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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT OPIOID TASK FORCES

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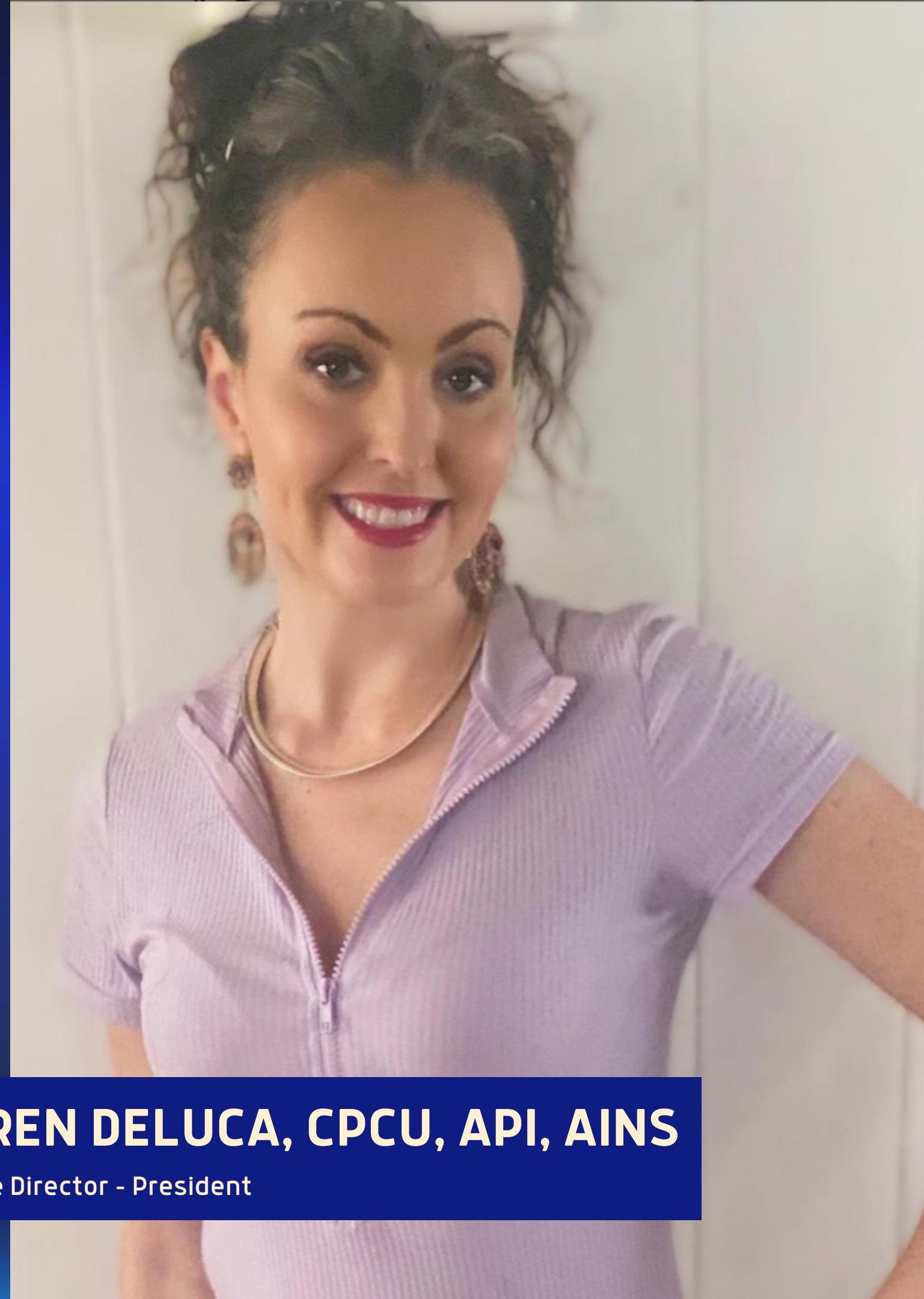
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WHAT IS A STATE OPIOID TASK FORCE?

Who are they?



A group of individuals appointed through legislative measures

What do they do?



