

Local Dental Office Steps Forward to show its Support for your Veterans

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Dr. Ron Murphy, local dentist from Batavia, IL, joined many colleagues from all across the country during special Leadership conferences hosted by MGE: Management Experts, Inc. in Florida. The training sessions included topics to increase one's altruistic responsibility for the welfare of one's community. One of the guest speakers was from DC Strategic Solutions, Mr. John Spagnola, who advocated for the health and welfare of veterans.

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The horrific statistics of veteran suicides and the ten years plus of unchanged veteran suicide deaths were brought to light during this presentation. Mr. Spagnola pointed out that the vast majority of veterans do not understand the side effects or that treatment options are available to them. He added that this was in large part due to a misunderstanding, that verbal consent is adequate to apply to Black Box Medications such as Antidepressants, Stimulants, and Opioids, "That's fine for Aspirins or Tylenol but not the highest risk medications", Spagnola stated. "We must take every conceivable step imaginable to protect and fully inform our veterans", he added.

Written Informed Consent should improve their health outcomes and make it more likely for the veterans to be involved in their treatment plans. The conference then played a short clip of a NewsMax interview Mr. Spagnola had with John Bachman, which provided statistics and solutions to help these warriors.

It was shocking to Dr. Murphy that our veterans don't typically have these opportunities to select their

treatment modalities and increase their chances for improvement for a better life. This was also the consensus of his peers at the conferences. The need for Written Informed Consent was so obvious that they all stood shoulder-to-shoulder to ensure that this issue becomes a reality.

The support provided to Mr. Spagnola assisted his work with veterans, including his work with the American Legion. One result was a resolution in support of Written Informed Consent being approved by the National Executive Committee of the American Legion, May 10-11 2023, in Indianapolis, Indiana. Resolution No. 18: Written Informed Consent.

Dr. Murphy point out to his colleagues that it is up to us to demonstrate the leadership needed to improve the health and welfare of our communities. These veterans are willing to give all for us -- so we can at least support causes that support them

About

Dr. Murphy graduated from SIU Dental School in Alton, IL in 2002. He did his undergraduate at Bradley University graduating in 1998. His practice is located in Batavia, IL where he has been practicing since January 2005. He resides in Batavia with his wife and three young girls. During dental school, Dr. Murphy went to Jamaica on a humanitarian trip where a team of doctors and students performed extractions, cleanings, and basic restorative procedures. Furthermore, when he graduated from SUI Dental School, he received an award from The Academy of Operative Dentistry. He is currently a member of the American Dental Association, Illinois Dental Society (<http://www.isds.org>), Fox Valley Dental Society, and the Academy of General Dentistry. He received an award for Top Doc organization in 2011.

Dr. Murphy enjoys spending time within the community. He has been a member of Batavia Rotary since 2005 and served as Secretary of the club for 2 years. Furthermore, he is a member of the Batavia Chamber of Commerce and served on Batavia Access Fireworks Committee.

Dr. Murphy likes to spend his free time traveling to warm places. Furthermore, he enjoys deep-sea fishing. He is still looking for the blue marlin that got away from him on his honeymoon in 2002. In addition, Dr. Murphy enjoys spending time with his family. The three little girls keep him hopping.

Dr. Murphy listens to patients needs and answers all questions. He enjoys providing quality and personalized health care to each patient.

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