

00:47:03.090 --> 00:47:03.668 you know,
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615

00:47:03.668 --> 00:47:05.980 we live in this thing called sober home.
NOTE Confidence: 0.906086165384615

00:47:05.980 --> 00:47:09.013 You have about 70 of them in your district
NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:47:09.020 --> 00:47:12.000 and the representative Chu said,
NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:47:12.000 --> 00:47:13.468 what's a sober home?
NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:47:13.468 --> 00:47:15.303 And it dawned on me.
NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:47:15.310 --> 00:47:17.522 You know, and going back to my
NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:47:17.522 --> 00:47:19.210 community organizing days pre addiction
NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:47:19.210 --> 00:47:20.954 that no one ever really sat and
NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:47:20.954 --> 00:47:22.787 took the time to educate our member
NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:47:22.787 --> 00:47:24.733 of Congress on what a sober home

NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:47:24.793 --> 00:47:26.649 is and the people that live in it,

NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:47:26.650 --> 00:47:27.710 why it's important and why

NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:47:27.710 --> 00:47:29.030 it's important to have a safe,

NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:47:29.030 --> 00:47:30.878 sober home and why it's important that

NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:47:30.878 --> 00:47:33.047 the locks own be carried in sober homes.

NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:47:33.050 --> 00:47:35.829 And you know what wasn't being done

NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:47:35.830 --> 00:47:38.774 on this issue and how some of these,

NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:47:38.780 --> 00:47:39.544 how some of this.

NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:47:39.544 --> 00:47:41.026 You know, overlooking these

NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:47:41.026 --> 00:47:43.218 issues in federal policy.

NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:47:43.220 --> 00:47:46.813 Has led to the death deaths of her

NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:47:46.813 --> 00:47:48.657 constituents and really related

NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:47:48.657 --> 00:47:51.529 it down to her constituents.

NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:47:51.530 --> 00:47:52.943 The Congresswoman Chu,

NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:47:52.943 --> 00:47:56.800 you know 70 some odd homes in your district.

NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:47:56.800 --> 00:47:58.300 These are your constituents.
NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:47:58.300 --> 00:47:59.860 These are the sons and daughters
NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:47:59.860 --> 00:48:01.210 and brothers and sisters and
NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:48:01.210 --> 00:48:02.740 mothers and fathers of your voters.
NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:48:02.740 --> 00:48:04.798 Many of them are voters themselves,
NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:48:04.800 --> 00:48:06.480 and they're dying and they're dying.
NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:48:06.480 --> 00:48:07.890 These silent deaths that are
NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:48:07.890 --> 00:48:09.300 being shoved under the rug.
NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:48:09.300 --> 00:48:11.310 And here's this solution to Laaksonen
NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:48:11.310 --> 00:48:13.108 these homes, and we're being told.
NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:48:13.108 --> 00:48:15.659 That we can't give it in these houses,
NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:48:15.660 --> 00:48:17.500 and there's no federal regulation.
NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:48:17.500 --> 00:48:19.175 There's not even any federal
NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:48:19.175 --> 00:48:21.268 guidance on what a safe, stable,
NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:48:21.268 --> 00:48:23.776 effective recovery House should look like,
NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:48:23.780 --> 00:48:26.030 and the recovery movement had,

NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:48:26.030 --> 00:48:27.335 you know, through the National

NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:48:27.335 --> 00:48:28.379 Alliance of Recovery Residences,

NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:48:28.380 --> 00:48:30.120 had published standards on this,

NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:48:30.120 --> 00:48:32.316 through NGOs that had been out

NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:48:32.316 --> 00:48:33.414 for several years,

NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:48:33.420 --> 00:48:35.340 but States and the federal government

NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:48:35.340 --> 00:48:36.620 weren't subscribing to them.

NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:48:36.620 --> 00:48:38.958 And representative she said, OK, I get it.

NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:48:38.958 --> 00:48:39.636 I get it.

NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:48:39.640 --> 00:48:41.002 I finally get what you're trying

NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:48:41.002 --> 00:48:42.778 to tell me and I'm outraged too.

NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:48:42.780 --> 00:48:45.060 No one really worked with me on this.

NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:48:45.060 --> 00:48:48.810 I want to write a bill. What should it be?

NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:48:48.810 --> 00:48:50.210 What should we focus on?

NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:48:50.210 --> 00:48:53.490 And it was HR 4684 title of that

NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:48:53.490 --> 00:48:55.593 legislation was ensuring access
NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:48:55.593 --> 00:48:58.665 the ensuring access to quality
NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:48:58.665 --> 00:49:01.165 soberliving Act of 2017.
NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:49:01.170 --> 00:49:02.748 She said don't get excited though.
NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:49:02.750 --> 00:49:04.796 You know Congress is super divided
NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:49:04.796 --> 00:49:07.298 and who knows where it's going to go?
NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:49:07.300 --> 00:49:10.919 Well, for the six months that followed,
NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:49:10.920 --> 00:49:12.825 writing that act with Representative
NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:49:12.825 --> 00:49:14.730 Chu after Tyler passed away.
NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:49:14.730 --> 00:49:16.428 My friends and I, you know,
NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:49:16.430 --> 00:49:18.670 we weren't under an organization at the time.
NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:49:18.670 --> 00:49:21.190 We went to members of Congress office.
NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:49:21.190 --> 00:49:23.406 We banged down the doors and and capital
NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:49:23.406 --> 00:49:25.189 and Capitol Hill in Washington DC.
NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:49:25.190 --> 00:49:26.114 We made phone calls.
NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:49:26.114 --> 00:49:26.807 We wrote letters.

NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:49:26.810 --> 00:49:28.847 I showed up and testified before the

NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:49:28.847 --> 00:49:30.830 House Energy and Commerce Committee.

NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:49:30.830 --> 00:49:31.530 You know,

NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:49:31.530 --> 00:49:32.930 telling that public narrative

NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:49:32.930 --> 00:49:34.729 of Tyler telling that public

NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:49:34.729 --> 00:49:36.745 narrative of what happened to him,

NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:49:36.750 --> 00:49:38.078 what happened to us,

NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:49:38.078 --> 00:49:40.830 why we needed to act on this now?

NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:49:40.830 --> 00:49:43.430 And much to our surprise,

NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:49:43.430 --> 00:49:47.820 HR 4684 passed 2 committees.

NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:49:47.820 --> 00:49:49.500 Voted on and passed by the

NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:49:49.500 --> 00:49:50.340 United States House.

NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:49:50.340 --> 00:49:51.395 Voted on and passed by

NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:49:51.395 --> 00:49:52.239 the United States Senate.

NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:49:52.240 --> 00:49:53.514 Was signed into law by the President,

NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:49:53.520 --> 00:49:55.980 United States in October of 2018.
NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:49:55.980 --> 00:49:57.926 And it was the first time that
NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:49:57.926 --> 00:49:59.126 the federal government published
NOTE Confidence: 0.827511308

00:49:59.126 --> 00:50:00.696 standards for what a safe,
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667

00:50:00.700 --> 00:50:02.638 stable recovery house should look like,
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667

00:50:02.640 --> 00:50:04.120 which most notably included.
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667

00:50:04.120 --> 00:50:06.340 They should carry no locks on.
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667

00:50:06.340 --> 00:50:08.380 They should all carry null oxone,
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667

00:50:08.380 --> 00:50:10.284 and they should all be trained on
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667

00:50:10.284 --> 00:50:12.008 how to respond to an overdose.
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667

00:50:12.010 --> 00:50:13.732 Now there have been and this
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667

00:50:13.732 --> 00:50:15.889 is not a knock on on on NGOs.
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667

00:50:15.890 --> 00:50:18.140 'cause NGOs do a great job but there have
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667

00:50:18.140 --> 00:50:20.188 been NGOs around for quite some time.
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667

00:50:20.190 --> 00:50:22.174 You know trying to beat down the doors
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667

00:50:22.174 --> 00:50:24.370 to do this work and it really took.

NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667
00:50:24.370 --> 00:50:25.875 An effective public narrative from
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667
00:50:25.875 --> 00:50:27.380 people who were impacted people
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667
00:50:27.431 --> 00:50:28.731 with lived experience to really
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667
00:50:28.731 --> 00:50:30.345 carry the banner to their member
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667
00:50:30.345 --> 00:50:31.935 of Congress in their own community
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667
00:50:31.935 --> 00:50:33.574 where their most impacted, right?
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667
00:50:33.574 --> 00:50:36.106 All politics, all policy is local.
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667
00:50:36.110 --> 00:50:39.526 Uhm? And it was shortly after that
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667
00:50:39.526 --> 00:50:42.190 that we founded the Voices project,
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667
00:50:42.190 --> 00:50:44.726 and we have seen this scenario
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667
00:50:44.726 --> 00:50:46.870 this same type story.
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667
00:50:46.870 --> 00:50:49.666 Play out with many different names,
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667
00:50:49.670 --> 00:50:51.782 many different faces to it, many different.
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667
00:50:51.782 --> 00:50:52.850 You know issues,
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667
00:50:52.850 --> 00:50:54.230 whether it be harm reduction,
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667

00:50:54.230 --> 00:50:56.324 treatment prevention, recovery,
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667

00:50:56.324 --> 00:50:59.840 support, housing and expand.
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667

00:50:59.840 --> 00:51:01.466 And and it's something that I'm
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667

00:51:01.466 --> 00:51:03.078 super grateful for and I'll talk
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667

00:51:03.078 --> 00:51:04.506 about that work in a moment.
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667

00:51:04.510 --> 00:51:07.320 That was a positive example.
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667

00:51:07.320 --> 00:51:09.498 Of public narrative.
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667

00:51:09.500 --> 00:51:11.275 Negative example was on the
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667

00:51:11.275 --> 00:51:12.340 Purdue Pharma bankruptcy.
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667

00:51:12.340 --> 00:51:15.035 Again, I don't have much time today.
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667

00:51:15.040 --> 00:51:17.350 I could spend probably 6 hours talking
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667

00:51:17.350 --> 00:51:19.651 to you about the disaster known
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667

00:51:19.651 --> 00:51:21.716 as the Purdue Pharma bankruptcy,
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667

00:51:21.720 --> 00:51:23.392 but check out unsettled.
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667

00:51:23.392 --> 00:51:27.829 A lot of this is documented in that book.
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667

00:51:27.830 --> 00:51:30.007 I was appointed in September of 2019

NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667
00:51:30.007 --> 00:51:32.223 by the United States Department of
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667
00:51:32.223 --> 00:51:34.248 Justice as the Victims Representative
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667
00:51:34.248 --> 00:51:36.990 on the unsecured creditors committee,
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667
00:51:36.990 --> 00:51:38.334 representing all creditors in
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667
00:51:38.334 --> 00:51:39.678 the Purdue Pharma bankruptcy.
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667
00:51:39.680 --> 00:51:41.744 It was the Co chair of the committee
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667
00:51:41.750 --> 00:51:45.074 representing over 600,000 creditors.
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667
00:51:45.074 --> 00:51:47.567 I was really.
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667
00:51:47.570 --> 00:51:48.072 Forward thinking,
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667
00:51:48.072 --> 00:51:50.080 I guess you could say when I was
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667
00:51:50.134 --> 00:51:51.514 appointed in September of 2019
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667
00:51:51.514 --> 00:51:53.229 because I thought as you could
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667
00:51:53.229 --> 00:51:54.909 see from this clipping down here,
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667
00:51:54.910 --> 00:51:57.647 the bankruptcy money from the makers of
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667
00:51:57.647 --> 00:51:59.868 Oxycontin might actually save some lives.
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667

00:51:59.870 --> 00:52:02.270 That was from a vice article that was
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667

00:52:02.270 --> 00:52:04.043 published shortly after we proposed
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667

00:52:04.043 --> 00:52:06.263 something called the Emergency Relief Fund.
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667

00:52:06.270 --> 00:52:09.304 One of the first tasks that
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667

00:52:09.304 --> 00:52:10.606 I took up as the Co.
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667

00:52:10.610 --> 00:52:12.630 Chair of this committee was,
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667

00:52:12.630 --> 00:52:14.966 I thought it was a crime in itself.
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667

00:52:14.970 --> 00:52:17.862 That's so much money was being
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667

00:52:17.862 --> 00:52:20.480 distributed to lawyers and consultants
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667

00:52:20.480 --> 00:52:23.510 and professional fees early on.
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667

00:52:23.510 --> 00:52:25.586 In the case nearly actually over.
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667

00:52:25.590 --> 00:52:28.026 At this point, 1 billion dollars,
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667

00:52:28.030 --> 00:52:30.874 \$1 billion to a handful of
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667

00:52:30.874 --> 00:52:32.296 lawyers and consultants.
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667

00:52:32.300 --> 00:52:33.808 Under 1000 of them,
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667

