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## **Code4PA Winners Create Interactive App to Connect Opioid Users with Treatment Options**

**Harrisburg, PA** – The winners of the 2018 Code4PA codeathon have created a mobile app that provides users with personalized recommendations for opioid addiction treatment.

The winners were selected from 28 projects developed by teams of participants from across the state. Over 350 technology professionals, addiction and recovery experts, college students, state officials and others took part in this year's Code4PA, which kicked-off on September 20 in Harrisburg, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. The teams returned today to demonstrate their projects for judging.

"We are excited by many of the ideas presented today and their potential to help fight the opioid epidemic," said Secretary of Administration Sharon Minnich. "We look forward to continuing to work with the teams to further develop these ideas into solutions that can be used by state agencies, treatment providers, law enforcement and people struggling with opioid addiction."

The app, called Care4PA, suggests services and treatment providers based on information provided by the user such as their location, insurance provider and other details. Users can also view ratings of providers provided by other patients. Over time, the app will use this feedback to refine and improve recommendations. The app also provides state officials with insight into provider performance and utilization.

The winning team is made up of Chaitanya Dedhiya, Aniket Gode, Ilsa Snyder, Jahnavi Deshmukh and Pratik Sawant from the Harrisburg area.

Participants used opioid data from the state [open data portal](#) and other sources, as well as mobile, GIS and other technologies to develop app prototypes, data visualizations and other tools focused on prevention, rescue and recovery.

The winning team will receive special recognition, including a meet and greet with Governor Wolf, networking with commonwealth executives and publicity through press and social media.

In addition to the grand prize winner, special prizes were awarded for best use innovation, best team, best use of dataset/API, best use case, best use of geospatial technology and best prototype or app design.

Code4PA is hosted by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in partnership with Harrisburg University of Science and Technology, Code for Philly, Technology Council for Central PA,

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Event website: <https://www.code4pa.tech/>.

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