

# Thursday Connections with SUD at DHS

## July 18, 2024

**3:00-3:05:** Logistics and introductions

**3:05-3:15:** Team updates

**3:15-3:25:** OERAC dashboard

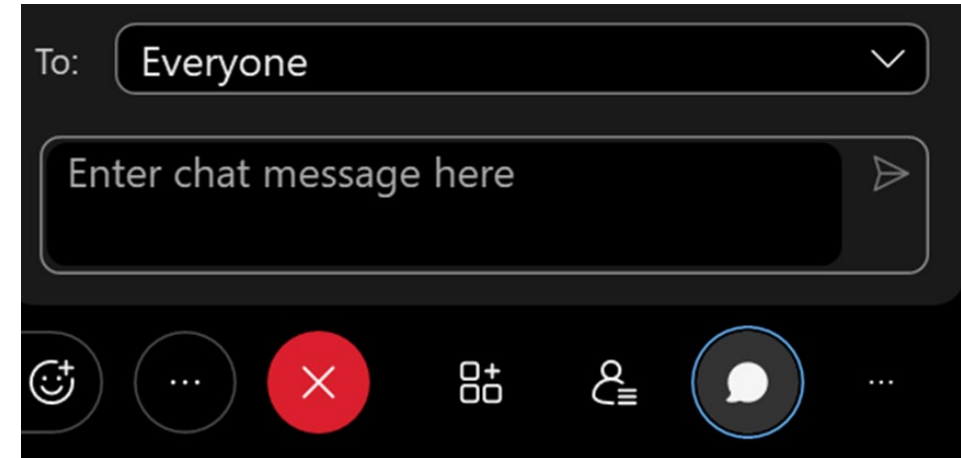
**3:25-4:00:** Legislative ideas

# Meeting Logistics

- All attendees, except presenters, will remain muted
- To save bandwidth, please keep cameras off
- We will work to address all questions during the time allotted.
- A summary of questions, comments and responses will be posted on the Thursday Connections with SUD webpage within one month of the meeting date.

# Using Chat

1. Submit questions in the chat
2. Questions submitted via chat will be addressed during Q&A portion of meeting
3. Post chat questions to everyone to allow for all attendees to see conversation
4. Refrain from using chat during presentations



Use chat feature to enter questions

# SUD Unit Leadership at DHS

- **Jen Sather**, Deputy Director for Substance Use Disorder Services
- **Kim Maley**, Manager of SUD Recovery and Prevention Services
- **Andrea Abel**, Supervisor, Promotion, Prevention and Early Intervention Team
- **Nathaniel Dyess**, Supervisor, SUD Reform Team
- **Amelia Fink**, Supervisor, SUD Clinical Policy Team
- **Chris Renville**, Interim Supervisor, Behavioral Health American Indian Team
- **Jennifer Rennquist**, Supervisor, State Opioid Response Team



# American Indian Team Updates

Chris Renville | American Indian Team Supervisor

# AI Team Updates

- The American Indian Team has hired two new staff:
  - Michaela Seiber is our new Opiate Grant Manager who fills Rose Belille's vacancy.
  - Michelle Preuss is in a brand-new position as our Admin Tech Specialist supporting both SUD and Mental Health staff.
- In addition to these new staff, Don Moore is the new Harm Reduction grant manager.



