

Tonight, a widower will cry herself hysterically to sleep & a baby is taking her first step without the watchful eye of her father. These are some of the stories that permeate multiple communities in the US because of the opioid epidemic. Whether the opioid crisis was caused by deceptive marketing by pharmaceutical companies or economically driven medical providers who discarded the Hippocratic Oath, the burden lies on all of us to fix it. Shockingly, nearly 30 percent of all the opioid prescriptions lack medical explanation as per an article from the Annals of Internal Medicine. Respect & honor to the National Academy of Medicine for picking up the baton in this opioid crisis.

J. Addoh Underserved, LLC is committed to procuring solutions to issues that affect the marginalized population with emphasis on socio-economic issues. JAU has a history of working with elected officials & like-minded organizations in multiple communities. While the opioid epidemic does not discriminate against socio-economic classes, it preyed on the impoverished and its effect on the vulnerable population is abundantly apparent. JAU is saddened but honored to partake in the mission to end the opioid epidemic. As a member of NAM Action Collaborative, JAU is committed to:

- Champion in the creation of evidence-based, comprehensive, holistic solutions to the opioid epidemic with emphasis on treatment & recovery
- Create pathways to protect altruistic medical providers & close loopholes so patients cannot abuse medical benefits
- Enforce solutions that decriminalize patients with opioid abuse disorders
- Put forth measures to make sure that history doesn't replicate itself

As a member of NAM Action Collaborative, JAU wish to shed some light on the opioid epidemic. An expeditious solution to the "man-made" opioid epidemic is needed because it occurred on the watch of our generation. Many of our predecessors endured unbelievable hardship to afford us opportunities and we have a moral duty to help others behind us.