State Rep. Pam Snyder’s

“Facts on Fighting Opioids”

With my support, these are some of the key ways the legislature has battled the Opioid Crisis in bipartisan fashion since 2015.

Opioid Crisis bills that became PA law

✓ H.B. 1699 – Prohibits a health care practitioner from prescribing more than seven days of an opioid drug product to a patient seeking treatment in an emergency department or urgent care center. Passed the House, 191-0.

✓ S.B. 1367 – Creates the Prescribing Opioids to Minors chapter in Title 35 (Health and Safety) to prohibit prescribing an opioid to a minor, with certain limitations, for more than seven days. Passed the House, 191-0.

✓ H.B. 608 – Controls the manufacture of dangerous new drugs by expediting the process of adding chemicals to the list of illegal precursor substances – and provides the Health Secretary greater latitude in the scheduling of controlled substances. Passed the House, 188-1.

✓ S.B. 524 – Establishes a PILOT program allowing counties to seek grant funding to contract with providers to provide non-addictive medication assisted treatment to certain eligible offenders. Passed the House, 191-0.

✓ S.B. 1202 – Amends the Achieving Better Care by Monitoring All Prescriptions Program (ABC-MAP) Act, to require all prescribers and dispensers to obtain education in pain management and dispensing or prescribing practices of opioids. Passed the House, 190-0.

✓ S.B. 1368 – Requires licensing boards for certain health care practitioners to implement a “safe prescription of a controlled substance containing an opioid” curriculum – and provides for a patient voluntary non-opioid directive form which may be used by a patient to deny or refuse the administration or prescribing of a controlled substance containing an opioid. Passed the House, 191-0.

✓ S.B. 542 – Amends the Pharmacy Act to further define unlawful acts concerning emergency prescriptions. Passed the House, 187-0.

Opioid Crisis bills in the pipeline would:

✓ Clarify that a parent or guardian may give consent to drug or alcohol addiction treatment on behalf of a minor child. Passed the House, 199-0. (H.B. 17)

✓ Require the electronic prescribing of opioid medications as a means to prevent diversion due to handwritten prescriptions. Passed the House, 194-0. (H.B. 353)

✓ Provide for registration and regulation of pain management clinics to help prevent the diversion, misuse and abuse of controlled substances. Passed the House, 191-0. (H.B. 1043)

✓ Provide for involuntary emergency examination and treatment for individuals with substance use disorder who have overdosed. Received second consideration in the House. (H.B. 713)