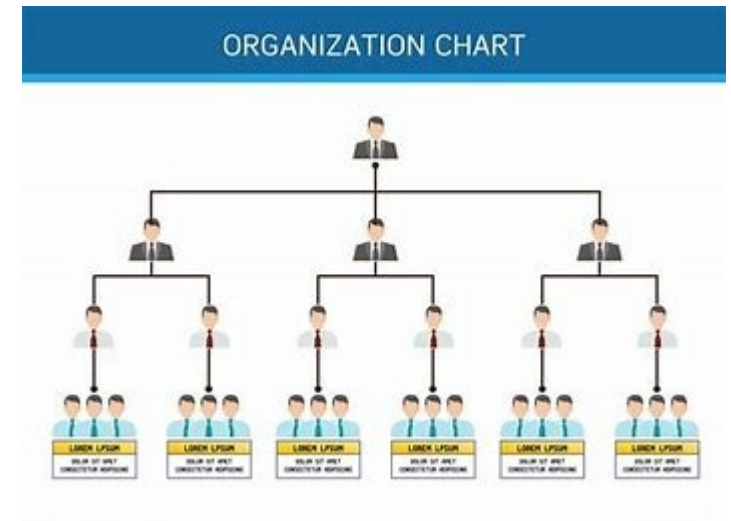
# Opioid Response Team Updates

Jenny Rennquist | Opioid Response Team Supervisor



# Opioid Response Team Growth

- Two grant manager backfills hired: Michael Dulitz and Kate Toftness started this quarter
- One additional grant manager position remains vacant



# Streamlining Our Contract Management Reporting

- Successful transition from SNAP to Qualtrics for older contracts
- Implementation of Foundant for OERAC 2023 biannual contracts



# OERAC 2024 RFP: Off to a Strong Start

- RFP open until Aug. 6
- Many applicants already in the Foundant system



# Expanding Our Reach: SOR 2024

- Application submitted end of June
- Pending SAMHSA approval, \$11 million annually for 3 years (up from 2-year projects)



# Naloxone Accessibility Initiative

- 16 grantees awarded \$5,000 microgrants
- Approximately 300 naloxone storage boxes to be installed throughout Minnesota
- Collaboration with Russell Herder for tracker map



# Wrapping Up and Moving Forward

- Handful of closeouts in progress
- Working on NCEs for SOR 2022 contracts
- Collaborating with communications team on naloxone box project





# Reform and Redesign Team Updates

Nathaniel Dyess | Reform and Redesign Team Supervisor

# SUD Reform & Redesign Team Updates – 1115 SUD System Reform Demonstration Waiver

- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) granted MN a temporary extension of the 1115 SUD waiver, through June 30, 2025.
- 193 nonresidential programs must certify an ASAM level of care (enroll) by Jan. 1, 2025.
- Providers seeking certification must first meet the following:
  - 245G or 245F licensed
  - have the 245G.20 co-occurring licensing designation; and
  - be enrolled as a Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) provider



# SUD Reform & Redesign Team Updates - ASAM Implementation

- ASAM Criteria 4th Edition eBook distribution deadline now July 31, 2024
  - 4th Edition textbook distribution will begin fall 2024.
- Request for Proposal (RFP) for Evidence-Based Training
  - [RFP](#) was released in May. Proposal review complete.
- ASAM Criteria Assessment Interview Guide
- [Clinical Documentation Training PowerPoint](#)

# SUD Reform & Redesign Team Updates - ASAM Training & Support

- [On-the-Spot: ASAM Integration and Application](#)
  - 3rd Friday at 11 am CST
- [Open Office for SUD Portal Assistance](#)
  - 2nd Friday at 11 am CST
    - August 9
    - September 13
- [ASAM Lunch & Learn Training Meeting](#) - **Now monthly!**
  - 4th Wednesday at 12 pm CST
    - August 28
    - September 25

# SUD Reform & Redesign Team Updates— Paperwork Reduction & Systems Improvement

- Drafted recommendations for final report received. Internal DHS review in progress.
- Recommendations related to MCO's discussed with MCOs last month.
- Work has begun on the creations of an ASAM Readiness Tool.
- Steering Committee Meetings continue monthly.
  - July focus: billing recommendations review
  - August focus: (non billing related) DAANES, BHF, Counties, and MCO recommendations review

# SUD Reform & Redesign Team Updates – Community of Practice (CoP)

- Coming soon: SUD Systems and Practices Repository on SUD CoP webpage.
- Upcoming Meetings
  - [Aug. 20, 2024: 1-2:30 pm CT - Q3](#) Topic: workforce
  - [Oct. 15, 2024: 1-2:30 pm CT - Q4](#)
- SUD [CoP Webpage](#) – provides overview, agendas and summaries.
- Request for Information (RFI) published 7/12/2024.
  - With the goal of gathering information on best practices in the community of practice space.