Devise state level policies and strategies to address the illicit and medicinal use of opioids in the nation



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TYPES OF OPIOID TASK FORCES

FEDERAL



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- AHRQ
- CDC
- FDA
- HHS
- HRSA
- NAM
- NIH
- VA

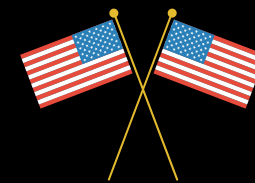


STATE



2

- Governor
- Attorney General
- HHS



LOCAL



3

- Cities, Towns & Counties
- Hospitals
- Community



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HOW DO TASK FORCES GET CREATED?

STEP 1

Congressional appropriation bill creates an annual fiscal budget for all agencies and state municipalities

STEP 2

The federal agencies and states receive the money

STEP 3

State representatives determine the need for opioid task forces and committees

STEP 4

State representatives work on legislative measures to create the necessary task forces and committees to craft the state response previously identified



STATE LEGISLATION OUTLINES THE PARAMETERS OF THE STATE OPIOID TASK FORCES

- ✓ DURATION OF THE TASK FORCE'S WORK
- ✓ COMPOSITION OF THE TASK FORCE
- ✓ ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES



GETTING INVOLVED WITH YOUR OPIOID TASK FORCE

EVERY STATE HAS AN OPIOID TASK FORCE

You have the right as a citizen to participate and be aware of the opioid task forces' meetings

Use the ***National Directory*** located on the ***Membership Page*** on the ***CIAAG Website*** to locate your state task force information

- CIAAG has requested opioid task force information from all 50 states - This information is updated on our website as it is received
- If your state's opioid task force information is not listed - contact your local HHS office to obtain the necessary information

LOCATING YOUR STATE OPIOID TASK FORCE

Call or email your state HHS office to request the necessary information

Below is a script for you to use:

Hi, my name is (insert name), I am a member of Chronic Illness Advocacy & Awareness Group. I am reaching out for assistance in locating our state's opioid task force or committee. I am not sure of the name of the task force itself; however, I am aware there are opioid task forces in every state. As a citizen and a member of CIAAG, I have a vested interest in the outcome of the work being done by the committee; therefore, I am seeking the name of the committee, the url of the committee's website and the list of individuals appointed to the committee. I am seeking this information so I can introduce myself and become familiar with the work that they are doing. Thank you, I appreciate your time and assistance.

- Be Persistent - you may need to follow up numerous times to obtain requested information
- Upon receipt, forward information to CIAAG so it can be shared with other members

Your state opioid
task force



GETTING IN TOUCH WITH YOUR OPIOID TASK FORCE

Obtain relevant contact information

- The opioid task force's website
- If not on website, contact HHS and request the opioid task force's information

Send an introductory email

"Hi my name is (insert name). I am a member of Chronic Illness Advocacy & Awareness Group and a concerned constituent. I am reaching out to introduce myself to learn more about the committees' work - managing the illicit and medicinal use of opioids in our state. The work being done by the opioid task force is vitally important to the health and well being of millions of citizens who live with chronic illnesses/conditions. I look forward to learning more about the important work being done by the task force and thank you in advance for your time and consideration"

LEARNING THE LOCAL RESPONSE

WITH OPIOID TASK FORCE WEBSITE

- Locate and read previous meeting notes and other documentation produced by the task force/committee
- After reading the task force/committee notes and other documentation, make a list outlining positive and negative action items, discussions or task force plans
- Send that list to CIAAG, we will help you develop a customized strategy based on the feedback you provided

WITHOUT OPIOID TASK FORCE WEBSITE

- Email your state's HHS office
- Request any email contact for the opioid task force/committee
- Email the opioid task force/committee and request meeting agendas, notes and other documentation generated by the committee
- Follow up until the information is received
- Send this information to CIAAG once it is received

ATTENDING TASK FORCE MEETINGS

- Check the opioid task force's website to find future meeting dates, times and locations
- If they are not listed, contact the task force via email to request meeting dates, times and locations
- We recommend that you attend the meetings and learn what is going on.
- Task force meetings should be open to the public
- Personally introduce yourself to the TF members (beginning or end of meeting)
- Take notes about positive and negative discussions that took place
- Send an email to the task force providing them your feedback - both positive & negative
- If you don't speak up, they won't know
- It is easier to influence policy before it happens rather than after the fact
- Stay in touch and follow the committee work to it's completion
- Make sure to share your findings with us at CIAAG



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