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Lt. Gov., HHS official to discuss state/federal response to opioid crisis in Elgin on Wednesday

ELGIN – Lt. Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti and U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services Regional Director Douglas O'Brien will tour the Renz Treatment and Counseling Center in Elgin at 1 pm Wednesday and meet with first responders, treatment providers and health officials in Kane County to discuss the growing opioid overdose epidemic that claimed the lives of more than 2,100 Illinoisans in 2017.

Lt. Governor Sanguinetti, who co-chairs the Governor's Opioid Overdose Prevention and Intervention Task Force, has been touring the state seeking guidance from community leaders to help the task force implement its [Illinois Opioid Action Plan](#). The goal of the plan is to reduce opioid overdose-related deaths by one-third within three years.

The tour and roundtable discussion are open to the media (some areas of the building may be off limits to cameras). A media availability will follow.

- What:** **Lt. Gov. Evelyn Sanguinetti** and U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services **Region 5 Director Douglas O'Brien** discuss the opioid crisis in Elgin with local officials, including **Elgin Mayor Dave Kaptain**, Kane County **Sheriff Donald Kramer**, **Coroner Robert Russell**, Health Department **Executive Director Barbara Jeffers**, Renz Center **Executive Director Jerry Skogmo**, Probation **Director Emily Saylor**, Adult Drug Court **Director Lisa Aust**, Drug Free Communities **Coordinator Gil Feliciano** with the Coalition for a Safe and Healthy Elgin, and others.
- Where:** Renz Treatment and Counseling Center
1 American Way
Elgin
- Date:** Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2018
- Time:** 1 pm

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