

MEETING MINUTES

Alcohol and Drug Policy Council: Treatment Subcommittee

Meeting Date: 9/27/18

Present: Melissa Sienna, Marcia Dufore, Julienne Giard, Gerard O’Sullivan, Maureen Dinen, Kathy Mauer, Dan Rezende, Mark Jenkins, Julia Storace, Erin Kane, Rep. Scanlon on behalf of Chris Murphy, Erin Smith

Co-Chairs: Charles Atkins, Craig Allen

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
4 GOALS	<p><u>Toxicology Screening:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fentanyl test– SERFIA manufactures an FDA approved test but it is not CLIA waived. Charles emailed Comm. Pino to see if DPH will allow providers to use this test to address Joint Comm Accreditation issues. <p><u>SBIRT/A-SBIRT Screening:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 14 new A-SBIRT Trainers trained in September through UConn SBIRT Institute. ● SUD screening (and subsequently tx initiation/linkage) should be explored/occur in inpatient psychiatric settings based on Beacon data (30% co-occurring OUD or higher) <p><u>Access to SUD treatment (new goal):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To increase program awareness, new web page for the ASSERT Treatment Model (ATM) for youth (up to age 21) with opioid use problems: https://map.turningpointct.org/atm/ ● Beacon resources for MAT: utilization and care management; website; provider and member brochures (OUD, AOD); free service (2x/month) provider/primary care mentoring support (ECHO) – 8 clinics, DOC will join, CMEs available; adult and family peer support program for members; plans to discuss Narcan distribution at inpatient psychiatric workgroup due to data on prevalence of OUD among that population. ● Length of “sobriety” questions can be a barrier to care/insurance. ● Insurance issues: self-funded plans have different rules. ● MAT induction in various settings: HHC Med/Surg, Obstetrics, etc., units have had success engaging and inducting patients on MAT who were at risk of leaving AMA. Model: Christiana health care in DE. 	
OTHER	<p>Medicare Legislation, January 2020 <i>(Guest: Rep. Scanlon)</i> Full bill: https://docs.house.gov/billsthisweek/20180924/HR6.pdf See Section 2005, page 87 – 92. Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Can bill Medicare for MAT. Bundled payment for all services rendered. ● Separate from Part D. 	<p>Workgroup asked to review and become familiar with new Medicare legislation.</p> <p>Can treatment programs</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Codifies the buprenorphine cap for physicians at 275 and allows physicians with board certification or working in a qualified practice setting to treat up to 100 immediately, without waiting a year at 30. Also requires HHS to evaluate quality of care for practices over 100 patients; and • Creates a grant program for comprehensive opioid recovery centers <p>PDMP: Methadone and nursing homes should report into the system.</p> <p>PA18-66: New workgroup to answer 9 questions for the Chairs of the ADPC. DMHAS is convening the group/drafting the report. Includes statewide leaders in the area of physical therapy and chiropractic care (may have been involved in the passage of the legislation). Barriers to payment in CT Medicare plan to receive these services as an alternative to opioids. Massage and acupuncture also was mentioned in the legislation. Mindfulness-based practices as another alternative that should be considered for Medicare/Medicaid billing.</p> <p>Narcan access – treatment provider partnership with other community organizations makes it easier for treatment orgs to distribute it without having to go through the required pharmacy paperwork, and to distribute it anonymously—removes a lot of barriers. SOR grant will provide more Narcan to RBHAOs, and health departments. DMHAS-CHA collaboration to get Narcan to hospitals. None of HHC’s 7 ED’s have on-site/immediate access to Narcan. If insurance is used to purchase, it is listed on person’s medication list, insurance fees can become a barrier (co-pays, spend-downs).</p>	<p>get Narcan kits? RBHAOs/LPCs should be working with communities/local orgs to get kits distributed.</p>
<p>UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS</p>	<p>October 13: HHC Pain Symposium in Farmington at the Doubletree Hotel, contact Craig Allen for additional information</p> <p>October 16: ADPC Council Meeting</p>	