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NACCHO PODCAST
Overprescribing Rates and the Opioid Crisis in Kentucky
Podcast with Teresa Hunter Public Health Director
Bell County Health Department, Pineville, KY

Washington, DC, July 26, 2019 – The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) is the voice of the nation’s nearly 3,000 local health departments. NACCHO hosts the regularly scheduled NACCHO Podcast Series Podcast from Washington.

On this week’s episode, Ian Goldstein and Eli Briggs discussed the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2019 agreement that would raise cap levels for non-defense discretionary spending in FY2020 and FY2021. They also discussed the Administration’s new Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) rules, and the Food and Drug Administration’s anti-smoking campaign aimed at youth.

Later in the program, Ian Goldstein sat down with Teresa Hunter, Public Health Director for the Bell County Health Department in Pineville, KY. They talked about overprescribing rates in Bell County and how that contributed to the opioid epidemic. Ms. Hunter also described activities the county health department has done with support of NACCHO to curb the opioid epidemic.

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