

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
RESOLUTION 18-088
RESOLUTION FORMALIZING THE CREATION OF AN OPIOID TASK
FORCE KNOWN AS “A WAY OUT”**

WHEREAS, more than 33,000 Americans died from opioid overdoses in 2015 according to the United States Center for Disease Control; and

WHEREAS, that number increased to 42,249 deaths in 2016, which was five times the number of opioid-related deaths in 1999; and

WHEREAS, fatal opioid overdoses in Morris County rose from 43 in 2015 to 64 in 2016 and exceeded that number in 2017; and

WHEREAS, no community is immune from the opioid scourge; and

WHEREAS, the Township formed an Opiate Task Force known as “A Way Out” in 2017 after Morris County Chief Assistant Prosecutor Brad Seabury spoke to Long Hill Township residents in April; and

WHEREAS, “A Way Out” seeks to connect those affected by opiate abuse with local, county and state resources to get them the help that they need; and

WHEREAS, “A Way Out”, in conjunction with the Prosecutor’s Office, is responsible for the installation of a prescription medication drop box in the Township Police Department lobby; and

WHEREAS, Officer-in-Charge Ahmed Naga of the Long Hill Township Police Department has noted that the policing of drug abuse in recent years has shifted emphasis from criminalization to treatment; and

WHEREAS, “A Way Out” is following the lead of the County Prosecutor’s Office and other agencies which have sought to reduce the stigma associated with drug abuse; and

WHEREAS, “A Way Out” seeks to address the crisis locally through four central initiatives: education, detection, prevention and recovery; and

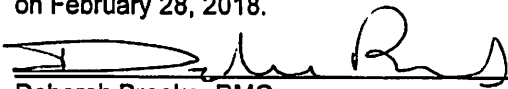
WHEREAS, the task force has met with School Superintendent Edwin Acevedo and other school district professionals to discuss opiate awareness efforts in the Township’s K-8 school system;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The creation of the opioid task force known as “A Way Out” which is described in the preamble is hereby formalized.
2. The members of the task force shall be appointed by the Township Committee and shall include various constituencies within the Township.
3. The term of each member shall be one year, commencing on January 1 and ending December 31 in the year of appointment.

Adopted by Township Committee on February 28, 2018.

I, Deborah Brooks, Township Clerk of the Township of Long Hill, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, hereby certify this to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee on February 28, 2018.



 Deborah Brooks, RMC
 Township Clerk

INTRODUCED	SECONDED	COMMITTEE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
		DORSI	X			
X		MERINGOLO	X			
		PISERCHIA	X			
		RAE	X			
	X	SCHULER	X			