

Press Release

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For Immediate Release

Substance Abuse Free Indian River (SAFIR Coalition) and VNA of the Treasure Coast partner for SAFIR Rx

Robin Dapp, Chair of the Substance Abuse Free Indian River Coalition delivered three cases of Deterra bags to Mary Spears, Director of Home Health and Candace Sherwood, Hospice Patient Care Manager. “Our goal is to support a safe and healthy environment for our county residents,” said Robin Dapp, Chair of the local Coalition. Teens tells us that prescription medications are easily accessed from the family medicine cabinet, and national statistics demonstrate that nearly 70% of opioid medications in homes with children are not stored safely. When it comes time to dispose of medications it is not environmentally safe to throw them in the trash or flush them, we need to protect our environment; the bags neutralize the medications and make them safe for disposal in the trash.

The bags are available online and are distributed to the community at local health fairs and events by the Coalition. Safe storage and proper disposal can be a lifesaver, since 80% of all heroin users report misusing prescription opiates prior to illicit drug use (National Survey of Drug Use and Health).

For more information regarding SAFIR Rx please contact Robin Dapp at 770-4811 or visit [safirc.org](http://safirc.org)



Mary Spears, Robin Dapp, and Candace Sherwood