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To all county council members,

I am aware of the numerous lawsuits that the county has brought against them by the neglect from Well Path in LCCF far more than just the deaths in recent months. The opioid settlement funds should not be given by no means to be used for the Suboxone program run by Well Path. Their contract should be voided come May 20223. They have cost the taxpayers enough money. Also, I am frustrated with any type of detox unit inside the prison walls, which I have heard personally was in a day room and 72 hour which is not enough time or proper treatment for the illicit drug supply on the streets in Luzerne county. as per ME tox screens and my personal experience working harm reduction and hiv and hvc on streets. it would take at least 7 to 10 days to properly detox one from xyaline, fentanyl, ketamine . There is just medically to much to go wrong, Seizures to death. I think well path where there is no medical Dr. in there. If the county wants to continue to lock people up and charge them for drug paraphrenalia they should then use the Leti funds for this. also, send them bed to bed treatment immediately following incarceration with proper detox protocol. I would alsolike to be on this opoid board as well where my experience speaks for itself. All these opoid funding needs to be allocated properly in our county. We lost 170 last year, over 200 in 2022 enough is enough already. people are dying on the streets. There is much stigma with the police dept. ems etc. we need more prevention and teach children in schools not the DARE program. the real truth of drugs supplies. real data real from a real mother who lost her child from overdose. who shows other people harm reduction is love and saves lives every single day. SUD/mental health shouldnt be frowned upon but helped.

Thank you,
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