

MOUD in Corrections: Moving to Implementation Notetaking Template – Breakout Rooms

Day: January 26, 2021
Room name: 3A Developed a Complete Plan

Questions asked:

What are the challenges you face in implementing your plan into your systems?

Are you willing to accept MAT in our prison?

Has anyone implemented in a paper-based MAR environment?

Discussion themes that arose:

- Education in stigma
- Stigma is preventing them from implementing MAT in the prison
- Finding the correct provider for people released
- Lack of education
- Recovery coaches believing in MAT
- Not enough people with lived experience
- Staff shortage due to COVID 19
- Behavioral Health staffing
- Transition planning is not in full effect
- Fear of relapsing
- Inmates admitting, they still want to use when they are released
- Making people realize addiction is a public health issue
- Staff members at DOCs think MAT is inappropriate and should not be used in their systems

Summary (a brief description summarizing key points that came out of interactive breakout session):

In this session the biggest reoccurring theme was stigma and the lack of education for staff in stigma. A lot of these DOC workers were facing staff members who believe MAT is treating a drug addiction for another drug. Trying to move forward with some stigma training for these staff members hasn't worked because they feel that the concept of MAT is inappropriate and that is making it tough to get MAT implemented and help with transitions. Another big point was that COVID 19 has prevented a lot of them from moving forward. Due to current restriction only certain staff members are allowed in the prison and their main focus is the current pandemic and stopping the spread.