

The Marshall University School of Pharmacy (MUSOP) is a public R2 research university in Huntington, West Virginia (WV). We are delighted to support the Action Collaborative on Countering the U.S. Opioid Epidemic sponsored by the NAM. We are committed to helping combat the opioid crisis on multiple fronts through our collaborative and interdisciplinary efforts in the classroom and in clinical settings. As a Network Organization, we look forward to working with other stakeholders to combat the opioid epidemic.

**Health professional education and training:** We have introduced educational activities into all levels of our PharmD curricula. This includes didactic instruction in both prevention efforts, such as improved pain management strategies, and screening and treatment approaches along with other experiential experiences that provide direct hands-on exposure to patients suffering from substance abuse disorder.

**Opioid prescribing guidelines and evidence standards:** At the state level, several members of the Department of Pharmaceutical Science and Research (DPSR) have served on the Governor's Task Force on Substance Abuse Prevention while one of our other faculty members is serving as the Chairman of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment.

**Prevention, treatment, and recovery:** Utilizing the APhA-ASP collaboration with Cardinal Health and Ohio State University, pharmacy students cooperate with local elementary, middle and high schools to provide age appropriate material that addresses the effects of drugs on the body, proper drug utilization, drug disposal as well as their impact on society. This goal of these efforts is to provide information to every grade, middle, and high school in Cabell County, WV and the Tri-State Area including KY and OH. Likewise, a MUSOP partnership