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To: Schilz, Jeffjschilz@che.sc.gov  
Date: 1/29/2018 7:13:22 AM  
Subject: Re: Meeting today at the Opioid Summitt

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Thanks a lot

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From: Schilz, Jeff  
Sent: Sunday, January 28, 2018 2:23 PM  
To: Danny Varat  
Subject: Re: Meeting today at the Opioid Summitt

A few years ago the College of Charleston was the first school in the state to start a Collegiate Recovery Program. This was something that I pushed for when I was on the BOT there and it has now been up and running for over a year. Here are a few clips about the program.

<http://deanofstudents.cofc.edu/collegiate-recovery-program/>

[https://www.postandcourier.com/staff/david\\_quick/program-would-focus-on-sobriety-during-college/article\\_9ad51cd0-f25d-54ed-9fdb-67851b113411.html](https://www.postandcourier.com/staff/david_quick/program-would-focus-on-sobriety-during-college/article_9ad51cd0-f25d-54ed-9fdb-67851b113411.html)

[https://www.moultrienews.com/community-news/wood-marchant-to-head-college-of-charleston-collegiate-recovery-program/article\\_e04a5714-b66b-11e6-8b00-1f59d26e3138.html](https://www.moultrienews.com/community-news/wood-marchant-to-head-college-of-charleston-collegiate-recovery-program/article_e04a5714-b66b-11e6-8b00-1f59d26e3138.html)

USC is trying to start a similar program. Here is an article from last summer about their efforts. I am not aware of any programs at other schools. This doesn't mean that there aren't any, just that I am not aware of them.

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/education/article159230089.html>

Let me know if you need anything else.

Jeff

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From: Danny Varat  
Date: Saturday, January 27, 2018 at 11:18 AM  
To: "Schilz, Jeff"  
Subject: Fw: Meeting today at the Opioid Summitt

Would you look at the email of Ms. Sherrill and send me any information that might be relevant? Thanks

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From: Catherine McNicoll  
Sent: Friday, January 26, 2018 1:04 PM  
To: Danny Varat  
Subject: FW: Meeting today at the Opioid Summitt

Please advise

*Best Regards,*

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Subject: FW: Meeting today at the Opioid Summitt  
Hi Jimmie,

I am copying Logan and Freddie from our office who helped organize the event. Logan works in DC on the Legislative side and issues regarding opioid epidemic are in his wheelhouse.

I have also copied Lt. Gov Bryant so you can get some input on the State level. We truly appreciate your feedback, knowledge, and enthusiasm on this issue as you know it is close to my heart as well.

Take care and keep me in the loop,

Dominique

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From: Sherrill, Jimmie [mailto:JIMMIE.Sherrill@tenethealth.com]

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Subject: RE: Meeting today at the Opioid Summitt

Thank you so much Dominique! So enjoyed meeting you and chatting yesterday. It has long been of dream of this history loving woman to visit the White House!!!

Congressman Norman asked at the end of the Summit yesterday for suggestions on topics /concerns to be addressed at future summits. As I mentioned to you yesterday, I am interested in advocating for and increasing awareness of the needs of our young people in Recovery to be able to safely return to Colleges and Universities. Unfortunately our institutions of Higher Learning are, for the most part, not Recovery-safe environments, and are in fact a hostile environment for students seeking to remain sober. I agree strongly with the Association of Recovery in Higher Education that our young people should not have to choose between sobriety and a college education. Nationwide, the 18-24 year old age group is the fastest growing demographic for Americans seeking treatment for substance use disorder. It is estimated that 22.9% of our 5.4 million American college students meet criteria for substance use disorder. We cannot afford as a nation to lose this many of our 'best and brightest' to the dysfunction and high death rate of this horrible disease. I have started collecting information on what SC Colleges and Universities are doing and I am dismayed at what a low priority this is given at most. Most Collegiate Recovery programs are student led, without any full time, professional staff or dedicated space. I am, true to Republican values, dedicated to mobilizing like-minded individuals to commit to solving this issue, without government intervention, but there are legislative precedents. Governor Chris Christie in 2015 signed legislation requiring campuses in New Jersey to provide Sober Living accommodations in any college/university with more than 25% of their population residing on campus. Sorry for such a long e-mail, but I know we share a personal and professional passion for this subject, so I appreciate any suggestions/ connections /comments you may be able to share to help me as I take some first steps down this road. Feel free to share this email and my contact information with anyone you feel would also be interested or responsive.

Thank you again,

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To: Brian Butts; Hammond, Kimberly

Cc: Sherrill, Jimmie

Subject: RE: Meeting today at the Opioid Summitt

Hi Brian!

The mobile number on the back of that card is the 'bat phone' and you can call or text whenever you need myself or Ralph. Great event yesterday and great to speak with you. I want to thank you for everything you all have done for us and for the community!

I also look forward to working with you on Chamber events.

Until then may I introduce Kimmy in our DC office – she is on this email and will take over from here in getting you booked into tours etc in DC. She will take great care of you and I look forward to seeing your pictures!

Keep in touch,

Dom

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Subject: Meeting today at the Opioid Summitt

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me. My wife and I are leaving for DC on 04/08/2018 UNTIL 04/12/2018

The number on the back of your business card is that for when we get there? Please email me or Jimmie with what we need to do. I will let you know about chamber events that may be good for you to attend. Thank you again.

Brian D Butts

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