

The Heroin Epidemic, in Vermont and Beyond

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To the Editor:

Give Rutland, Vt., credit for knowing that it cannot arrest its way out of the heroin addiction problem confronting the community. It is understandable that a city “still mired in the recession” will have many residents experiencing hopelessness and despair, the pain driving the self-medicating behavior.

I believe that Rutland, by providing members of this community with hope for a better life by addressing the problem through a coordinated economic, social and drug treatment approach, will find its way out of this problem.

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