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## **United Way of Chittenden County and Vermont Department of Health Continue the Governor's Forum on Opiate Addiction**

July 16, 2014 (South Burlington, VT) - United Way of Chittenden County and Vermont Department of Health will cohost a Chittenden County community conversation following the Governor's June 16 community forum on opiate addiction at the Vermont Statehouse.

This follow up community meeting will be held on August 5<sup>th</sup> from 8:30AM - noon at the Vermont Commons School at 75 Green Mountain Drive in South Burlington, VT, just off Shelburne Road behind IDX. This meeting will convene partnerships to begin building a coordinated, community-wide strategy to address heroin and opiate addiction in Chittenden County.

Following the governor's state-wide forum United Way of Chittenden County is facilitating continued discussion and action. "The proliferation of substance abuse is a community problem – if we're going to solve it we all have to own it," said United Way of Chittenden County executive director Martha Maksym. "With increased public awareness has come a surge of willful energy from citizens and organizations throughout the state to get involved. We're proud of our community for stepping up to work together on this."

The development of prevention strategies is a key focus for United Way in 2014 as part of their work to advance health and well being in Chittenden County. United Way of Chittenden County encourages those interested to RSVP to [susana@unitedwaycc.org](mailto:susana@unitedwaycc.org) by July 11th to join the conversation.

### ***About United Way of Chittenden County:***

*United Way of Chittenden County unites our whole community to solve complex problems and harness the power of people to create a stronger Chittenden County. United Way convenes advocates, organizations and institutions to address the community's most pressing issues, focusing on the building blocks of a vibrant community: Education, Income and Health. The problems facing our community are complex; they are issues that no single organization or individual alone can solve – real change is possible when nonprofit, public and private sectors work together. United Way has the networks, partnerships and strategic initiatives to improve the lives of our family, friends and neighbors.*

*For more information or to get involved, visit [www.unitedwaycc.org](http://www.unitedwaycc.org).*

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