TIM RYAN
National Thought Leader on Addiction & Opioids
Speaker Proposal

BRIEF BIOGRAPHY
Heroin didn't make Tim a better person. It stole more than half of his life. But he's dedicated every waking minute since walking out of prison to dealing hope to addicts and their families.

As a business leader in a high-tech industry, Tim made and lost millions. As a father and husband, Tim introduced his own son to deadly drugs. As a heroin addict, Tim overdosed eight times, was pronounced clinically dead three, and suffered two minor heart attacks. He was arrested more than 10 times and served prison time alongside known gang leaders – many of whom have become his closest confidants in recovery. By his own account, Tim Ryan shouldn't be here. But as he states, "Where there is life, there is hope."

Professionally, Tim is the National Outreach Coordinator for Transformations Drug & Alcohol Treatment Center, Executive Director of A Man in Recovery Foundation, Reality TV Persona for A&E's Dope Man, Author of the book "From Dope to Hope," and Advisor to Rehab.com.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS TITLE
"Heroin: Not an Epidemic, But a Pandemic!"

OBJECTIVE
Learn how to fight the opioid pandemic by discovering avenues to immediate and sustainable treatment and recovery

SUMMARY
A truly educational keynote, Tim explains who today's addicts truly are; how they get their hands on heroin, opiates, and other substances; the startling death rates among addicts – young and old alike; and how the "Pandemic of Addiction" can be stopped in our cities, towns, and communities. Woven into Tim's facts and figures is his own harrowing story of heroin addiction, incarceration, and losing his own son to an overdose. In contrast to the loss, Tim also shares real-life examples of families and kids he's helped through his foundation to find a life free of addiction. You'll be on the edge of your seat!

Through this presentation, audience members will:
- Recognize how the heroin pandemic affects – and requires the help of – an entire community
- Discover avenues for immediate and sustainable treatment and recovery
- Learn what is being done to address the pandemic and how to get involved