

For Immediate Release
January 3, 2018
Media Contact: David Doyle 518-326-6400 & 518-424-0999
David@GramercyCommunications.com

Statement on Governor Cuomo's Five Point-Plan to Combat Addiction from John Coppola, Executive Director of The New York Association of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Providers (ASAP) and #SuperstormOpioids Public Awareness Campaign

"Governor Cuomo was loud and clear – combatting opioid addiction with prevention, treatment, and recovery will be a priority for New York State policymakers in 2018.

ALBANY N.Y. – "Governor Cuomo was loud and clear – combatting opioid addiction with prevention, treatment, and recovery will be a priority for New York State policymakers in 2018.

Making the opioid pandemic a prominent part of his State of the State, the Governor is setting the stage for a stronger response to the rising number of overdose deaths that will set a new record in 2018.

We commend the governor for recognizing that this public health crisis – Superstorm Opioids – requires not only strong leadership but also significant action, stating that this pandemic of overdose and addiction to opioids must be addressed with a multi-prong approach that includes prevention, treatment, and recovery services.

Moving forward, New York State must align our resources with the magnitude of this problem if we are to make real progress and save lives. Strengthening the prevention, treatment, and recovery workforce and increasing funds to support their efforts is critical to reducing the pain and suffering for families and communities across New York.

The treatment and prevention community stands ready to partner with the Governor, Senate, and Assembly to strengthen the service continuum and push back on the tsunami of addiction and overdose that is sweeping our state and country.

We are hopeful, after hearing the Governor today, that the proposed budget will provide resources for this to happen."

#

About ASAP: The New York Association of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Providers (ASAP) works to support organizations, groups and individuals that prevent and alleviate the profound personal, social and economic consequences of substance use disorders in New York State. ASAP represents the interests of the largest continuum of substance use disorders prevention, treatment, and recovery service providers in the country.