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## Henderson County Hosts Opioid Leadership Forum

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**Hendersonville, NC – March 26, 2018**

On Wednesday, March 28, Henderson County hosts the Opioid Leadership Forum beginning at 12:15 p.m. in the Technology Center at Blue Ridge Community College. Speakers are local leaders with first-hand knowledge of the current opioid crisis.

On Thursday, March 29 at 6:30 p.m., in the Blue Ridge Community College Conference Hall, Hope Rx of Henderson County in conjunction with Henderson County Government is hosting an evening with Sam Quinones, award-winning journalist and author of *Dreamland: The True Tale of America's Opiate Epidemic*. Quinones will share the importance of a community response to this epidemic that is sweeping our nation and affecting our surrounding communities. The evening will be an eye-opening opportunity to explore ways we can further address this issue in Henderson County. A question and answer session will follow.

Quinones worked as a freelance reporter in Mexico and worked for the Los Angeles Times covering immigration-related stories and gangs. After leaving the LA Times in 2014, he returned to freelance writing and wrote for *National Geographic*, *Pacific Standard Magazine*, the *New York Times*, the *Los Angeles Magazine*, and several other publications. He has appeared on C-Span and NPR, among others.

The *Dreamland* event is a ticketed event. General admission is \$5. Visit Eventbrite or contact [hoperxhc@gmail.com](mailto:hoperxhc@gmail.com) for tickets or further information. Other sponsors include Pardee Hospital, Park Ridge Health, The Partnership for Health, and Blue Ridge Community College.

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