

## **On Dopamine**

“We need three things to survive (besides oxygen): food, water and dopamine. If you deprive study subjects of water for three days, then put them in a functional MRI and place water on their lips, the relative size of the craving is like a baseball. Do the same with food, and it is like a basketball. Then take someone with an addiction to opioids, up to one year after their last use, and talk about OxyContin while they are in a functional MRI, and the relative size of that craving is the size of a baseball field.” (Corey Waller MD, 2016)