# SUD Reform & Redesign Team Updates – 1115 Re-entry Demonstration

- [2024 Legislature directed DHS to apply to CMS for an 1115 Reentry Waiver](#)
- Demonstration must be designed to:
  - increase continuity of coverage;
  - improve access to health care services, including mental health services, physical health services, and substance use disorder treatment services;
  - enhance coordination between Medicaid systems, health and human services systems, correctional systems, and community-based providers;
  - reduce overdoses and deaths following release;
  - decrease disparities in overdoses and deaths following release; and
  - maximize health and overall community reentry outcomes.

# SUD Reform & Redesign Team Updates – 1115 Re-entry Demonstration (cont.)

- Requests have been sent to identify members of Reentry Services Working Group with due date of July 20<sup>th</sup>.
  - Goal to convene working group members in August
- Work has begun on drafting of waiver application
- Requests have been sent to identify remaining eligible correctional facilities that will participate in the pilot:
  - three state correctional facilities to be determined by the commissioner of corrections, one of which must be the Minnesota Correctional Facility-Shakopee;
  - two facilities for delinquent children and youth licensed under section 241.021, subdivision 2, identified in coordination with the Minnesota Juvenile Detention Association and the Minnesota Sheriffs' Association;
  - four correctional facilities for adults licensed under section 241.021, subdivision 1, identified in coordination with the Minnesota Sheriffs' Association and the Association of Minnesota Counties; and
  - one correctional facility owned and managed by a Tribal government or a facility located outside of the seven-county metropolitan area that has an inmate census with a significant proportion of Tribal members or American Indians.

# SUD Reform & Redesign Team Updates – Contingency Management MA Study

- Providers & professionals with contingency management experience in MN who are interested in participating as a key informant, please contact [andrea.suker@state.mn.us](mailto:andrea.suker@state.mn.us).
- Statute reference: [MN Laws 2023, Regular Session, Chapter 61, Article 4, Section 23](#) directed DHS to complete a Medical Assistance Behavioral Health System Transformation Study to evaluate the feasibility, potential design, and federal authorities needed to cover contingency management services under the medical assistance program.



## Legislative Ideas



# Legislative Ideas - Disclaimer

- The following ideas are early versions of legislative proposals we are considering.
- We are hoping to use this forum and others to receive feedback on our ideas.
- Any and all feedback will be considered throughout the development process.
- This is just the first stage of legislative ideas, and they are just that - ideas. What is listed on the next few slides is not a guarantee of future laws or initiatives.

# Legislative Ideas – Clean Up Language

Licensing Process for ASAM	The current authority for ASAM level of care implementation relies on statutory language created for the 1115 SUD System Reform Demonstration. This proposal would shift authority from "demonstration enrollment" defined in 256B.0759 to licensing SUD providers at ASAM level(s) of care.
Expand Participation for CoP	There have been significant changes in the SUD and addictive disorders service landscape since the SUD CoP was created during the 2021 legislative session. This proposal seeks to expand participation and scope of the CoP to reflect the current environment.
1115 Reentry	256B.0671 establishes authority and direction to the commissioner to apply and implement an 1115 Reentry Waiver. This proposal serves as a placeholder for any updates needed as the result of the feasibility study and application development currently underway.
254A.03 Cleanup	Subd 2 -This section references legislation surrounding the American Indian team. This legislation would provide updates to outdated language and more accurately reflect the role of the supervisor and manager on that team. Subd. 3b - Align utilization review language with current processes and language adopted for peer recovery services medical necessity reviews.
Safe Recovery Sites Clean Up	245B.18 section 13 (a) 1. Change to from safe injection spaces to safe use spaces. Additionally, add protections and safe harbor for individuals who will utilize these programs and staff providing services.

