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**Congressional Men's Health Caucus to Hold Briefing on Links Between  
Opioids and Depression, Anxiety in Men and Boys**

Men's Health Network in collaboration with the Congressional Men's Health Caucus, Congressmen Markwayne Mullin (OK) and Donald Payne, Jr. (NJ) will hold the **"Men's and Boys' Mental Health Issues: Gateways to Opioid and Drug Abuse?"** briefing on Tuesday, January 30 at 2103 Rayburn House Office Building from 12:00 noon to 1:15 p.m.

Anxiety, fear, delinquency, under-diagnosed depression, PTSD, suicide: All conditions that are associated with boys and men across the life span. What are the causes and solutions, and do these lead to drug and opioid abuse? These issues will be explored by key researchers and practitioners in this timely briefing.

An overview of the latest research in mental health issues in men and boys will be featured, as well as the latest policy recommendations to improve equity in access to services.

RSVP is encouraged, but not required. Please contact Colin Stephenson at Briefing @ menshealthnetwork.org or 202-543-6461 x 101 for more information or to RSVP.

**WHAT:** Men's and Boys' Mental Health Issues: Gateways to Opioid and Drug Abuse?

**WHO:** **Representative Donald Payne, Jr.; New Jersey (Confirmed)**

**Representative Markwayne Mullin; Oklahoma (Invited)**

**Ana N. Fadich, MPH, CHES**

*Vice President, Men's Health Network : Chair, APHA Men's Health Caucus*

**Eric Murphy, PhD**

*Program Chief, Depression and Suicide Related Behaviors Program, National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)*

**Wizdom Powell, PhD, MPH, MS**

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**WHEN:** **Tuesday, January 30, 2018**  
**12:00 noon – 1:15 p.m. (Lunch will be included)**

**WHERE:** **2103 Rayburn House Office Building**

[Men's Health Network](http://www.menshealthnetwork.org) (MHN) is an international non-profit organization whose mission is to reach men, boys, and their families where they live, work, play, and pray with health awareness messages and tools, screening programs, educational materials, advocacy opportunities, and patient navigation. Learn more about MHN at [www.menshealthnetwork.org](http://www.menshealthnetwork.org) and follow them on Twitter @MensHlthNetwork or Facebook at [www.facebook.com/menshealthnetwork](https://www.facebook.com/menshealthnetwork).

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