00:52:33.808 --> 00:52:35.693 before a single penny actually

NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667
00:52:35.693 --> 00:52:37.888 makes its way to communities who
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667
00:52:37.888 --> 00:52:40.080 have been harmed the most right
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667
00:52:40.080 --> 00:52:42.612 to services that we needed in
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667
00:52:42.612 --> 00:52:44.604 the midst of a global pandemic
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667
00:52:44.604 --> 00:52:46.810 where we know that 1000 treatment
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667
00:52:46.810 --> 00:52:48.935 providers are closing their doors,
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667
00:52:48.940 --> 00:52:50.560 overdose numbers are skyrocketing
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667
00:52:50.560 --> 00:52:52.990 and the only people receiving any
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667
00:52:53.056 --> 00:52:55.678 money out of the Oxycontin makers
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667
00:52:55.678 --> 00:52:56.989 bankruptcy produced bankruptcy.
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667
00:52:56.990 --> 00:52:58.754 We're lawyers and consultants.
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667
00:52:58.754 --> 00:53:01.400 So I proposed this thing called
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667
00:53:01.478 --> 00:53:03.330 the Emergency Relief Fund.
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667
00:53:03.330 --> 00:53:05.210 Now I thought it was a no brainer.
NOTE Confidence: 0.943239801666667
00:53:05.210 --> 00:53:08.066 It would have been a \$200 million fund
NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:53:08.070 --> 00:53:09.260 that that would have come
NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:53:09.260 --> 00:53:10.450 out of produce a state.
NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:53:10.450 --> 00:53:13.120 It would have been available within six
NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:53:13.120 --> 00:53:15.430 months of them filing for bankruptcy,
NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:53:15.430 --> 00:53:17.278 so the money would have been available
NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:53:17.278 --> 00:53:20.950 by last spring in a nonprofit 501C3
NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:53:20.950 --> 00:53:23.513 non governmental organization that
NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:53:23.513 --> 00:53:26.146 would distribute grants up to \$500,000
NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:53:26.146 --> 00:53:29.800 per anywhere from \$50,000 to \$500,000
NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:53:29.800 --> 00:53:33.658 depending on scale for services such as.
NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:53:33.658 --> 00:53:35.806 Harm reduction recovery support
NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:53:35.806 --> 00:53:38.839 services and grief support services.
NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:53:38.840 --> 00:53:40.652 As the ERF the Emergency Relief
NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:53:40.652 --> 00:53:41.558 Fund was built,
NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:53:41.560 --> 00:53:43.667 it would have been the largest investment
NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:53:43.667 --> 00:53:45.348 in harm reduction community based

NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:53:45.348 --> 00:53:46.796 seabios community based organizations

NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:53:46.796 --> 00:53:49.219 in the history of the United States.

NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:53:49.220 --> 00:53:50.030 At the time,

NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:53:50.030 --> 00:53:51.920 it would have been the largest investment

NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:53:51.970 --> 00:53:53.518 in infrastructure for recovery,

NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:53:53.520 --> 00:53:55.385 support and recovery community organizations

NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:53:55.385 --> 00:53:58.100 in the history of the United States.

NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:53:58.100 --> 00:54:00.256 It would have been the most significant

NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:54:00.260 --> 00:54:03.116 funding stream ever dedicated to families

NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:54:03.116 --> 00:54:06.757 of loss of overdoses in the history of

NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:54:06.757 --> 00:54:09.241 the United States with \$200 million.

NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:54:09.250 --> 00:54:10.804 That goes to show you how little

NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:54:10.804 --> 00:54:11.966 money has actually been spent

NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:54:11.966 --> 00:54:13.304 on these services in the past,

NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:54:13.310 --> 00:54:15.270 so we were all excited about it.

NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:54:15.270 --> 00:54:16.530 I was excited about it.
NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:54:16.530 --> 00:54:18.210 I thought it was a no brainer.
NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:54:18.210 --> 00:54:20.790 The problem with the scenario was.
NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:54:20.790 --> 00:54:23.088 It was a goat alone strategy.
NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:54:23.090 --> 00:54:25.256 I didn't have the ability to
NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:54:25.256 --> 00:54:26.700 organize with my community.
NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:54:26.700 --> 00:54:27.950 I was a single voice,
NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:54:27.950 --> 00:54:29.546 although a very loud and powerful
NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:54:29.546 --> 00:54:31.140 voice on this specific committee.
NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:54:31.140 --> 00:54:32.970 I was a single voice.
NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:54:32.970 --> 00:54:36.530 I was bound by terms of confidentiality and.
NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:54:36.530 --> 00:54:38.606 A lot of orders that didn't
NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:54:38.606 --> 00:54:39.644 allow much transparency,
NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:54:39.650 --> 00:54:42.010 So what was going on behind the scenes?
NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:54:42.010 --> 00:54:44.164 I wasn't able to communicate with
NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:54:44.164 --> 00:54:46.150 our organizers around the country.

NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:54:46.150 --> 00:54:48.607 A lot of people, a lot of government folks,

NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:54:48.610 --> 00:54:49.350 corporate folks.

NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:54:49.350 --> 00:54:50.090 You know,

NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:54:50.090 --> 00:54:52.760 state folks were getting out in front

NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:54:52.760 --> 00:54:55.058 of microphones and talking about how

NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:54:55.058 --> 00:54:56.997 the Purdue Pharma bankruptcy was

NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:54:56.997 --> 00:54:59.175 for the victims of Purdue's crimes

NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:54:59.175 --> 00:55:01.840 was for the victims of what happened

NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:55:01.840 --> 00:55:03.770 to their families with Oxycontin,

NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:55:03.770 --> 00:55:05.750 and they were standing up and

NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:55:05.750 --> 00:55:06.740 fighting for dollars.

NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:55:06.740 --> 00:55:09.986 To help support curbing the overdose

NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:55:09.986 --> 00:55:12.780 crisis yet behind closed doors,

NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:55:12.780 --> 00:55:15.363 it was those many of those same

NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:55:15.363 --> 00:55:16.984 institutions that killed this

NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:55:16.984 --> 00:55:18.319 emergency Relief Fund.
NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:55:18.320 --> 00:55:20.330 They killed this \$200 million fund
NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:55:20.330 --> 00:55:23.038 because they saw it as a plug in the dam.
NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:55:23.040 --> 00:55:25.126 The money wasn't if \$200 million was
NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:55:25.126 --> 00:55:27.697 coming out of the settlement off the top.
NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:55:27.700 --> 00:55:29.807 That was less money that state agencies
NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:55:29.807 --> 00:55:32.057 and local agencies were going to be getting.
NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:55:32.060 --> 00:55:34.580 And being able to control it was our goal.
NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:55:34.580 --> 00:55:36.250 Through this emergency Relief Fund
NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:55:36.250 --> 00:55:38.655 to help fill some of those gaps
NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:55:38.655 --> 00:55:40.659 that would not be receiving money
NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:55:40.659 --> 00:55:41.760 from those state,
NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:55:41.760 --> 00:55:43.962 federal or local agencies with the
NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:55:43.962 --> 00:55:46.117 which the vast majority of what
NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:55:46.117 --> 00:55:47.977 I like to call miracle workers
NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:55:47.977 --> 00:55:50.100 working in the overdose crisis

NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:55:50.100 --> 00:55:52.016 don't receive government funding.

NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:55:52.020 --> 00:55:55.960 Ultra narrow government funding restrictions.

NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:55:55.960 --> 00:55:57.288 So this was killed.

NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:55:57.288 --> 00:55:59.688 It was the most heartbreaking thing to

NOTE Confidence: 0.840569674

00:55:59.688 --> 00:56:02.068 happen to me during the Purdue bankruptcy.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:56:04.290 --> 00:56:07.781 I really chalk it up to the fact that

NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:56:07.781 --> 00:56:11.358 I didn't have the power of community

NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:56:11.358 --> 00:56:14.955 with me on this because the bankruptcy

NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:56:14.955 --> 00:56:18.438 by design was to really silo folks and

NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:56:18.438 --> 00:56:20.930 pit different groups against each other.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:56:20.930 --> 00:56:22.895 But we also weren't able

NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:56:22.895 --> 00:56:24.074 to community communicate,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:56:24.080 --> 00:56:26.168 so this is what happens when we don't

NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:56:26.168 --> 00:56:28.017 have a strong political constituency

NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:56:28.017 --> 00:56:30.964 behind us and it's happening every single

NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:56:31.032 --> 00:56:33.688 day in policy venues in this country.
NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:56:33.690 --> 00:56:37.008 There are decisions about addiction recovery,
NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:56:37.010 --> 00:56:39.620 overdose, mental health that don't move
NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:56:39.620 --> 00:56:42.847 forward or are killed in silence because
NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:56:42.847 --> 00:56:45.207 there's no organizing behind them.
NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:56:45.210 --> 00:56:47.835 This is why I believe that if
NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:56:47.835 --> 00:56:49.955 we organize this movement right.
NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:56:49.955 --> 00:56:53.140 From the ground up will be more
NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:56:53.236 --> 00:56:56.476 successful at preventing more deaths.
NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:56:56.480 --> 00:56:57.708 Now you may ask,
NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:56:57.708 --> 00:57:00.289 you know why am I telling you this?
NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:57:00.290 --> 00:57:02.020 What do we do now?
NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:57:02.020 --> 00:57:04.225 Well, I'm going to get into that
NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:57:04.225 --> 00:57:05.780 in just a second,
NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:57:05.780 --> 00:57:10.706 so coming out of those experiences.
NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:57:10.710 --> 00:57:14.020 You know in in 2019.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:57:14.020 --> 00:57:17.215 We, in collaboration with several

NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:57:17.215 --> 00:57:19.771 nonprofit NGO organizations and

NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:57:19.771 --> 00:57:22.010 really housed the initiative,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:57:22.010 --> 00:57:24.920 being housed at the Voices Project.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:57:24.920 --> 00:57:26.752 We launched something called

NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:57:26.752 --> 00:57:27.668 mobilize recovery,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:57:27.670 --> 00:57:31.498 which is really an initiative to

NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:57:31.498 --> 00:57:35.125 build capacity so we could organize

NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:57:35.125 --> 00:57:37.513 this constituency of consequence.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:57:37.520 --> 00:57:39.224 There's several convenings that

NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:57:39.224 --> 00:57:41.780 happen around the country that bring

NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:57:41.849 --> 00:57:43.919 public health experts that bring,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:57:43.920 --> 00:57:45.224 you know, policymakers together,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:57:45.224 --> 00:57:47.602 you know, see a lot with the DEA and

NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:57:47.602 --> 00:57:50.870 oh and P and you know university professors,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:57:50.870 --> 00:57:52.580 professors, and public health experts.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:57:52.580 --> 00:57:53.860 And I've been to most,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:57:53.860 --> 00:57:54.680 if not all of them.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:57:54.680 --> 00:57:55.253 And I have.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:57:55.253 --> 00:57:56.017 I always ask myself,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:57:56.020 --> 00:57:57.904 but where are the you know

NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:57:57.904 --> 00:57:59.160 where the troops where?

NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:57:59.160 --> 00:58:01.386 Are the people where the organizers?

NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:58:01.390 --> 00:58:02.686 Where are the folks down on

NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:58:02.686 --> 00:58:04.020 the ground who are impacted?

NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:58:04.020 --> 00:58:05.484 Those are the ones that are going to

NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:58:05.484 --> 00:58:07.021 help push a lot of these policies

NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:58:07.021 --> 00:58:08.151 that we're talking about forward,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:58:08.160 --> 00:58:08.446 right?

NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:58:08.446 --> 00:58:09.876 And hold folks accountable to

NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:58:09.876 --> 00:58:11.320 make sure that they're done.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:58:11.320 --> 00:58:14.520 So in 2019 we launched this non profit

NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:58:14.520 --> 00:58:17.178 profit initiative called Mobilize recovery.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:58:17.180 --> 00:58:19.628 Its mission is to expand policy

NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:58:19.628 --> 00:58:20.852 that supports recovery,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:58:20.860 --> 00:58:23.024 creating these community connections

NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:58:23.024 --> 00:58:25.188 to supportive services that.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:58:25.190 --> 00:58:27.290 Are our life saving for many folks,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:58:27.290 --> 00:58:30.275 but it's to engage affected

NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:58:30.275 --> 00:58:33.158 individuals in meaningful civic action.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:58:33.158 --> 00:58:36.422 It brings together people from across

NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:58:36.422 --> 00:58:39.570 the spectrum across the board in terms

NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:58:39.570 --> 00:58:42.014 of geography and background from all

NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:58:42.014 --> 00:58:44.070 50 states in 2019 when we launched,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:58:44.070 --> 00:58:46.065 we brought 150 people to Las Vegas.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:58:46.070 --> 00:58:47.612 We had no idea really where

NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:58:47.612 --> 00:58:48.880 it was going to go.
NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:58:48.880 --> 00:58:51.980 And in 2021, you know,
NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:58:51.980 --> 00:58:54.086 with the help of the Scanguard
NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:58:54.086 --> 00:58:55.490 Foundation and our partner,
NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:58:55.490 --> 00:58:56.960 our other partners,
NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:58:56.960 --> 00:59:01.050 we were able to safely bring 300 people
NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:59:01.050 --> 00:59:03.843 to Las Vegas and trained over them
NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:59:03.843 --> 00:59:07.366 in person and trained over 1500 new
NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:59:07.366 --> 00:59:09.838 advocates virtually in prevention,
NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:59:09.840 --> 00:59:11.739 treatment, harm reduction,
NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:59:11.739 --> 00:59:12.372 recovery,
NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:59:12.372 --> 00:59:13.638 support services.
NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:59:13.640 --> 00:59:15.255 All people with lived experience
NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:59:15.255 --> 00:59:18.015 who are now ready to go back out
NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:59:18.015 --> 00:59:19.815 into their communities to be
NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:59:19.815 --> 00:59:21.389 those changemakers that we need.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:59:21.390 --> 00:59:24.350 A lot of the work is done around

NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:59:24.350 --> 00:59:25.846 public narrative in the first

NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:59:25.846 --> 00:59:26.854 day of mobilized recovery,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:59:26.860 --> 00:59:28.715 we teach people right how

NOTE Confidence: 0.8758217825

00:59:28.715 --> 00:59:30.570 to use that narrative to

NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

00:59:30.652 --> 00:59:32.660 push for meaningful change,

NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

00:59:32.660 --> 00:59:34.949 how to craft that story of self

NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

00:59:34.949 --> 00:59:37.844 story of us story of now there's a

NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

00:59:37.844 --> 00:59:40.360 lot of peer learning that goes on.

NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

00:59:40.360 --> 00:59:41.632 You know what's working?

NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

00:59:41.632 --> 00:59:42.586 What's not working?

NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

00:59:42.590 --> 00:59:43.725 What are some of the

NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

00:59:43.725 --> 00:59:44.633 tactics available to you?

NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

00:59:44.640 --> 00:59:45.984 What are some of the resources

NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

00:59:45.984 --> 00:59:47.100 that are available to you?

NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

00:59:47.100 --> 00:59:48.766 What are some of the agenda items
NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

00:59:48.766 --> 00:59:50.830 that we need to be taking on together?
NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

00:59:50.830 --> 00:59:54.190 And then when folks leave mobilize recovery,
NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

00:59:54.190 --> 00:59:56.190 they're plugged into something called
NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

00:59:56.190 --> 00:59:57.790 the recovery Advocacy project,
NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

00:59:57.790 --> 00:59:59.190 which is a another nonprofit.
NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

00:59:59.190 --> 01:00:00.758 It's the sister organization
NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

01:00:00.758 --> 01:00:02.326 of the Voices Project.
NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

01:00:02.330 --> 01:00:05.210 It really provides the backbone
NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

01:00:05.210 --> 01:00:06.338 for these organizers.
NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

01:00:06.338 --> 01:00:08.218 These people with lived experience.
NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

01:00:08.220 --> 01:00:11.623 These folks who are impacted to take action,
NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

01:00:11.623 --> 01:00:12.014 right?
NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

01:00:12.014 --> 01:00:13.187 We we we,
NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

01:00:13.190 --> 01:00:17.196 we encourage people to really go home
NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

01:00:17.196 --> 01:00:19.892 and put the tools in into action that

NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

01:00:19.892 --> 01:00:22.573 that we have given them at mobilize.

NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

01:00:22.580 --> 01:00:24.890 And to survey their community and

NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

01:00:24.890 --> 01:00:27.201 to build a constituency within their

NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

01:00:27.201 --> 01:00:29.658 community and not have it not have

NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

01:00:29.658 --> 01:00:32.576 this go it alone strategy at its core rap,

NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

01:00:32.580 --> 01:00:34.524 which is the acronym acronym for

NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

01:00:34.524 --> 01:00:35.820 the Recovery Advocacy project.

NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

01:00:35.820 --> 01:00:37.068 We're about advocacy.

NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

01:00:37.068 --> 01:00:38.732 We're about networking and

NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

01:00:38.732 --> 01:00:40.480 we're about taking action.

NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

01:00:40.480 --> 01:00:41.492 It's a new organization.

NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

01:00:41.492 --> 01:00:43.529 It's only been around now for two years.

NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

01:00:43.530 --> 01:00:45.458 It was one of the main outcomes out

NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

01:00:45.458 --> 01:00:47.439 of the first mobilized recovery.

NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

01:00:47.440 --> 01:00:49.774 But I'm proud to really proud

NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

01:00:49.774 --> 01:00:52.637 and excited to report that in 20.
NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

01:00:52.637 --> 01:00:56.122 21 We've established 35 active
NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

01:00:56.122 --> 01:00:58.213 state organizing teams.
NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

01:00:58.220 --> 01:01:02.156 We had 1324 organizing meetings across
NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

01:01:02.156 --> 01:01:05.540 the country in the midst of the pandemic.
NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

01:01:05.540 --> 01:01:08.440 We hosted 108 community listening
NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

01:01:08.440 --> 01:01:11.551 sessions to help for our organizers
NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

01:01:11.551 --> 01:01:13.420 and this is all volunteer based for
NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

01:01:13.469 --> 01:01:15.373 our organizers to go in and listen
NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

01:01:15.373 --> 01:01:16.979 to their communities where the gaps.
NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

01:01:16.980 --> 01:01:19.008 Where do we need to increase
NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

01:01:19.008 --> 01:01:20.022 capacity for services?
NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

01:01:20.030 --> 01:01:21.857 What are the actions that need to be taken?
NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

01:01:21.860 --> 01:01:24.020 What should this community platform
NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

01:01:24.020 --> 01:01:26.640 be when addressing the overdose crisis
NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

01:01:26.640 --> 01:01:30.119 we hosted over 50 town hall events,

NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429
01:01:30.120 --> 01:01:32.059 we had an initiative called vote Recovery,
NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429
01:01:32.060 --> 01:01:35.516 which was all about during the 2020 election.
NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429
01:01:35.520 --> 01:01:37.932 Understanding where your policymakers
NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429
01:01:37.932 --> 01:01:41.550 stand on issues specific to overdose
NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429
01:01:41.633 --> 01:01:43.802 addiction recovery and making sure
NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429
01:01:43.802 --> 01:01:44.972 that we're holding them accountable
NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429
01:01:44.972 --> 01:01:46.607 for what they say they're going to do,
NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429
01:01:46.610 --> 01:01:47.630 and for some of them,
NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429
01:01:47.630 --> 01:01:51.122 hold them accountable for for for
NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429
01:01:51.122 --> 01:01:53.750 some adverse actions they may had taken,
NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429
01:01:53.750 --> 01:01:56.150 may have taken that negatively
NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429
01:01:56.150 --> 01:01:57.590 impacted our community.
NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429
01:01:57.590 --> 01:01:59.550 We organized 65 national trainings
NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429
01:01:59.550 --> 01:02:01.510 for new advocates and organizers
NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429
01:02:01.570 --> 01:02:02.740 across this country,
NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

01:02:02.740 --> 01:02:05.450 and we had over 19,000 individual.
NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

01:02:05.450 --> 01:02:08.690 Actions in 2020 on our platform.
NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

01:02:08.690 --> 01:02:12.547 Issues from all 50 states people I,
NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

01:02:12.550 --> 01:02:14.110 I believe people are waking up.
NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

01:02:14.110 --> 01:02:17.614 I believe that the drug policy
NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

01:02:17.614 --> 01:02:19.944 recovery communities are more woke
NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

01:02:19.944 --> 01:02:23.055 than they have ever been on the
NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

01:02:23.055 --> 01:02:25.496 need for urgency and I believe
NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

01:02:25.496 --> 01:02:27.908 that folks are starting to respond
NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

01:02:27.910 --> 01:02:31.294 to this type of organizing effort
NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

01:02:31.294 --> 01:02:33.550 around the overdose issue.
NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

01:02:33.550 --> 01:02:36.076 Now we have state organizing teams.
NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

01:02:36.080 --> 01:02:38.348 This just gives you an example
NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

01:02:38.350 --> 01:02:40.080 of what our organizers do.
NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

01:02:40.080 --> 01:02:40.770 They participate.
NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429

01:02:40.770 --> 01:02:42.840 They have bi weekly zoom meetings.

NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429
01:02:42.840 --> 01:02:45.512 They receive consistent training
NOTE Confidence: 0.943720833571429
01:02:45.512 --> 01:02:48.184 through our Google Classroom.
NOTE Confidence: 0.895977388571429
01:02:48.190 --> 01:02:51.585 We encourage them to build capacity overtime.
NOTE Confidence: 0.895977388571429
01:02:51.590 --> 01:02:54.720 We don't want this to be a flash in the pan.
NOTE Confidence: 0.895977388571429
01:02:54.720 --> 01:02:56.658 These things take time to build.
NOTE Confidence: 0.895977388571429
01:02:56.660 --> 01:02:58.460 These things take money to
NOTE Confidence: 0.895977388571429
01:02:58.460 --> 01:03:01.388 build these things take.
NOTE Confidence: 0.895977388571429
01:03:01.390 --> 01:03:04.494 A lot of passion to build is well,
NOTE Confidence: 0.895977388571429
01:03:04.500 --> 01:03:06.969 coming out of mobilize recovery 2021.
NOTE Confidence: 0.895977388571429
01:03:06.969 --> 01:03:10.112 We've now grown to over that number
NOTE Confidence: 0.895977388571429
01:03:10.112 --> 01:03:12.896 earlier where we had 83 state teams.
NOTE Confidence: 0.895977388571429
01:03:12.900 --> 01:03:15.602 I think it's now I'm sorry 38 state
NOTE Confidence: 0.895977388571429
01:03:15.602 --> 01:03:17.557 teams got the numbers backwards.
NOTE Confidence: 0.895977388571429
01:03:17.560 --> 01:03:19.793 We now have something close I think
NOTE Confidence: 0.895977388571429
01:03:19.793 --> 01:03:22.634 to 42 or 43 state teams with other
NOTE Confidence: 0.895977388571429

01:03:22.634 --> 01:03:25.868 over 530 folks wanting to join his
NOTE Confidence: 0.895977388571429

01:03:25.868 --> 01:03:28.960 active organizers in their communities.
NOTE Confidence: 0.895977388571429

01:03:28.960 --> 01:03:31.756 To give you just a comparison.
NOTE Confidence: 0.895977388571429

01:03:31.760 --> 01:03:34.388 You know, during the AIDS crisis
NOTE Confidence: 0.895977388571429

01:03:34.390 --> 01:03:36.504 there was a movement called Act up.
NOTE Confidence: 0.895977388571429

01:03:36.510 --> 01:03:37.610 Some great books about it.
NOTE Confidence: 0.895977388571429

01:03:37.610 --> 01:03:39.542 I'm sure many people on this
NOTE Confidence: 0.895977388571429

01:03:39.542 --> 01:03:41.518 call know what act up it is.
NOTE Confidence: 0.895977388571429

01:03:41.520 --> 01:03:43.260 It was an advocacy activism.
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647

01:03:45.590 --> 01:03:48.070 Organization for people impacted by
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647

01:03:48.070 --> 01:03:50.954 AIDS that really is attributed to
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647

01:03:50.954 --> 01:03:53.230 a lot of the federal policy that
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647

01:03:53.230 --> 01:03:55.950 has helped to to to make AIDS the
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647

01:03:55.950 --> 01:03:58.520 chronic health care issue manageable.
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647

01:03:58.520 --> 01:04:01.616 Chronic health care issue that it is today.
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647

01:04:01.620 --> 01:04:03.900 And I've spent a lot of time.

NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647
01:04:03.900 --> 01:04:05.884 We've spent a lot of time, you know,
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647
01:04:05.884 --> 01:04:08.278 talking to to some of the original
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647
01:04:08.280 --> 01:04:10.272 folks that came out of the act up
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647
01:04:10.272 --> 01:04:11.722 movement when designing. Really,
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647
01:04:11.722 --> 01:04:14.256 what what should this movement look like?
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647
01:04:14.260 --> 01:04:16.300 How do we organize effectively?
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647
01:04:16.300 --> 01:04:18.260 And one of the things that stuck
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647
01:04:18.260 --> 01:04:19.952 with me overtime is one of the,
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647
01:04:19.952 --> 01:04:20.785 you know, organizers.
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647
01:04:20.785 --> 01:04:23.480 Original organizers said to me years ago,
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647
01:04:23.480 --> 01:04:25.290 I said, you know, Ryan,
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647
01:04:25.290 --> 01:04:26.205 everybody kind of looks at
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647
01:04:26.205 --> 01:04:27.520 act up and the AIDS movement.
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647
01:04:27.520 --> 01:04:29.284 We think that like every gay
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647
01:04:29.284 --> 01:04:31.307 person in America you know got up
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647

01:04:31.307 --> 01:04:32.873 and took to the streets and.
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647

01:04:32.880 --> 01:04:34.970 Started banging down policymakers doors
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647

01:04:34.970 --> 01:04:37.060 and demanding solutions and storming
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647

01:04:37.115 --> 01:04:39.040 the FDA and all these other things.
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647

01:04:39.040 --> 01:04:40.400 And he said that that wasn't the case.
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647

01:04:40.400 --> 01:04:40.844 You don't?
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647

01:04:40.844 --> 01:04:41.510 You don't need,
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647

01:04:41.510 --> 01:04:43.430 you know we we set the #23 million
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647

01:04:43.430 --> 01:04:44.870 people in long term recovery today
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647

01:04:44.870 --> 01:04:46.616 so you don't need all 23 million
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647

01:04:46.616 --> 01:04:47.836 people in long term recovery
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647

01:04:47.887 --> 01:04:49.196 to stand up and do this work.
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647

01:04:49.200 --> 01:04:50.900 What you need is 1000.
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647

01:04:50.900 --> 01:04:52.876 You need 1000 people who will be vocal.
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647

01:04:52.880 --> 01:04:54.662 You need 1000 people who will
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647

01:04:54.662 --> 01:04:56.493 organize you need 1000 people who

NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647

01:04:56.493 --> 01:04:58.239 will be super passionate and and

NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647

01:04:58.239 --> 01:05:01.019 take to these issues and and and

NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647

01:05:01.019 --> 01:05:03.917 demand change and be super vocal

NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647

01:05:03.920 --> 01:05:05.754 and I think just looking at this

NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647

01:05:05.760 --> 01:05:07.662 530 number I couldn't have imagined

NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647

01:05:07.662 --> 01:05:09.489 that several years ago we would

NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647

01:05:09.489 --> 01:05:11.451 be where we're at today but we are

NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647

01:05:11.451 --> 01:05:13.110 and I we're getting close to it

NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647

01:05:13.175 --> 01:05:15.179 and I'm grateful and I'm excited

NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647

01:05:15.179 --> 01:05:17.130 about what's ahead because I said it

NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647

01:05:17.130 --> 01:05:19.088 as I said at the top of the call.

NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647

01:05:19.088 --> 01:05:21.032 The time has never been more

NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647

01:05:21.032 --> 01:05:23.208 urgent for this work, because if.

NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647

01:05:23.208 --> 01:05:24.006 You know,

NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647

01:05:24.006 --> 01:05:26.400 let's just be honest with ourselves

NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647

01:05:26.478 --> 01:05:27.390 for a second.
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647

01:05:27.390 --> 01:05:30.785 If what we've been doing was working.
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647

01:05:30.790 --> 01:05:33.576 If the tactics we have been using
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647

01:05:33.576 --> 01:05:34.372 were working.
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647

01:05:34.380 --> 01:05:37.159 We wouldn't be where we're at today.
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647

01:05:37.160 --> 01:05:40.807 You can attribute that close to 100,000
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647

01:05:40.807 --> 01:05:43.678 number and overdoses to COVID sure.
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647

01:05:43.680 --> 01:05:45.714 But you can't attribute all of it to it.
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647

01:05:45.720 --> 01:05:47.995 That number has been on the uptick.
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647

01:05:48.000 --> 01:05:49.736 For years now it's been on the
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647

01:05:49.736 --> 01:05:51.540 uptick since I got into recovery.
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647

01:05:51.540 --> 01:05:54.858 It's it's significantly grown each year,
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647

01:05:54.860 --> 01:05:56.740 and I'm convinced that with or without COVID,
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647

01:05:56.740 --> 01:05:58.795 that number would still be
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647

01:05:58.795 --> 01:06:00.028 reaching historic proportions.
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647

01:06:00.030 --> 01:06:02.080 So whatever we've been doing

NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647
01:06:02.080 --> 01:06:03.310 hasn't been working.
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647
01:06:03.310 --> 01:06:06.112 With specific to organizing with how
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647
01:06:06.112 --> 01:06:08.839 we're dealing with this in policy.
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647
01:06:08.840 --> 01:06:11.700 With where funding is going?
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647
01:06:11.700 --> 01:06:14.130 The barriers that still exist to
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647
01:06:14.130 --> 01:06:15.750 substance use disorder treatment.
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647
01:06:15.750 --> 01:06:17.238 You know, not really.
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647
01:06:17.238 --> 01:06:20.013 Taking into account the need for a
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647
01:06:20.013 --> 01:06:21.905 robust harm reduction infrastructure
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647
01:06:21.905 --> 01:06:23.324 in this country.
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647
01:06:23.330 --> 01:06:24.842 We've got to start looking at
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647
01:06:24.842 --> 01:06:25.346 things differently,
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647
01:06:25.350 --> 01:06:26.885 or else these numbers are
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647
01:06:26.885 --> 01:06:29.960 going to continue to grow.
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647
01:06:29.960 --> 01:06:32.110 And skyrocket.
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647

01:06:32.110 --> 01:06:35.407 So our organizers use this public narrative.
NOTE Confidence: 0.938895064117647

01:06:35.410 --> 01:06:37.610 It's one of the first things they do.
NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667

01:06:37.610 --> 01:06:40.438 In 2021, we hosted for our first
NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667

01:06:40.438 --> 01:06:43.013 time ever something called the
NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667

01:06:43.013 --> 01:06:44.927 Recovery Organizing Institute.
NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667

01:06:44.930 --> 01:06:48.343 We trained something close to 31
NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667

01:06:48.343 --> 01:06:50.581 coaches coming out of our mobilize
NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667

01:06:50.581 --> 01:06:53.336 recovery class on how to go out and
NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667

01:06:53.336 --> 01:06:55.650 train others in the recovery community.
NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667

01:06:55.650 --> 01:06:58.024 This craft of public narrative and
NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667

01:06:58.024 --> 01:07:00.212 these were some of the first, you know,
NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667

01:07:00.212 --> 01:07:02.532 we do a lot of surveys and and data
NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667

01:07:02.532 --> 01:07:05.180 collection because we want to see how our
NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667

01:07:05.180 --> 01:07:07.510 outcomes are are are looking these three.
NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667

01:07:07.510 --> 01:07:10.770 Protect these were just three pull outs from
NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667

01:07:10.770 --> 01:07:14.200 some folks who participated in the training.

NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667
01:07:14.200 --> 01:07:15.880 One of them was HP,
NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667
01:07:15.880 --> 01:07:19.360 a woman communicated to us that H House
NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667
01:07:19.360 --> 01:07:22.668 Bill 2257 was beaten in West Virginia.
NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667
01:07:22.670 --> 01:07:25.071 This was a bill that would have
NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667
01:07:25.071 --> 01:07:26.487 extended supervision for people
NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667
01:07:26.487 --> 01:07:28.401 convicted of certain drug crimes for
NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667
01:07:28.401 --> 01:07:31.644 up to an extra 10 years using public
NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667
01:07:31.644 --> 01:07:35.054 narrative skills and organizing training
NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667
01:07:35.060 --> 01:07:38.150 advocates testified against this bill.
NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667
01:07:38.150 --> 01:07:40.684 Successfully we had someone come out of
NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667
01:07:40.684 --> 01:07:43.458 the training who said they filed to run
NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667
01:07:43.458 --> 01:07:45.805 for Congress in Maryland and that the
NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667
01:07:45.805 --> 01:07:47.944 training gave them the missing peace
NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667
01:07:47.944 --> 01:07:50.590 and confidence they needed to move forward.
NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667
01:07:50.590 --> 01:07:52.634 We had several folks who would talk
NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667

01:07:52.634 --> 01:07:55.239 about how they spoke in front of their

NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667

01:07:55.239 --> 01:07:56.904 City Council or County Commission

NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667

01:07:56.910 --> 01:07:59.214 for the first time on this issue and

NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667

01:07:59.214 --> 01:08:01.299 used the public narrative to craft

NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667

01:08:01.299 --> 01:08:03.869 their scripts and how the work that

NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667

01:08:03.869 --> 01:08:05.945 we're doing together is making it

NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667

01:08:05.945 --> 01:08:08.172 easier for them to communicate.

NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667

01:08:08.172 --> 01:08:10.536 With their public figures

NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667

01:08:10.536 --> 01:08:14.010 and public public officials.

NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667

01:08:14.010 --> 01:08:15.090 Anyone who wants to check

NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667

01:08:15.090 --> 01:08:16.170 out any of these trainings?

NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667

01:08:16.170 --> 01:08:16.930 They're free.

NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667

01:08:16.930 --> 01:08:19.590 We have no fee based for them.

NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667

01:08:19.590 --> 01:08:24.054 Again, this is all nonprofit work you can go

NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667

01:08:24.054 --> 01:08:25.974 to recoveryvoices.com advocacy guides there.

NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667

01:08:25.974 --> 01:08:29.626 You know, we've got a voter hub there for for

NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667
01:08:29.626 --> 01:08:32.110 for folks to learn more about vote recovery.
NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667
01:08:32.110 --> 01:08:35.230 Model legislation guides for specific states.
NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667
01:08:35.230 --> 01:08:36.268 Our organizing tools.
NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667
01:08:36.268 --> 01:08:38.344 A lot of Google Classroom content,
NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667
01:08:38.350 --> 01:08:40.250 including the content for mobilize
NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667
01:08:40.250 --> 01:08:44.686 recovery 2020 and 2021 in our organizing.
NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667
01:08:44.686 --> 01:08:45.510 Trainings,
NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667
01:08:45.510 --> 01:08:49.010 so what's next in 2022 and beyond?
NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667
01:08:49.010 --> 01:08:51.890 What do we have on the plate ahead of us?
NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667
01:08:51.890 --> 01:08:52.160 Well,
NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667
01:08:52.160 --> 01:08:54.050 as you can see from this chart,
NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667
01:08:54.050 --> 01:08:55.778 you know we've now entered a
NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667
01:08:55.778 --> 01:08:58.049 new wave of the overdose crisis.
NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667
01:08:58.050 --> 01:09:01.718 It's now largely driven by synthetic opioids.
NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667
01:09:01.720 --> 01:09:04.618 Predominantly illicitly manufactured
NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667

01:09:04.618 --> 01:09:08.010 fentanyl drug overdoses last
NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667

01:09:08.010 --> 01:09:09.480 year involving psychostimulants
NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667

01:09:09.480 --> 01:09:11.930 such as methamphetamine are also
NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667

01:09:11.930 --> 01:09:14.268 increasing both with and without
NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667

01:09:14.268 --> 01:09:15.606 synthetic opioid involvement.
NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667

01:09:15.610 --> 01:09:17.668 So if you look at this green,
NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667

01:09:17.670 --> 01:09:18.726 let me put my mouse here.
NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667

01:09:18.730 --> 01:09:21.298 This this green line right here.
NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667

01:09:21.300 --> 01:09:23.520 This is your synthetic opioids.
NOTE Confidence: 0.911701372666667

01:09:23.520 --> 01:09:25.026 This is your fentanyl right here.
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286

01:09:28.160 --> 01:09:31.639 6364% of opioid involved overdoses last year.
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286

01:09:31.640 --> 01:09:32.780 Were fentanyl overdoses?
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286

01:09:32.780 --> 01:09:36.457 We're in a whole new wave of how we need
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286

01:09:36.457 --> 01:09:40.390 to address combating the overdose crisis.
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286

01:09:40.390 --> 01:09:42.654 Luckily and gratefully, as a result of a
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286

01:09:42.654 --> 01:09:45.338 lot of organizing work around this issue,

NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286
01:09:45.340 --> 01:09:47.167 a lot of people banging down the
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286
01:09:47.167 --> 01:09:49.078 doors of the White House talking
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286
01:09:49.078 --> 01:09:50.853 to their members of Congress.
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286
01:09:50.860 --> 01:09:53.016 You know, pushing Health and Human services,
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286
01:09:53.020 --> 01:09:53.664 pushing sampsa,
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286
01:09:53.664 --> 01:09:55.918 getting out in front of this issue,
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286
01:09:55.920 --> 01:09:57.940 offering their public narratives right,
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286
01:09:57.940 --> 01:10:00.620 getting louder, getting more involved.
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286
01:10:00.620 --> 01:10:03.578 Health and Human Services issued their
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286
01:10:03.578 --> 01:10:06.310 overdose prevention strategy just last week.
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286
01:10:06.310 --> 01:10:07.378 It is significant now.
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286
01:10:07.378 --> 01:10:08.980 It doesn't have any new funding
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286
01:10:09.036 --> 01:10:11.997 attached to it, which is the next kind
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286
01:10:11.997 --> 01:10:14.076 of hurdle that we have to overcome.
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286
01:10:14.080 --> 01:10:15.860 But it has four categories,
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286

01:10:15.860 --> 01:10:18.212 primary prevention, harm reduction,
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286

01:10:18.212 --> 01:10:20.900 evidence based treatment and
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286

01:10:20.900 --> 01:10:22.740 recovery support.
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286

01:10:22.740 --> 01:10:24.994 I'll tell you why this is significant.
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286

01:10:25.000 --> 01:10:27.940 Harm reduction has never ever,
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286

01:10:27.940 --> 01:10:29.992 ever in the history of the
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286

01:10:29.992 --> 01:10:32.768 United States had its own.
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286

01:10:32.770 --> 01:10:36.062 Had its own circle here or its own vertical.
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286

01:10:36.062 --> 01:10:38.210 When it comes to addressing from
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286

01:10:38.284 --> 01:10:40.448 a federal government standpoint,
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286

01:10:40.450 --> 01:10:42.754 how we combat overdoses.
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286

01:10:42.754 --> 01:10:45.634 Recovery support has never had
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286

01:10:45.634 --> 01:10:47.580 its own vertical.
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286

01:10:47.580 --> 01:10:49.458 Harm reduction was never even there.
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286

01:10:49.460 --> 01:10:51.861 The way this if you would have
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286

01:10:51.861 --> 01:10:54.110 looked at this categorization.

NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286
01:10:54.110 --> 01:10:56.406 Two years ago or three years ago,
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286
01:10:56.410 --> 01:10:59.930 it would have been interdiction.
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286
01:10:59.930 --> 01:11:00.465 Prevention,
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286
01:11:00.465 --> 01:11:02.605 treatment and recovery treatment
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286
01:11:02.605 --> 01:11:04.210 and recovery together,
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286
01:11:04.210 --> 01:11:05.818 which has been problematic
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286
01:11:05.818 --> 01:11:07.828 in the past because it.
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286
01:11:07.830 --> 01:11:09.335 Becomes a funding issue and
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286
01:11:09.335 --> 01:11:10.840 how we get our dollars.
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286
01:11:10.840 --> 01:11:12.934 So the strategy which is available
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286
01:11:12.934 --> 01:11:15.418 on the HCH website is a step
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286
01:11:15.418 --> 01:11:17.108 forward in the right direction.
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286
01:11:17.110 --> 01:11:18.885 A very good step forward
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286
01:11:18.885 --> 01:11:20.305 in the right direction.
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286
01:11:20.310 --> 01:11:22.742 We'll states ultimately implement
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286

01:11:22.742 --> 01:11:25.006 it because a lot of these decisions,
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286

01:11:25.010 --> 01:11:26.174 even though we can,
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286

01:11:26.174 --> 01:11:26.756 you know,
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286

01:11:26.760 --> 01:11:28.995 call for these great strategic
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286

01:11:28.995 --> 01:11:30.783 plans at the top.
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286

01:11:30.790 --> 01:11:32.589 A lot of these decisions around how
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286

01:11:32.589 --> 01:11:34.290 to spend these dollars and what
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286

01:11:34.290 --> 01:11:36.341 strategies to actually take on happen at
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286

01:11:36.393 --> 01:11:38.497 the state level and at the federal level.
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286

01:11:38.500 --> 01:11:40.381 Which is one of the reasons I'm sorry at
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286

01:11:40.381 --> 01:11:42.498 the state level and at the Community level,
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286

01:11:42.500 --> 01:11:45.708 municipal level county level.
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286

01:11:45.710 --> 01:11:48.198 Which is one of the reasons why we
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286

01:11:48.198 --> 01:11:51.067 focus on organizing on state and local.
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286

01:11:51.070 --> 01:11:53.980 Mostly because we are have a
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286

01:11:53.980 --> 01:11:55.920 very underdeveloped capacity in

NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286
01:11:56.001 --> 01:11:57.857 terms of that advocacy.
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286
01:11:57.860 --> 01:11:58.290 Now,
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286
01:11:58.290 --> 01:12:00.010 in terms of dollars.
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286
01:12:00.010 --> 01:12:03.148 The president's fiscal year 22 budget
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286
01:12:03.150 --> 01:12:06.090 for HHS around drug related programs and
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286
01:12:06.090 --> 01:12:09.030 initiatives totals about \$11.2 billion.
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286
01:12:09.030 --> 01:12:14.292 This is \$3.9 billion more than FY20 21,
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286
01:12:14.292 --> 01:12:16.247 and it includes funding to
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286
01:12:16.247 --> 01:12:18.330 expand access to prevention,
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286
01:12:18.330 --> 01:12:18.675 treatment,
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286
01:12:18.675 --> 01:12:20.745 harm reduction and recovery support services.
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286
01:12:20.750 --> 01:12:22.864 This budget has not been passed yet.
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286
01:12:22.870 --> 01:12:24.950 Just want to be clear this is the
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286
01:12:24.950 --> 01:12:26.140 President's FY22 budget proposal that's
NOTE Confidence: 0.881560755714286
01:12:26.140 --> 01:12:27.719 sitting in front of Congress right now.
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585

01:12:30.370 --> 01:12:33.150 Samhsa's FY22 budget includes \$3.5
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585

01:12:33.150 --> 01:12:35.150 billion for the substance abuse
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585

01:12:35.150 --> 01:12:36.590 prevention treatment Block Grant,
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585

01:12:36.590 --> 01:12:38.875 which is mostly money distributed
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585

01:12:38.875 --> 01:12:41.926 to states to combat overdoses and
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585

01:12:41.926 --> 01:12:45.130 this next point is really important.
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585

01:12:45.130 --> 01:12:46.738 The budget also includes,
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585

01:12:46.738 --> 01:12:48.748 for the first time ever,
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585

01:12:48.750 --> 01:12:52.509 a 10% set aside for recovery support
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585

01:12:52.509 --> 01:12:54.616 services in the substance abuse
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585

01:12:54.616 --> 01:12:56.326 prevention and treatment Block grant,
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585

01:12:56.330 --> 01:12:59.291 which means approximately give or take 350.
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585

01:12:59.291 --> 01:13:01.496 \$1,000,000 for recovery support services
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585

01:13:01.496 --> 01:13:03.770 which has never happened before.
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585

01:13:03.770 --> 01:13:04.787 You know oftentimes,
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585

01:13:04.787 --> 01:13:06.821 and this is something that advocates

NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585

01:13:06.821 --> 01:13:08.895 and I personally have been screaming

NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585

01:13:08.895 --> 01:13:11.070 from the rooftops since the day I've

NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585

01:13:11.070 --> 01:13:12.526 day I got involved in this work,

NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585

01:13:12.530 --> 01:13:14.498 just as a result of my own lived

NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585

01:13:14.498 --> 01:13:15.884 experience and seeing what has

NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585

01:13:15.884 --> 01:13:17.552 happened in my friends and folks

NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585

01:13:17.552 --> 01:13:19.250 like Tyler and folks like Nick,

NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585

01:13:19.250 --> 01:13:22.445 we have looked we have caught well for for

NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585

01:13:22.445 --> 01:13:25.527 some time called substance use disorder,

NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585

01:13:25.530 --> 01:13:27.158 a chronic health condition,

NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585

01:13:27.158 --> 01:13:29.870 but we've really only been funding it.

NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585

01:13:29.870 --> 01:13:31.950 We've really only been building

NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585

01:13:31.950 --> 01:13:34.030 infrastructure to deal with it

NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585

01:13:34.106 --> 01:13:36.188 as an acute health care crisis,

NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585

01:13:36.190 --> 01:13:37.558 and when I say it, you know,

NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585

01:13:37.558 --> 01:13:38.962 for the doctors and public health
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585

01:13:38.962 --> 01:13:40.019 professionals here you you know
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585

01:13:40.019 --> 01:13:40.565 what I'm saying.
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585

01:13:40.570 --> 01:13:42.526 Like you know, we, we we,
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585

01:13:42.530 --> 01:13:43.826 you know, treatment, treatment,
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585

01:13:43.826 --> 01:13:44.462 treatment, treatment,
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585

01:13:44.462 --> 01:13:45.710 treatment people need treatment.
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585

01:13:45.710 --> 01:13:47.450 Yes, people need treatment treatment,
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585

01:13:47.450 --> 01:13:49.367 save my life, but I'll tell you what all,
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585

01:13:49.370 --> 01:13:51.090 what else saved my life.
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585

01:13:51.090 --> 01:13:53.670 I've been to treatment six times.
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585

01:13:53.670 --> 01:13:55.833 What was different this time I was
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585

01:13:55.833 --> 01:13:57.959 able to leave treatment and get
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585

01:13:57.959 --> 01:13:59.855 access to housing safe, stable.
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585

01:13:59.855 --> 01:14:01.010 Recovery housing supportive
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585

01:14:01.010 --> 01:14:03.759 housing is able to get job a job.

NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585
01:14:03.760 --> 01:14:04.368 You know,
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585
01:14:04.368 --> 01:14:06.496 job training was able to get peer
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585
01:14:06.496 --> 01:14:08.090 recovery support services right.
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585
01:14:08.090 --> 01:14:10.410 I was able to to to to get
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585
01:14:10.410 --> 01:14:12.478 support beyond that acute phase.
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585
01:14:12.480 --> 01:14:14.352 the United States Surgeon
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585
01:14:14.352 --> 01:14:17.120 General he was back under Obama.
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585
01:14:17.120 --> 01:14:18.800 He's now our surgeon general again.
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585
01:14:18.800 --> 01:14:21.092 Doctor Murty in that report that
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585
01:14:21.092 --> 01:14:23.612 was mentioned that I worked on in
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585
01:14:23.612 --> 01:14:26.840 2016 stated the research states that
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585
01:14:26.840 --> 01:14:31.230 if we can get people past Year 5.
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585
01:14:31.230 --> 01:14:32.182 In recovery.
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585
01:14:32.182 --> 01:14:35.119 That they have an 85% chance of
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585
01:14:35.119 --> 01:14:36.491 maintaining that recovery for
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585

01:14:36.491 --> 01:14:38.677 the rest of their life, right?
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585

01:14:38.677 --> 01:14:39.491 But really,
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585

01:14:39.491 --> 01:14:42.340 the majority of services that we offer
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585

01:14:42.421 --> 01:14:45.790 people don't even get them past month 3.
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585

01:14:45.790 --> 01:14:50.645 So we have to reimagine how we are
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585

01:14:50.645 --> 01:14:53.065 treating substance use disorder.
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585

01:14:53.070 --> 01:14:54.626 We have to reimagine.
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585

01:14:54.626 --> 01:14:57.716 What it looks like I would go as
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585

01:14:57.716 --> 01:15:00.380 far to say we have to reimagine how
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585

01:15:00.461 --> 01:15:03.383 people make it and sustain their
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585

01:15:03.383 --> 01:15:05.500 recovery right? Because we often talk.
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585

01:15:05.500 --> 01:15:07.210 We say there are multiple pathways
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585

01:15:07.260 --> 01:15:07.860 to recovery.
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585

01:15:07.860 --> 01:15:10.478 Yet for the majority of treatment providers,
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585

01:15:10.480 --> 01:15:11.488 you know inpatient treatment
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585

01:15:11.488 --> 01:15:12.496 providers in this country.

NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585
01:15:12.500 --> 01:15:15.735 They still only subscribe to
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585
01:15:15.735 --> 01:15:17.676 1 pathway abstinence.
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585
01:15:17.680 --> 01:15:19.054 We've got to start looking at
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585
01:15:19.054 --> 01:15:20.270 this through a different scope,
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585
01:15:20.270 --> 01:15:22.286 or else we're going to continue getting
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585
01:15:22.286 --> 01:15:24.648 the same exact results we've been getting,
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585
01:15:24.650 --> 01:15:26.930 and it's going to continue to get worse.
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585
01:15:26.930 --> 01:15:30.308 I will end on this note.
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585
01:15:30.310 --> 01:15:32.506 We are on a funding though.
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585
01:15:32.510 --> 01:15:33.902 You know these numbers 'cause I
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585
01:15:33.902 --> 01:15:35.689 like to end on a positive note.
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585
01:15:35.690 --> 01:15:37.158 We are making progress.
NOTE Confidence: 0.90646585
01:15:37.158 --> 01:15:39.360 These numbers you're seeing in the
NOTE Confidence: 0.839566
01:15:39.431 --> 01:15:41.647 president's budget are significant.
NOTE Confidence: 0.839566
01:15:41.650 --> 01:15:45.010 The HHS strategy is significant.
NOTE Confidence: 0.839566

01:15:45.010 --> 01:15:46.704 These are steps in the right direction.
NOTE Confidence: 0.839566

01:15:46.710 --> 01:15:48.878 We have a lot of work to do.
NOTE Confidence: 0.839566

01:15:48.880 --> 01:15:50.900 Advocates on the ground.
NOTE Confidence: 0.839566

01:15:50.900 --> 01:15:54.436 This community we have been calling for
NOTE Confidence: 0.839566

01:15:54.436 --> 01:15:58.838 a minimum 100 billion ten year strategy.
NOTE Confidence: 0.839566

01:15:58.840 --> 01:16:00.778 To combat to start, to combat,
NOTE Confidence: 0.839566

01:16:00.780 --> 01:16:03.882 to start to to curb these
NOTE Confidence: 0.839566

01:16:03.882 --> 01:16:05.810 horrific numbers we're seeing.
NOTE Confidence: 0.839566

01:16:05.810 --> 01:16:09.407 Minimum \$10 billion per year annually so.
NOTE Confidence: 0.839566

01:16:09.407 --> 01:16:12.895 This is good, but we need more and we need a
NOTE Confidence: 0.839566

01:16:12.895 --> 01:16:16.130 lot more and we need it to be sustainable.
NOTE Confidence: 0.839566

01:16:16.130 --> 01:16:18.569 So we have our work cut out for us.
NOTE Confidence: 0.839566

01:16:18.570 --> 01:16:19.998 I want to thank you all
NOTE Confidence: 0.839566

01:16:19.998 --> 01:16:20.950 for for joining today.
NOTE Confidence: 0.839566

01:16:20.950 --> 01:16:22.672 I think we have a few minutes
NOTE Confidence: 0.839566

01:16:22.672 --> 01:16:24.129 for questions I want to just

NOTE Confidence: 0.839566

01:16:24.130 --> 01:16:27.106 share this last slide with you.

NOTE Confidence: 0.839566

01:16:27.110 --> 01:16:29.306 You can reach me at any of these handles.

NOTE Confidence: 0.839566

01:16:29.310 --> 01:16:32.654 It's me personally you can send me a

NOTE Confidence: 0.839566

01:16:32.654 --> 01:16:34.667 text website tweet please check out.

NOTE Confidence: 0.839566

01:16:34.667 --> 01:16:36.200 You know you could check out the

NOTE Confidence: 0.839566

01:16:36.243 --> 01:16:37.818 recovery advocacy project and voices

NOTE Confidence: 0.853276634

01:16:40.070 --> 01:16:40.542 projectrecoveryvoices.com

NOTE Confidence: 0.853276634

01:16:40.542 --> 01:16:41.958 or voices riseup.com.

NOTE Confidence: 0.853276634

01:16:41.958 --> 01:16:44.790 I want to thank again Yale.