# Legislative Ideas – Workgroups/Pilots/Studies

Pilot 4th Edition Sites/via RFP	Funding for a RFP to pilot 4th edition standards for up to 8 program locations statewide with the goal of making recommendations to adopt 4th edition standards and rates. DHS will utilize tools and recommendations that are being developed through other studies and projects currently underway. This would also include collaboration with the utilization management vendor (Acentra) to provide technical assistance and monitor fidelity to ASAM 4th edition criteria.
Recovery Residences Certification	This proposal would expand sober home scan to include feasibility study of incorporating NARR levels into current sober home and room and board landscape. Would seek to define a certification board and establish a workgroup to make recommendations to align nationally recognized standards, such as National Alliance of Recovery Residences standards with State law.
Legislation for Task Force to Review Problem Gambling Laws	This proposal would create a workgroup to review current problem gambling legislation. This workgroup would focus on amendments and changes needed in law to include financial changes such as appropriation, billing systems and lessening grants/contracting.
Rate Study for 4th Edition	This proposal to secure additional funding to extend contract with vendor that conducted outpatient rate study. This extension would focus on developing a rate methodology that supports providers in transitioning to ASAM's 4th edition standards.

# Legislative Ideas – Fiscal Appropriations

Rate Proposal	This proposal would support recommendations made in the Burns and Associates rate study report from 2023.
Appropriation for Narcan Portal	This proposal would appropriate on going funding to ensure the Narcan Portal remains open with available doses for all groups mandated to carry Naloxone.
MNAPG Direct Appropriation vs Grant	Current legislation has money that is in equal amounts earmarked for DHS and MNAPG, an affiliate of the national association. DHS would like to have that money that is earmarked for MNAPG to be directly appropriated to the agency, and not in grant format as it is currently.
Claims System for Gambling	This proposal would support Gambling use disorder service providers approved by the commissioner to be eligible for reimbursement for individual and group treatment services at the same rate for FFS SUD services. Providers would eligible to submit invoices up to a capped amount. Providers will be reimbursed on a monthly basis using invoice payment system.
Tribal WM	This proposal would appropriate dollars to all 11 tribes for start-up and capacity building dollars for withdrawal management services.

# Legislative Ideas – Reform Projects

Service Description/Tx Coordinator Requirements/Qualified Professional	Align treatment service descriptions to align with ASAM 4th edition. Ensure consistency with Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and State Plan Amendment. Provide clarity to current treatment services regarding staffing and service expectations. Introduce the definition for psychoeducational and a SUD practitioner level provider. Remove the bachelor's requirement for treatment coordination.
Integrated Peer	Ongoing appropriation for the Minnesota certification board to manage certification of ALL peers (add MH peers). Remove NAADAC as body to certify Recovery peers. Ongoing appropriation for the MN statewide Recovery organization to certify RCOs and additional language to provide authority for them to investigate RCO certification requirements at any time. Add requirement for RCOs to have a return to use policy. Remove ARCO and CAPRSS as certifying bodies of RCOs. Add frequency of RCO certification, 5 years. Clean up language on RCO appeals. Add language to align requirements of SUD and MH peers. Allow for Certified Peer Supervisors to have a role in peer recovery supervision.
Midpoint Rule	This proposal seeks to establish clear state laws for frequency limitations on SUD group treatment claims to prevent issues with duplicate billing and ensure compliance with federal and state regulations.
Paperwork Reduction	Placeholder for recommendations that may come from paperwork reduction report. Recommendations may also be incorporated into other legislative ideas presented here.

## What questions do you have for the SUD Unit today?

We will try to answer your questions at this meeting.

Questions that require more research will be posted within one month on the Thursday Connections with SUD at DHS webpage.



# Thank You!

For updates about future meetings and responses to questions not answered during this meeting, please visit the [Thursday Connections with SUD at DHS webpage](#).