Speaker Luncheon Series
Thursday, November 8
University Club FACULTY ROOM (Upper level)
Presentation at 11:30 a.m., Lunch following at the IMU Tudor Room

Panel Discussion on Opioid Epidemic

Kristin Bishay - CASA
Elizabeth Bullock - DCS
Forrest Gilmore - Shalom Center

Kristin Bishay-Director of CASA - Court Appointed Special Advocate
Kristin trained to become a CASA in 1996 and actively took cases until 2002 when she joined the staff. In 2007 she became the director. She oversees a 13 member staff who recruit, screen, train and supervise adult community members who volunteer their time to serve as advocates to child victims, ensuring they remain at the forefront of the court proceedings. CASA volunteers work to find safe permanent homes as quickly as possible. Her office has worked with over 650 children this year.

Elizabeth Bullock DCS - Department of Child Services
Elizabeth oversees a staff of over 55 caseworkers in Monroe County who investigate allegations of abuse and/or neglect. The caseworkers work with families to prevent unnecessary separation by identifying problems and assisting families in solving them. They work to return children who have been removed from their homes to their families through services to the child and family. The current case load in Monroe County is over 550 children.

Reverend Forrest Gilmore – Shalom Community Center
Reverend Forrest Gilmore has led the Shalom Community Center (a resource center for people experiencing extreme poverty) as its Executive Director since April of 2011 and as Assistant Director prior to that from January 2010. In his tenure as Executive Director, the organization has quintupled in size to a 1.8 million dollar annual budget with a staff of 27. The program expansion has included two Housing First Permanent Supportive Housing Programs for disabled, chronically homeless individuals and families, a rapid re-housing program for working, homeless families, a street outreach program, expansion of the day shelter to 7 days per week, and the addition of an overnight shelter. Prior to Gilmore’s work at Shalom, he served as minister to congregations in Carmel, CA and Princeton, NJ. He is an ordained Unitarian minister with a special passion for social justice grounded in organizational excellence.

There will be no meal served in the University Club. After the panel discussion, those who desire can go for lunch at the Tudor Room. Lunch will be on your own.

Reservations are required. Please call the office so we know how many chairs to set for the presentation and call in a group reservation for the Tudor Room.

Deadline for reservations Friday, November 2nd.