NOTE Confidence: 0.853276634

01:16:44.790 --> 01:16:46.968 I want to thank Thomas Vanguard,

NOTE Confidence: 0.853276634

01:16:46.970 --> 01:16:48.562 the Scanguard Foundation for

NOTE Confidence: 0.853276634

01:16:48.562 --> 01:16:50.154 believing in this community

NOTE Confidence: 0.853276634

01:16:50.154 --> 01:16:51.748 and believing in this work.

NOTE Confidence: 0.853276634

01:16:51.750 --> 01:16:54.024 And you know, please check out

NOTE Confidence: 0.853276634

01:16:54.024 --> 01:16:56.290 unsettled if you get a chance.

NOTE Confidence: 0.853276634

01:16:56.290 --> 01:16:58.411 All of the proceeds from it are
NOTE Confidence: 0.853276634

01:16:58.411 --> 01:17:00.989 going to a nonprofit organization
NOTE Confidence: 0.853276634

01:17:00.990 --> 01:17:02.718 in Massachusetts that's dedicated
NOTE Confidence: 0.853276634

01:17:02.718 --> 01:17:05.310 to working with family members who
NOTE Confidence: 0.853276634

01:17:05.382 --> 01:17:07.608 have lost a loved one to overdoses.
NOTE Confidence: 0.853276634

01:17:07.610 --> 01:17:09.728 It's unsettled how the Purdue Pharma
NOTE Confidence: 0.853276634

01:17:09.728 --> 01:17:11.140 bankruptcy failed the victims.
NOTE Confidence: 0.853276634

01:17:11.140 --> 01:17:12.620 The American overdose crisis.
NOTE Confidence: 0.853276634

01:17:12.620 --> 01:17:15.344 I talk about all of this in the
NOTE Confidence: 0.853276634

01:17:15.344 --> 01:17:16.856 book through the scope of the
NOTE Confidence: 0.853276634

01:17:16.856 --> 01:17:18.110 bankruptcy and my experience,
NOTE Confidence: 0.853276634

01:17:18.110 --> 01:17:20.028 and hopefully I look forward to meeting
NOTE Confidence: 0.853276634

01:17:20.028 --> 01:17:22.469 some of you and working with many of you.
NOTE Confidence: 0.853276634

01:17:22.470 --> 01:17:23.975 In the months and years to come,
NOTE Confidence: 0.853276634

01:17:23.980 --> 01:17:25.485 and I'm profoundly grateful for
NOTE Confidence: 0.853276634

01:17:25.485 --> 01:17:27.314 each and every person on this

NOTE Confidence: 0.853276634

01:17:27.314 --> 01:17:28.892 call today and the work that

NOTE Confidence: 0.853276634

01:17:28.892 --> 01:17:30.660 you're doing in your communities.

NOTE Confidence: 0.853276634

01:17:30.660 --> 01:17:32.860 Thank you.

NOTE Confidence: 0.853276634

01:17:32.860 --> 01:17:33.310 Well, thank

NOTE Confidence: 0.914150519230769

01:17:33.320 --> 01:17:34.902 you Ryan and thank you for you

NOTE Confidence: 0.914150519230769

01:17:34.902 --> 01:17:36.579 and the work that you're doing.

NOTE Confidence: 0.914150519230769

01:17:36.580 --> 01:17:40.470 I've been trying to check track some of the

NOTE Confidence: 0.914150519230769

01:17:40.470 --> 01:17:43.450 questions that I'll try to relate to you,

NOTE Confidence: 0.914150519230769

01:17:43.450 --> 01:17:45.746 but you certainly did a wonderful job

NOTE Confidence: 0.914150519230769

01:17:45.746 --> 01:17:48.308 giving voice to a lot of our experiences

NOTE Confidence: 0.914150519230769

01:17:48.308 --> 01:17:50.260 and and sharing your own story.

NOTE Confidence: 0.914150519230769

01:17:50.260 --> 01:17:53.380 So we appreciate that one question early on,

NOTE Confidence: 0.914150519230769

01:17:53.380 --> 01:17:57.034 related to the drop in annual revenue.

NOTE Confidence: 0.914150519230769

01:17:57.040 --> 01:17:59.638 And this is from Taylor Gunnison,

NOTE Confidence: 0.914150519230769

01:17:59.640 --> 01:18:03.180 one wondering if it results from.

NOTE Confidence: 0.914150519230769

01:18:03.180 --> 01:18:06.004 Drop of revenue as a result of public
NOTE Confidence: 0.914150519230769

01:18:06.004 --> 01:18:07.953 government funding sources being pulled
NOTE Confidence: 0.914150519230769

01:18:07.953 --> 01:18:10.305 back or from other revenue streams,
NOTE Confidence: 0.914150519230769

01:18:10.310 --> 01:18:12.590 drying up, or perhaps both.
NOTE Confidence: 0.935210954

01:18:14.480 --> 01:18:15.920 So we haven't. I mean,
NOTE Confidence: 0.935210954

01:18:15.920 --> 01:18:17.880 in terms of proposed revenue,
NOTE Confidence: 0.935210954

01:18:17.880 --> 01:18:20.132 we've actually seen increases
NOTE Confidence: 0.935210954

01:18:20.132 --> 01:18:22.947 the drop of revenue I,
NOTE Confidence: 0.935210954

01:18:22.950 --> 01:18:24.630 I think what you're you're referencing is
NOTE Confidence: 0.935210954

01:18:24.630 --> 01:18:26.718 the drop in revenue from the COVID slide.
NOTE Confidence: 0.935210954

01:18:26.720 --> 01:18:29.454 So the drop in the drop in revenue
NOTE Confidence: 0.935210954

01:18:29.454 --> 01:18:30.959 from COVID slide wasn't it.
NOTE Confidence: 0.935210954

01:18:30.960 --> 01:18:32.580 It was not the result of
NOTE Confidence: 0.935210954

01:18:32.580 --> 01:18:33.660 loss of government funds.
NOTE Confidence: 0.935210954

01:18:33.660 --> 01:18:36.426 It was the loss of consumers.
NOTE Confidence: 0.935210954

01:18:36.430 --> 01:18:39.195 People weren't able to access these services.

NOTE Confidence: 0.935210954

01:18:39.200 --> 01:18:40.228 You've got to remember,

NOTE Confidence: 0.935210954

01:18:40.228 --> 01:18:42.579 like there was a huge pivot to Tele health,

NOTE Confidence: 0.935210954

01:18:42.580 --> 01:18:44.470 but that came later on.

NOTE Confidence: 0.935210954

01:18:44.470 --> 01:18:46.774 You know the in it it went to

NOTE Confidence: 0.935210954

01:18:46.774 --> 01:18:49.340 show how poorly developed and

NOTE Confidence: 0.935210954

01:18:49.340 --> 01:18:51.888 underdeveloped the behavioral health

NOTE Confidence: 0.935210954

01:18:51.888 --> 01:18:54.569 care system infrastructure is in

NOTE Confidence: 0.935210954

01:18:54.569 --> 01:18:56.984 this country and the need for more.

NOTE Confidence: 0.935210954

01:18:56.990 --> 01:18:58.328 I mean, that was really where

NOTE Confidence: 0.935210954

01:18:58.328 --> 01:18:59.729 the drop in revenue came from.

NOTE Confidence: 0.935210954

01:18:59.730 --> 01:19:01.188 I mean we were, you know,

NOTE Confidence: 0.935210954

01:19:01.190 --> 01:19:03.370 dealing with you know,

NOTE Confidence: 0.935210954

01:19:03.370 --> 01:19:05.234 new issues we were dealing

NOTE Confidence: 0.935210954

01:19:05.234 --> 01:19:06.008 with COVID pandemic,

NOTE Confidence: 0.935210954

01:19:06.010 --> 01:19:08.054 essentially with a typewriter when we should

NOTE Confidence: 0.935210954

01:19:08.054 --> 01:19:10.149 have had access to like super computers,
NOTE Confidence: 0.935210954

01:19:10.150 --> 01:19:11.490 if that makes sense, right?
NOTE Confidence: 0.935210954

01:19:11.490 --> 01:19:12.730 Like we were way behind.
NOTE Confidence: 0.908320215714286

01:19:14.830 --> 01:19:16.769 Thank goodness for the American rescue plan.
NOTE Confidence: 0.908320215714286

01:19:16.770 --> 01:19:19.416 Thank goodness for a lot of the PPP loans
NOTE Confidence: 0.908320215714286

01:19:19.416 --> 01:19:21.970 that went into place and and you know
NOTE Confidence: 0.908320215714286

01:19:21.970 --> 01:19:24.651 SBA bridge loans and and and and COVID-19
NOTE Confidence: 0.908320215714286

01:19:24.651 --> 01:19:27.481 loans that have helped to, you know,
NOTE Confidence: 0.908320215714286

01:19:27.481 --> 01:19:30.912 soften that blow for many but consumers
NOTE Confidence: 0.908320215714286

01:19:30.912 --> 01:19:34.756 had had no way to to reach these providers.
NOTE Confidence: 0.908320215714286

01:19:34.756 --> 01:19:36.940 That's that's what it really came down to.
NOTE Confidence: 0.745369873333333

01:19:37.350 --> 01:19:39.350 And then we experienced that
NOTE Confidence: 0.745369873333333

01:19:39.350 --> 01:19:40.806 dramatically next question.
NOTE Confidence: 0.745369873333333

01:19:40.806 --> 01:19:43.300 This is from Robert Lagay.
NOTE Confidence: 0.745369873333333

01:19:43.300 --> 01:19:46.362 What should the role be, if any,
NOTE Confidence: 0.745369873333333

01:19:46.362 --> 01:19:48.317 of the criminal justice system

NOTE Confidence: 0.7453698733333333
01:19:48.317 --> 01:19:49.490 regarding discouraging the
NOTE Confidence: 0.7453698733333333
01:19:49.554 --> 01:19:51.238 use of addictive substances,
NOTE Confidence: 0.7453698733333333
01:19:51.240 --> 01:19:53.200 including cigarettes and alcohol?
NOTE Confidence: 0.849899342727273
01:19:55.220 --> 01:19:57.290 I you know, may not be Mr Popular on
NOTE Confidence: 0.849899342727273
01:19:57.290 --> 01:20:00.360 this answer, but my answer is none.
NOTE Confidence: 0.849899342727273
01:20:00.360 --> 01:20:02.104 I am a firm believer that we have
NOTE Confidence: 0.849899342727273
01:20:02.104 --> 01:20:04.149 got to start getting these decisions
NOTE Confidence: 0.849899342727273
01:20:04.149 --> 01:20:06.089 out of attorneys generals offices.
NOTE Confidence: 0.849899342727273
01:20:06.090 --> 01:20:08.414 Especially, I write about it again and
NOTE Confidence: 0.849899342727273
01:20:08.414 --> 01:20:10.890 unsettled and I lay out a very clear
NOTE Confidence: 0.849899342727273
01:20:10.890 --> 01:20:13.197 hypothesis for why out of law enforcement
NOTE Confidence: 0.849899342727273
01:20:13.197 --> 01:20:15.687 offices and into public health venues.
NOTE Confidence: 0.849899342727273
01:20:15.690 --> 01:20:19.514 I am always astonished at some of the
NOTE Confidence: 0.849899342727273
01:20:19.514 --> 01:20:22.040 announcements and initiatives around,
NOTE Confidence: 0.849899342727273
01:20:22.040 --> 01:20:25.160 prevention, treatment and recovery that are
NOTE Confidence: 0.849899342727273

01:20:25.160 --> 01:20:28.189 housed in announced and announced from,
NOTE Confidence: 0.849899342727273

01:20:28.190 --> 01:20:29.060 you know, public.
NOTE Confidence: 0.849899342727273

01:20:29.060 --> 01:20:30.220 The public safety side.
NOTE Confidence: 0.849899342727273

01:20:30.220 --> 01:20:31.840 In law enforcement side, now,
NOTE Confidence: 0.849899342727273

01:20:31.840 --> 01:20:34.056 that's not to say that public safety and
NOTE Confidence: 0.849899342727273

01:20:34.056 --> 01:20:35.730 law enforcement don't have an important
NOTE Confidence: 0.849899342727273

01:20:35.730 --> 01:20:37.780 role to play because they very much do.
NOTE Confidence: 0.849899342727273

01:20:37.780 --> 01:20:39.138 But I'm not going to go out.
NOTE Confidence: 0.849899342727273

01:20:39.140 --> 01:20:41.372 I'm not going to ask, you know,
NOTE Confidence: 0.849899342727273

01:20:41.372 --> 01:20:43.508 the folks at Yale and Recovery
NOTE Confidence: 0.849899342727273

01:20:43.508 --> 01:20:45.896 advocates to go out and do their job,
NOTE Confidence: 0.849899342727273

01:20:45.900 --> 01:20:47.952 and we shouldn't be asking them
NOTE Confidence: 0.849899342727273

01:20:47.952 --> 01:20:49.320 to do our job.
NOTE Confidence: 0.849899342727273

01:20:49.320 --> 01:20:50.132 You know,
NOTE Confidence: 0.849899342727273

01:20:50.132 --> 01:20:52.974 there are two very clearly defined lanes,
NOTE Confidence: 0.849899342727273

01:20:52.980 --> 01:20:54.892 and I think that part of the reason

NOTE Confidence: 0.849899342727273

01:20:54.892 --> 01:20:56.438 we've ended up in this mess that

NOTE Confidence: 0.849899342727273

01:20:56.438 --> 01:20:58.365 we're in in the 1st place is because

NOTE Confidence: 0.849899342727273

01:20:58.365 --> 01:21:00.075 we have relied heavily on public

NOTE Confidence: 0.849899342727273

01:21:00.075 --> 01:21:01.636 safety and law enforcement too.

