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To: [Lee, Chris](#)
Subject: Fwd: Work Plan: Symptoms to Prognosis to Treatment -- Missing Diagnosis step in Medical Model of Disease Analysis
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Hi Chris.

Please post this email with the documents at

<https://milwaukee.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=2965576&GUID=0563F682-215F-46EF-B751-663D43F417EC&Options=ID%7CText%7C&Search=161554>

Thank you

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Dear Milwaukee City/County Heroin, Opioid and Cocaine Task Force members.

I know the latest version of the Work Plan is an incomplete draft and that is why I want to call your attention to the following:

The language used in File #161061, the Task Force mandate -- resolving to accomplish its goals via "**public health prevention approaches**" -- is unfortunate. To date, the Task Force has declined to consider the public health implications of drug prohibition, the "War on Drugs" and the relationship between the enforcement of the drug laws, substance abuse and overdose death. The harms caused by prohibiting certain substances directly affect public health and lead to overdose deaths. If the Task Force continues to ignore this, it is unlikely that its efforts will produce any significant, long-lasting, impact on the systemic causes leading to drug overdose deaths in Milwaukee. Unfortunately, carrying out its mission while ignoring the impact of prohibition, will, by masking the root cause of the problem, result in more "**health prevention**".

As a member of the Community, I am attempting to collaborate with you by reminding the Task Force that Our Community exists in the context of legally sanctioned drug prohibition, which criminalizes the mere possession or consumption of "controlled substances", and which is implemented via a coercive law enforcement regime. I support my contention that the War on Drugs causes harms that leads to drug abuse and overdoses with sourced references and data. Please review the "Paul Mozina Work Plan Comments 02-09-18" document at <https://milwaukee.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=2965576&GUID=0563F682-215F-46EF-B751-663D43F417EC&Options=ID%7CText%7C&Search=161554>. I invested considerable time and energy into providing this feedback and I recently gave Chris an updated version of the document that corrects the annoying formatting errors in the previous version of the document.

Is the Task Force prioritizing the goals it has set forth to date? If not, please consider this valuable exercise.

Were the goals a result of an in-depth investigation and diagnosis of the root causes of drug abuse and overdose? How did Task Force members establish them? Given that the community is the foundation of the report, why are the goals limited to those established by Task Force members?

Do the strategies consider the context of drug prohibition and the resulting harms caused by the War on Drugs? Do the strategies address effects or causes?

Thank you for your consideration of my effort — as a member of the community — to collaborate with you.

Paul Mozina