MAT or MOUD in Correctional Settings

Considerations for Implementation

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MAT and MOUD in Correctional Settings: Shifting Landscape

- Opioid Crisis
- Recognition of high-risk populations including those with criminal justice involvement
- Scientific advances in treatment
- Legal cases
- Funding opportunities
System Readiness

- Surveys examining practices
- Many prisons beginning MOUD
- Many jails beginning MOUD
- Not universal
How ready is your system?

✧ Are full medication options available? Are prescribers able to prescribe or access all medications?
  – All three medications are available for initiation and continuation

✧ Are policies and procedures in place to help facilitate MOUD/MAT?

✧ Are staff appropriately trained to help facilitate MOUD/MAT?

✧ Are linkages established both for people entering and leaving to decrease risk of relapse and overdose?
Example 1: Administrative Interest, but Implementation Not Yet Started

- Local jail of 600
- Prescribers at the facility unfamiliar with how to prescribe for persons with OUD other than traditional “detox” services
- Sheriff recently gained access to Naloxone kits
- Interested leadership attend this conference
Example 2: Partial Implementation

✧ Local jail with average daily population of 600
✧ Began having naloxone injectable available in 2019
✧ Has for many years had a methadone program for pregnant inmates with a local community provider arrangement
✧ Now looking at prescribing buprenorphine when needed
✧ Staff training is beginning
Example 3: Full Implementation

- Prison population 1100
- All intakes are screened for OUD, other substance use disorders, and mental illness (and assessed for chronic disease like Hep C, HIV, and others)
- Some individuals are transferred from jail on MOUD
- Nurses, prescribers, security all have been trained on OUD and MOUD
- Sanctions for misuse managed through specialized considerations of illness management
- Individuals maintained and initiated on proper medications and doses
- Linkages established for release to community providers
- Parole staff trained to work with individuals with SUD/OUD
- Naloxone kits available and distributed
Implementation
Upon Entry and
During Period of Incarceration
Screening Tools

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- **Rapid Opioid Dependence Screen (RODS)**
  - Brief measure assessed in correctional settings
  - Can be administered by a non-clinician

- **Other rapid screens (SAMHSA Tip 63)**
  - Such as one question screens regarding use of drug or prescription other than as prescribed or for non-medical reasons

- **Screening for co-occurring conditions**

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Implementation

✧ Handoffs from the community or from the jails
✧ Initiation vs. continuation
✧ Patient declinations and next steps
✧ Sufficiency of Prescribers
✧ Staff Readiness and Training
✧ Overdose prevention
✧ Co-occurring mental health disorders
Clinical Services

✧ Who will provide them?
  – Mental health provider?
  – Substance use provider?
  – Medical provider?

✧ Counseling

✧ Clinical information sharing

✧ Staff and security assistance
Security Considerations

- Diversion
- Infractions
- Discipline or alternative pathways
- Attitudes and participation
- Overdose prevention
- Staff support and well-being
APIC: Re-Entry Planning

✧ Assess
  – Screen
  – Follow up with assessments

✧ Plan
  – Develop individualized treatment plans
  – Develop collaborative responses

✧ Identify
  – Anticipate challenges and identify interventions for post-release
  – Develop policies and practices for continuity of care

✧ Coordinate
  – Support adherence and supervision
  – Develop ways to share information
  – Support cross-training
  – Collect and analyze data for evaluation
Medicaid

✧ Suspension vs Termination
✧ Benefit plan management
✧ Coordination with local Medicaid offices
✧ ID needs to facilitate access
✧ Partnerships!!!! Bridge services?
✧ Covered Services
  – ?Peer support
Overdose Prevention

- Naloxone education
- Naloxone distribution
Community Tenure

- Participation with parole in program development with local providers
- Risk-Need-Responsivity Paradigms
- Cross-training
- Case conference discussions
- Crisis planning for relapses
- System for morbidity/mortality reviews
Questions?

✧ Thank you....
Working with communities to address the opioid crisis.

✧ SAMHSA’s State Targeted Response Technical Assistance (STR-TA) grant created the *Opioid Response Network* to assist STR grantees, individuals and other organizations by providing the resources and technical assistance they need locally to address the opioid crisis.

✧ Technical assistance is available to support the evidence-based prevention, treatment, and recovery of opioid use disorders.

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- The Opioid Response Network (ORN) provides local, experienced consultants in prevention, treatment and recovery to communities and organizations to help address this opioid crisis.
- The ORN accepts requests for education and training.
- Each state/territory has a designated team, led by a regional Technology Transfer Specialist (TTS), who is an expert in implementing evidence-based practices.
Contact the Opioid Response Network

✧ To ask questions or submit a request for technical assistance:
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