NOTE Confidence: 0.849899342727273

01:21:01.636 --> 01:21:04.400 Solve and deal with a public health issue.

NOTE Confidence: 0.78390014

01:21:07.400 --> 01:21:09.818 Thank you. This one hits home.

NOTE Confidence: 0.903452893461538

01:21:10.690 --> 01:21:12.074 It's from Sue Martin.

NOTE Confidence: 0.903452893461538

01:21:12.074 --> 01:21:14.824 How can we reach medical providers and get

NOTE Confidence: 0.903452893461538

01:21:14.824 --> 01:21:17.248 them to desire to treat a willing patient

NOTE Confidence: 0.903452893461538

01:21:17.312 --> 01:21:19.850 and withdrawals or surviving an overdose,

NOTE Confidence: 0.903452893461538

01:21:19.850 --> 01:21:24.090 admit and treat instead of stabilize and St?

NOTE Confidence: 0.903452893461538

01:21:24.090 --> 01:21:28.110 And there's a program built on physicians

NOTE Confidence: 0.903452893461538

01:21:28.110 --> 01:21:30.810 and nurses and clinicians who are

NOTE Confidence: 0.903452893461538

01:21:30.810 --> 01:21:32.664 frontline providers, not specialists.

NOTE Confidence: 0.903452893461538

01:21:32.664 --> 01:21:36.692 We have a no wrong door policy where if

NOTE Confidence: 0.903452893461538

01:21:36.692 --> 01:21:38.264 you come into our emergency department
NOTE Confidence: 0.903452893461538

01:21:38.264 --> 01:21:40.450 or you are on the halls of our hospital,
NOTE Confidence: 0.903452893461538

01:21:40.450 --> 01:21:41.490 we try to encourage.
NOTE Confidence: 0.903452893461538

01:21:41.490 --> 01:21:42.300 We're not perfect,
NOTE Confidence: 0.903452893461538

01:21:42.300 --> 01:21:44.066 but we're really trying to move
NOTE Confidence: 0.903452893461538

01:21:44.066 --> 01:21:46.310 push the envelope in that respect.
NOTE Confidence: 0.903452893461538

01:21:46.310 --> 01:21:47.438 So what are your thoughts there?
NOTE Confidence: 0.841213314285714

01:21:47.730 --> 01:21:49.648 Well, I mean a lot of thoughts.
NOTE Confidence: 0.841213314285714

01:21:49.650 --> 01:21:52.090 I would say one of the one of
NOTE Confidence: 0.841213314285714

01:21:52.090 --> 01:21:54.116 the more maddeningly statistics
NOTE Confidence: 0.841213314285714

01:21:54.116 --> 01:21:56.346 and realities that I learned.
NOTE Confidence: 0.841213314285714

01:21:56.350 --> 01:22:00.148 You know, early on in this work was how
NOTE Confidence: 0.841213314285714

01:22:00.148 --> 01:22:02.990 substance use disorder and addiction,
NOTE Confidence: 0.841213314285714

01:22:02.990 --> 01:22:05.114 how little of it is actually
NOTE Confidence: 0.841213314285714

01:22:05.114 --> 01:22:06.530 taught in medical school.
NOTE Confidence: 0.841213314285714

01:22:06.530 --> 01:22:09.306 I mean like I was like blown away.

NOTE Confidence: 0.841213314285714
01:22:09.310 --> 01:22:11.966 I think you know, last stats I checked.
NOTE Confidence: 0.841213314285714
01:22:11.970 --> 01:22:14.562 I mean, it might be like half a credit
NOTE Confidence: 0.841213314285714
01:22:14.562 --> 01:22:17.186 or a credit or in some schools it's
NOTE Confidence: 0.841213314285714
01:22:17.186 --> 01:22:19.987 like you know a few hours over four
NOTE Confidence: 0.841213314285714
01:22:19.987 --> 01:22:22.886 years of medical school that we teach
NOTE Confidence: 0.841213314285714
01:22:22.886 --> 01:22:26.231 people how to treat substance use disorder,
NOTE Confidence: 0.841213314285714
01:22:26.231 --> 01:22:28.016 how to deal with patients.
NOTE Confidence: 0.841213314285714
01:22:28.020 --> 01:22:29.584 With substance use disorder,
NOTE Confidence: 0.841213314285714
01:22:29.584 --> 01:22:31.930 so I think there's a tremendous
NOTE Confidence: 0.841213314285714
01:22:31.997 --> 01:22:34.925 amount of work that needs to be done
NOTE Confidence: 0.841213314285714
01:22:34.925 --> 01:22:37.520 to bring medical schools to scale.
NOTE Confidence: 0.841213314285714
01:22:37.520 --> 01:22:40.502 For folks who are going to be
NOTE Confidence: 0.841213314285714
01:22:40.502 --> 01:22:43.060 practicing physicians one day we got it,
NOTE Confidence: 0.841213314285714
01:22:43.060 --> 01:22:44.260 we have to start early.
NOTE Confidence: 0.841213314285714
01:22:44.260 --> 01:22:45.072 Right now.
NOTE Confidence: 0.841213314285714

01:22:45.072 --> 01:22:47.240 It's been a challenge, advocacy wise,
NOTE Confidence: 0.841213314285714

01:22:47.240 --> 01:22:49.400 because you go and you talk to some
NOTE Confidence: 0.841213314285714

01:22:49.458 --> 01:22:51.060 folks who have been, you know,
NOTE Confidence: 0.841213314285714

01:22:51.060 --> 01:22:52.880 doctors for quite some time and they
NOTE Confidence: 0.841213314285714

01:22:52.880 --> 01:22:54.486 don't want to go back to school.
NOTE Confidence: 0.841213314285714

01:22:54.490 --> 01:22:55.200 You know what I mean?
NOTE Confidence: 0.841213314285714

01:22:55.200 --> 01:22:55.851 Like they don't.
NOTE Confidence: 0.841213314285714

01:22:55.851 --> 01:22:57.153 They don't want to be trained
NOTE Confidence: 0.841213314285714

01:22:57.153 --> 01:22:58.039 on something new.
NOTE Confidence: 0.841213314285714

01:22:58.040 --> 01:22:58.410 You know,
NOTE Confidence: 0.841213314285714

01:22:58.410 --> 01:22:59.890 but I think that the time is to
NOTE Confidence: 0.841213314285714

01:22:59.945 --> 01:23:01.727 start now with the new generation
NOTE Confidence: 0.841213314285714

01:23:01.727 --> 01:23:02.618 of medical professionals.
NOTE Confidence: 0.841213314285714

01:23:02.620 --> 01:23:04.716 I think the work that that Yale is
NOTE Confidence: 0.841213314285714

01:23:04.716 --> 01:23:06.699 doing around this issue is phenomenal.
NOTE Confidence: 0.841213314285714

01:23:06.700 --> 01:23:08.836 We've seen other kind of schools

NOTE Confidence: 0.841213314285714
01:23:08.836 --> 01:23:10.260 within schools and programs
NOTE Confidence: 0.841213314285714
01:23:10.320 --> 01:23:12.096 that are doing the same thing,
NOTE Confidence: 0.841213314285714
01:23:12.100 --> 01:23:14.385 but we're talking about mass
NOTE Confidence: 0.841213314285714
01:23:14.385 --> 01:23:16.670 medical education here right now,
NOTE Confidence: 0.841213314285714
01:23:16.670 --> 01:23:18.221 and quite frankly,
NOTE Confidence: 0.841213314285714
01:23:18.221 --> 01:23:20.806 it should be more mandated.
NOTE Confidence: 0.841213314285714
01:23:20.810 --> 01:23:22.748 Trainings not just around you know,
NOTE Confidence: 0.841213314285714
01:23:22.750 --> 01:23:23.568 prescriber guidance,
NOTE Confidence: 0.841213314285714
01:23:23.568 --> 01:23:26.431 but really how to deal with addiction
NOTE Confidence: 0.841213314285714
01:23:26.431 --> 01:23:28.577 and mental health from the source,
NOTE Confidence: 0.841213314285714
01:23:28.577 --> 01:23:30.460 which for me would be medical schools.
NOTE Confidence: 0.89205129
01:23:32.490 --> 01:23:33.435 Thank you Ryan.
NOTE Confidence: 0.89205129
01:23:33.435 --> 01:23:36.020 The next one comes from Mary Kelly Ryan.
NOTE Confidence: 0.89205129
01:23:36.020 --> 01:23:37.628 I've read both of your books
NOTE Confidence: 0.89205129
01:23:37.628 --> 01:23:39.550 unsettled with such an important book,
NOTE Confidence: 0.89205129

01:23:39.550 --> 01:23:41.446 but I found it so discouraging.
NOTE Confidence: 0.89205129

01:23:41.450 --> 01:23:45.188 The systematic issues seem so overwhelming.
NOTE Confidence: 0.89205129

01:23:45.190 --> 01:23:47.878 Where do we possibly start breaking that
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571

01:23:47.890 --> 01:23:52.356 up? Yeah, I'm I'm with you Mary.
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571

01:23:52.360 --> 01:23:54.352 It was a very different experience
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571

01:23:54.352 --> 01:23:55.680 than writing American fix,
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571

01:23:55.680 --> 01:23:57.830 and it was incredibly discouraging
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571

01:23:57.830 --> 01:24:01.360 to live it and and experiencing it.
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571

01:24:01.360 --> 01:24:04.734 I think the first step for me.
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571

01:24:04.740 --> 01:24:06.264 You know, and I'm still trying
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571

01:24:06.264 --> 01:24:07.586 to figure out internally that
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571

01:24:07.586 --> 01:24:08.856 the answer to that question,
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571

01:24:08.860 --> 01:24:10.560 as I do this work with the first step for me,
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571

01:24:10.560 --> 01:24:12.849 was really to spot to shine a
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571

01:24:12.849 --> 01:24:14.860 spotlight on those systemic barriers,
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571

01:24:14.860 --> 01:24:16.960 and on those systemic problems,

NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571
01:24:16.960 --> 01:24:19.768 I think we we don't know that we
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571
01:24:19.768 --> 01:24:21.720 don't know how to take on a problem
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571
01:24:21.783 --> 01:24:24.122 unless we know the problem exists and
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571
01:24:24.122 --> 01:24:27.356 that we really call attention to it.
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571
01:24:27.360 --> 01:24:29.656 So for me that was the first step.
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571
01:24:29.660 --> 01:24:33.602 I think the second step is there has to be
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571
01:24:33.602 --> 01:24:36.790 a level of accountability on those systems.
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571
01:24:36.790 --> 01:24:40.297 When I say systems, I mean government,
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571
01:24:40.300 --> 01:24:42.361 federal, state agencies,
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571
01:24:42.361 --> 01:24:45.796 local right we we can't.
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571
01:24:45.800 --> 01:24:47.684 I think the frustration for a
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571
01:24:47.684 --> 01:24:50.218 lot of us in the movement is.
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571
01:24:50.220 --> 01:24:52.444 Overdose crisis opioids litigation.
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571
01:24:52.444 --> 01:24:55.274 All of these buzzwords, right that?
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571
01:24:55.274 --> 01:24:58.449 Get that get a lot of airtime in the press,
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571

01:24:58.450 --> 01:24:59.650 and we all assume that everybody
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571

01:24:59.650 --> 01:25:00.730 is doing the right thing.
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571

01:25:00.730 --> 01:25:02.130 That there's one big bad
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571

01:25:02.130 --> 01:25:03.250 villain in pharma companies,
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571

01:25:03.250 --> 01:25:06.337 and everybody else is a good guy.
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571

01:25:06.340 --> 01:25:08.320 We need to call account,
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571

01:25:08.320 --> 01:25:09.675 you know to what's really
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571

01:25:09.675 --> 01:25:11.400 happening in some of these cases,
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571

01:25:11.400 --> 01:25:13.100 which there's tremendous money grabs.
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571

01:25:13.100 --> 01:25:14.636 And where is the money going?
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571

01:25:14.640 --> 01:25:16.138 Is the money going to public health?
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571

01:25:16.140 --> 01:25:17.176 You know, I've I've.
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571

01:25:17.176 --> 01:25:18.471 I'm going to be talking
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571

01:25:18.471 --> 01:25:19.769 about it later this week.
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571

01:25:19.770 --> 01:25:21.856 I think it's ridiculous that at least
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571

01:25:21.856 --> 01:25:23.730 out of the multidistrict litigation

NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571

01:25:23.730 --> 01:25:26.478 that we're accepting the fact that

NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571

01:25:26.480 --> 01:25:28.460 70% of it is going to be used to do

NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571

01:25:28.524 --> 01:25:30.827 the right thing and we're handing up

NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571

01:25:30.827 --> 01:25:32.690 the remaining dollars for the states

NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571

01:25:32.690 --> 01:25:34.594 to do whatever they want with it.

NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571

01:25:34.600 --> 01:25:34.986 You know,

NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571

01:25:34.986 --> 01:25:36.337 I think we need to remember that.

NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571

01:25:36.340 --> 01:25:37.022 Beyond that,

NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571

01:25:37.022 --> 01:25:38.727 beyond the opioid litigation that

NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571

01:25:38.727 --> 01:25:41.504 a lot of the things that we need

NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571

01:25:41.504 --> 01:25:43.645 were taxpayers like a lot of these

NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571

01:25:43.645 --> 01:25:45.419 services that are being treated as

NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571

01:25:45.419 --> 01:25:47.435 if like it should be a gift because

NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571

01:25:47.435 --> 01:25:48.945 we're getting extra dollars for

NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571

01:25:48.945 --> 01:25:51.300 like I pay taxes for these services,

NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571

01:25:51.300 --> 01:25:53.324 you pay taxes for these services like
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571

01:25:53.324 --> 01:25:55.928 we should be getting these services tenfold,
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571

01:25:55.930 --> 01:25:56.818 you know regardless.
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571

01:25:56.818 --> 01:25:59.837 So I don't want you to walk out of
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571

01:25:59.837 --> 01:26:01.154 unsettled completely discouraged
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571

01:26:01.154 --> 01:26:03.349 because I actually believe that
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571

01:26:03.411 --> 01:26:05.525 there's you know if you read in
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571

01:26:05.525 --> 01:26:07.499 between the lines and the book.
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571

01:26:07.499 --> 01:26:09.970 There's also an incredible amount of hope,
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571

01:26:09.970 --> 01:26:11.783 you know of what we could be
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571

01:26:11.783 --> 01:26:14.135 doing and and the hope for me is
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571

01:26:14.135 --> 01:26:15.645 really getting back to basics,
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571

01:26:15.650 --> 01:26:17.354 which is getting local.
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571

01:26:17.354 --> 01:26:18.206 You know,
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571

01:26:18.210 --> 01:26:19.830 making sure that we're vocal
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571

01:26:19.830 --> 01:26:21.126 with these public officials.

NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571
01:26:21.130 --> 01:26:21.868 You know, really,
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571
01:26:21.868 --> 01:26:23.344 focusing on the task at hand,
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571
01:26:23.350 --> 01:26:25.792 which is organizing because we were
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571
01:26:25.792 --> 01:26:29.064 trying to slay a giant with very little.
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571
01:26:29.064 --> 01:26:31.468 You know, organizing at our back.
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571
01:26:31.468 --> 01:26:33.910 We're in the infancy in infancy
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571
01:26:33.991 --> 01:26:35.947 of this movement and there is
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571
01:26:35.947 --> 01:26:37.919 there is a lot of hope.
NOTE Confidence: 0.833384541428571
01:26:37.920 --> 01:26:39.300 So dumb
NOTE Confidence: 0.48830914
01:26:39.300 --> 01:26:43.220 lukowski wants to know about the
NOTE Confidence: 0.48830914
01:26:43.220 --> 01:26:45.068 Johnson and Johnson involvement,
NOTE Confidence: 0.9506247
01:26:45.070 --> 01:26:47.023 and it seems like that's been kept so quiet.
NOTE Confidence: 0.917828915833333
01:26:49.150 --> 01:26:51.058 Right, so I can't speak to
NOTE Confidence: 0.917828915833333
01:26:51.058 --> 01:26:53.090 too much on the J&J case.
NOTE Confidence: 0.917828915833333
01:26:53.090 --> 01:26:56.338 What I can say is that yesterday in
NOTE Confidence: 0.917828915833333

01:26:56.338 --> 01:26:59.150 a California court in one of the one

NOTE Confidence: 0.917828915833333

01:26:59.150 --> 01:27:01.286 of the the state cases where J&J

NOTE Confidence: 0.917828915833333

01:27:01.286 --> 01:27:04.185 was a part of the the judge and I

NOTE Confidence: 0.917828915833333

01:27:04.185 --> 01:27:06.390 believe is an Orange County judge

NOTE Confidence: 0.917828915833333

01:27:06.390 --> 01:27:08.900 found that the drug manufacturers

NOTE Confidence: 0.917828915833333

01:27:08.900 --> 01:27:11.150 and distributors would not.

NOTE Confidence: 0.917828915833333

01:27:11.150 --> 01:27:13.630 Be held accountable essentially,

NOTE Confidence: 0.917828915833333

01:27:13.630 --> 01:27:16.060 and that their public nuisance test.

NOTE Confidence: 0.917828915833333

01:27:16.060 --> 01:27:19.500 Didn't really pass that.

NOTE Confidence: 0.917828915833333

01:27:19.500 --> 01:27:20.428 J&J is a huge.

NOTE Confidence: 0.917828915833333

01:27:20.428 --> 01:27:21.820 I mean they don't get any

NOTE Confidence: 0.917828915833333

01:27:21.882 --> 01:27:23.158 bigger than J&J right,

NOTE Confidence: 0.917828915833333

01:27:23.160 --> 01:27:25.998 but that case is actually wrapped

NOTE Confidence: 0.917828915833333

01:27:25.998 --> 01:27:28.074 up in Judge Polster's courtroom.

NOTE Confidence: 0.917828915833333

01:27:28.074 --> 01:27:30.363 In Ohio is a part of the

NOTE Confidence: 0.917828915833333

01:27:30.363 --> 01:27:32.039 Multi district litigation.

NOTE Confidence: 0.917828915833333
01:27:32.040 --> 01:27:34.140 There will be a significant settlement.
NOTE Confidence: 0.917828915833333
01:27:34.140 --> 01:27:35.585 I think they're talking somewhere
NOTE Confidence: 0.917828915833333
01:27:35.585 --> 01:27:37.460 somewhere between 24 and \$27 billion.
NOTE Confidence: 0.961567404444444
01:27:40.770 --> 01:27:43.686 There's some good stuff to come out of it.
NOTE Confidence: 0.961567404444444
01:27:43.690 --> 01:27:44.794 I'll just tell you some of
NOTE Confidence: 0.961567404444444
01:27:44.794 --> 01:27:45.850 the problems with it though.
NOTE Confidence: 0.961567404444444
01:27:45.850 --> 01:27:48.124 Is the settlement I believe is
NOTE Confidence: 0.961567404444444
01:27:48.124 --> 01:27:50.658 spread out between 15 and 18 years.
NOTE Confidence: 0.961567404444444
01:27:50.660 --> 01:27:52.452 A good majority of that money is
NOTE Confidence: 0.961567404444444
01:27:52.452 --> 01:27:54.357 actually going to be in free treatment.
NOTE Confidence: 0.961567404444444
01:27:54.360 --> 01:27:58.070 Drugs, not necessarily dollars on the ground.
NOTE Confidence: 0.961567404444444
01:27:58.070 --> 01:27:59.166 And those companies will
NOTE Confidence: 0.961567404444444
01:27:59.166 --> 01:28:00.810 receive a release out of it.
NOTE Confidence: 0.961567404444444
01:28:00.810 --> 01:28:04.469 I do want to on a on a on a different note.
NOTE Confidence: 0.961567404444444
01:28:04.470 --> 01:28:07.118 Say though, I believe that there has been
NOTE Confidence: 0.961567404444444

01:28:07.118 --> 01:28:09.469 hyper focus and I am guilty of it too.
NOTE Confidence: 0.9615674044444444

01:28:09.470 --> 01:28:12.144 And I write about it and unsettled
NOTE Confidence: 0.9615674044444444

01:28:12.150 --> 01:28:13.895 hyperfocus on the litigation and
NOTE Confidence: 0.9615674044444444

01:28:13.895 --> 01:28:16.015 holding these drug companies to account
NOTE Confidence: 0.9615674044444444

01:28:16.015 --> 01:28:17.887 what's going to happen after it.
NOTE Confidence: 0.9615674044444444

01:28:17.890 --> 01:28:19.150 I want to be clear about something.
NOTE Confidence: 0.9615674044444444

01:28:19.150 --> 01:28:20.970 Nothing is happening in the
NOTE Confidence: 0.9615674044444444

01:28:20.970 --> 01:28:22.790 litigation other than these companies
NOTE Confidence: 0.9615674044444444

01:28:22.846 --> 01:28:24.397 writing very big checks, right?
NOTE Confidence: 0.9615674044444444

01:28:24.397 --> 01:28:25.846 And there's a lot of questions on
NOTE Confidence: 0.9615674044444444

01:28:25.846 --> 01:28:27.156 where that money is going to go.
NOTE Confidence: 0.9615674044444444

01:28:27.160 --> 01:28:28.720 Nobody is going to jail.
NOTE Confidence: 0.9615674044444444

01:28:28.720 --> 01:28:30.620 Like nobody losing their job,
NOTE Confidence: 0.9615674044444444

01:28:30.620 --> 01:28:31.799 essentially like there's.
NOTE Confidence: 0.9615674044444444

01:28:31.799 --> 01:28:33.764 There's gonna be releases broad
NOTE Confidence: 0.9615674044444444

01:28:33.764 --> 01:28:35.729 releases for all these companies.

NOTE Confidence: 0.961567404444444

01:28:35.730 --> 01:28:38.690 They're writing very big checks.

NOTE Confidence: 0.961567404444444

01:28:38.690 --> 01:28:41.175 Our focus needs to look beyond this

NOTE Confidence: 0.961567404444444

01:28:41.175 --> 01:28:43.707 litigation because I think that in a sense,

NOTE Confidence: 0.961567404444444

01:28:43.710 --> 01:28:45.462 the focus on the litigation has

NOTE Confidence: 0.961567404444444

01:28:45.462 --> 01:28:47.468 taken some of the focus off of.

NOTE Confidence: 0.961567404444444

01:28:47.470 --> 01:28:49.534 We need to be holding the federal government.

NOTE Confidence: 0.961567404444444

01:28:49.540 --> 01:28:51.493 We need to be holding states accountable

NOTE Confidence: 0.961567404444444

01:28:51.493 --> 01:28:53.557 because they need to be putting more

NOTE Confidence: 0.961567404444444

01:28:53.557 --> 01:28:55.027 money down regardless of litigation.

NOTE Confidence: 0.961567404444444

01:28:55.030 --> 01:28:56.812 You know all the opioid litigation

NOTE Confidence: 0.961567404444444

01:28:56.812 --> 01:28:59.369 in the world will not get us to that

NOTE Confidence: 0.961567404444444

01:28:59.369 --> 01:29:01.030 \$100 billion number that we need,

NOTE Confidence: 0.961567404444444

01:29:01.030 --> 01:29:03.646 and we pay taxes for these service anyway,

NOTE Confidence: 0.961567404444444

01:29:03.650 --> 01:29:05.168 so I think we're getting shortchanged

NOTE Confidence: 0.961567404444444

01:29:05.168 --> 01:29:06.900 no matter which way you look at it.

NOTE Confidence: 0.881320912

01:29:09.370 --> 01:29:12.207 And just for people to recognize,
NOTE Confidence: 0.881320912

01:29:12.207 --> 01:29:14.823 we covered some of these issues early on
NOTE Confidence: 0.881320912

01:29:14.823 --> 01:29:17.280 we had Josh Josh Sharfstein from Johns
NOTE Confidence: 0.881320912

01:29:17.280 --> 01:29:19.751 Hopkins and his group that have put
NOTE Confidence: 0.881320912

01:29:19.751 --> 01:29:21.809 together a set of guiding principles,
NOTE Confidence: 0.881320912

01:29:21.810 --> 01:29:23.796 working with shatterproof and others to
NOTE Confidence: 0.881320912

01:29:23.796 --> 01:29:26.449 work with the States and the municipalities.
NOTE Confidence: 0.881320912

01:29:26.450 --> 01:29:28.330 As as Ryan pointed out,
NOTE Confidence: 0.881320912

01:29:28.330 --> 01:29:30.486 Ryan before we leave one quick question,
NOTE Confidence: 0.881320912

01:29:30.490 --> 01:29:32.332 a number of folks have asked
NOTE Confidence: 0.881320912

01:29:32.332 --> 01:29:34.070 about access to your slides.
NOTE Confidence: 0.881320912

01:29:34.070 --> 01:29:37.034 Are you comfortable if we share
NOTE Confidence: 0.881320912

01:29:37.034 --> 01:29:39.973 those absolutely OK? Thank you.
NOTE Confidence: 0.881320912

01:29:39.973 --> 01:29:42.297 So thank you everybody,
NOTE Confidence: 0.881320912

01:29:42.300 --> 01:29:44.568 just a reminder that this is
NOTE Confidence: 0.881320912

01:29:44.568 --> 01:29:46.080 part of a series.

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01:29:46.080 --> 01:29:49.594 The series was generously sponsored by the

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01:29:49.594 --> 01:29:52.598 Sandgaard Foundation and we appreciate that.

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01:29:52.600 --> 01:29:55.729 Please stay in touch with us either

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01:29:55.729 --> 01:29:58.670 through our listserv or through Twitter.

NOTE Confidence: 0.881320912

01:29:58.670 --> 01:30:01.904 And I think that's it for today.

NOTE Confidence: 0.881320912

01:30:01.910 --> 01:30:03.068 Thank you everybody.

NOTE Confidence: 0.934304915

01:30:04.150 --> 01:30:05.298 Thank you so much.

NOTE Confidence: 0.6838132533333333

01:30:05.440 --> 01:30:06.970 Thank you Ryan. This is Trent.

NOTE Confidence: 0.6838132533333333

01:30:06.970 --> 01:30:09.230 Thank you Ryan. Appreciate it.

NOTE Confidence: 0.6838132533333333

01:30:09.230 --> 01:30:10.020 Thanks everybody.