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Meeting of the Milwaukee City-County Heroin, Opioid, and Cocaine Task Force.

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Comments by **Kathy Federico** DEA Tactical Diversion Squad (emphasis mine):

And you did talk about some of the administrative proceedings that we can take against our physicians that are over prescribing and **not prescribing in a legitimate manner**, that puts oxycodone and hydrocodone on the street.

And we do have a lot of those.

And I mean the other issue we have is, is having ahh — **prosecutions** — of physicians that are pumping pills on the street without people having legitimate medical problems.

And that's an issue we address all the time because nobody wants to put a doctor behind — in jail.

Note her use of the term “our physicians” this is because of the DEA’s power over their licenses and other regulatory matters.

She could barely get herself to say the word **prosecutions**.

She almost said ‘because nobody wants to put a doctor behind bars’, but caught herself and said — “in jail.”

The State does not have a problem putting the rest of us, especially Black Men, in jail for violating the controlled substances act. But Doctors — come on, nobody wants to do that!

Don't you think we should ask Ms. Federico exactly HOW the DEA addresses this issue all the time?