

Drug & Alcohol Division Launches New Programs

By Becky Bartlett

EASTON - Lamont McClure and the Drug and Alcohol Division recently announced two grant-funded programs to assist Northampton County residents struggling with substance abuse.

The Housing Emergency Response to Opioids or HERO program, is designed for individuals addicted to opioids who are homeless or facing eviction. People can be referred to the program through transitional housing sites, recovery court, one of the County's five Recovery Centers or can call 610-829-HELP (4357). Rent and assistance with utility payments can be covered for up to six months. This program will end in September.

The Police Assisting in Recovery or PAIR, allows case managers to work with people referred by police officers. Police will give out cards with instructions on how to seek help to people who appear to be struggling with addiction or drive them to one of the County's Recovery centers. They will also work with community agencies. This program is designed for interactions where police officers encounter someone who needs help. It cannot be used for incidents which involve criminal activity.

At least eight police departments are participating in the program.

The \$452,027 HERO and \$242,612 PAIR grants are funded by the Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP).

County of Northampton Recovery Centers

· A Clean Slate at 100 S. 1st Street, Bangor, PA 18013 (610-452-9348)
<https://cleanslatebangor.com>

· Change on Main at 1830 Main Street Northampton, PA 18067 (484-353-6617)
<https://change-on-main.org>

· Hope Center at 429 E. Broad Street, Bethlehem, PA 18015 (484-788-3665)
treatmenttrends.org/index.php/programs/hope-center

· Oasis at 3410 Bath Pike, Bethlehem, PA 18017 (484-747-6825) www.oasisbethlehem.org

Palmer Recovery Center at 2906 William Penn Highway, Easton, PA 18045 (610-438-0853)
PalmerRecoveryCenter.org



Presentation Of A Donation To The Department Of Veteran's Affairs

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EASTON - Lamont McClure, Director of Human Services Susan Wandalowski and Director of Veteran Affairs Alex Carrillo will accept the donation of a wall monument recognizing those who served in the global war on terrorism from Post 611 American Legion and the Pennsylvania Chapter of the State Guard Association of the United States at 2:00PM on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 in the Government Rotunda at 669 Washington Street, Easton, PA 18042.

Post 611 American Legion is making the donation in appreciation for the many years of service from the Northampton County Veterans Affairs Office in helping veterans and providing veteran services and support.

"We are pleased and honored to accept this donation from Post 611 American Legion and the Pennsylvania Chapter of the State Guard Association of the United States," says Lamont McClure. "This week, the nation celebrates the National Salute to Veteran Patients, reminding us all to honor the brave men and women who have sacrificed to protect the freedoms we all enjoy."

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