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Centerstone Vice President Testifies on Addiction Recovery Centers before Indiana Senate Committee

Linda Grove-Paul addresses how the State of Indiana can better equip community health providers to address the opioid crisis and treat addiction like a chronic disease

Indianapolis, Ind. (January 30, 2019) – Earlier today, the Indiana State Senate Committee on Health & Provider Services held a hearing on Senate Bill 33 to create a Comprehensive Addiction Recovery Centers grant program. The grant would help establish certified treatment centers offering the full range of person-centered addiction treatment options. Treatment options include detoxification, relapse prevention, counseling and recovery services and peer supports, and medication assisted treatments to generate meaningful, data-driven outcomes. Linda Grove-Paul, vice president of adult services for Centerstone, delivered remarks to the committee outlining potential changes in models of care to better address addiction recovery.

In 2017, more than 1,700 Hoosiers died from a drug overdose, an all-time high and a 75 percent increase since 2011, according to the [Richard M. Fairbanks Foundation](#).

“The addiction crisis stems from the fact that, fundamentally, we do not, as a nation, treat addiction like the chronic disease that it is,” said Grove-Paul. “This is what we have to change. Centerstone endorses Senate Bill 33, which will move us a step closer to establishing a standard of care for addiction treatment and will help ensure all Hoosiers have access to patient-centered, personalized treatment that is right for them.”

Grove-Paul’s testimony underscored the importance the Senate bill’s proposed policy changes and grant funding, which are modeled after recent federal legislation. The Indiana bill seeks to establish a comprehensive standard of care for addiction treatment, strengthen the state’s behavioral health infrastructure and improve access to mental healthcare services.

As one of the Indiana’s top behavioral health providers, Centerstone understands the challenges of treating addiction across the state and remains committed to offering a full range of person-centered addiction treatments. Centerstone applauds the state’s efforts to recognize addiction as a chronic disease and establish a network of Comprehensive Addiction Recovery Centers that can provide the full continuum of evidence-based treatments.

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