



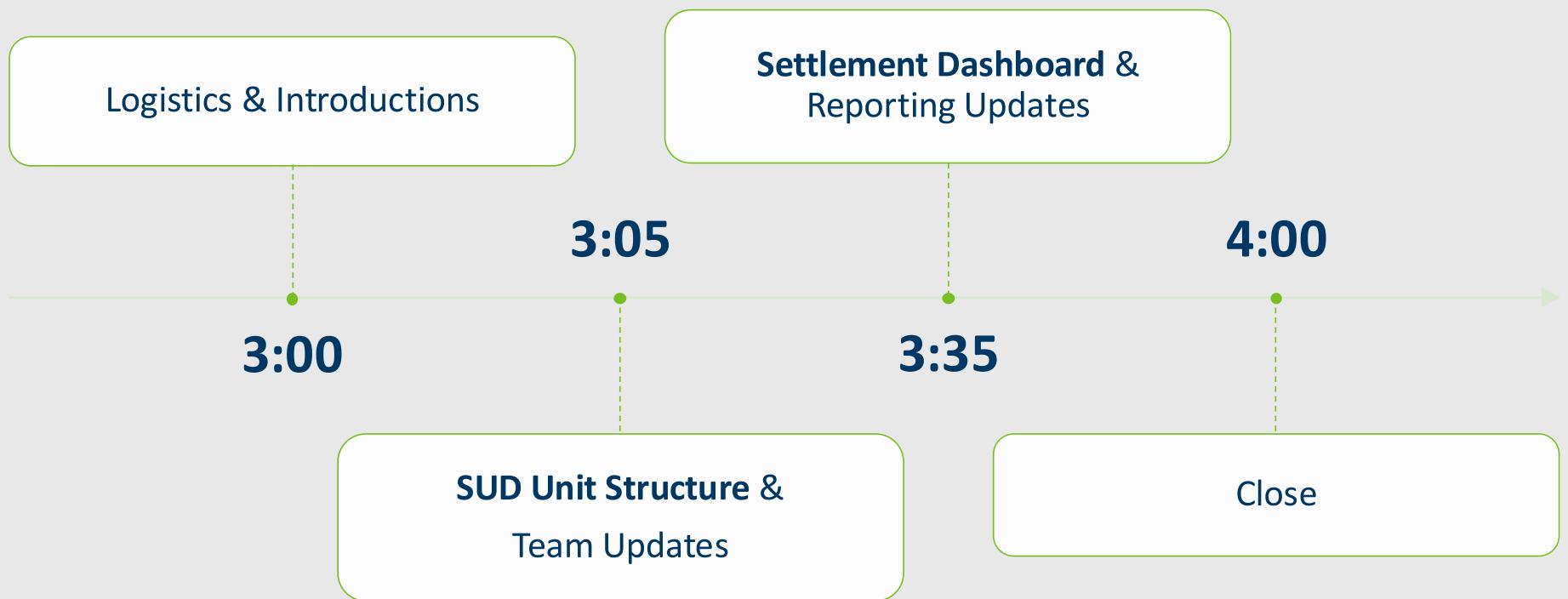
## **Thursday Connections with SUD at DHS**

**Oct. 16, 2025**

**Jen Sather**

Director of Substance Use Disorder Services | Behavioral Health Administration

# Agenda



# Meeting Logistics



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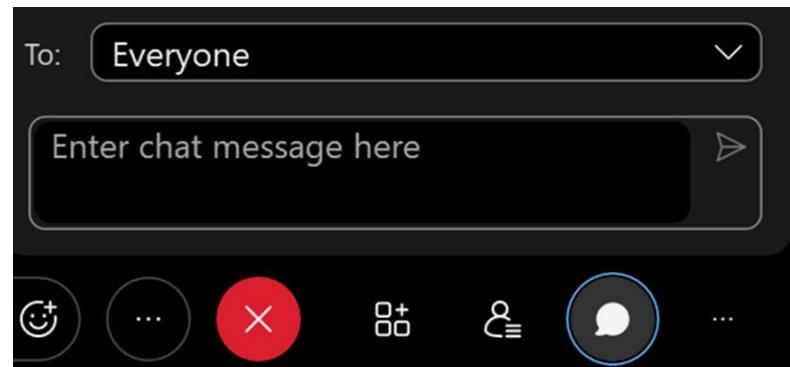
We will work to address all questions during the time allotted.



A summary of questions, comments and responses will be posted on the Thursday Connections with SUD webpage.

# 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 Structure & Team Project Updates

# High Level SUD Unit Organizational Chart



# Recovery & Prevention Services



Kim Maley,  
Manager



Recovery &  
Harm  
Reduction  
Team



Primary  
Prevention &  
Women's  
Recovery  
Services Team



Problem  
Gambling  
(in transition to  
Integrated Services)

# Problem Gambling Rate Increases for 1115 Enrolled Outpatient

Increases are aimed at creating **parity** between SUD and gambling treatment service reimbursement rates.

## Eligibility Requirement:

These rate increases apply **only** to agencies currently enrolled in the 1115 Waiver Program.

**Rate increase effective  
July 1, 2025:**

### **Individual Treatment Rate**

- Current Rate: \$72.11
- New Rate: \$86.53

### **Group Treatment Rate**

- Current Rate: \$35.03
- New Rate: \$42.04

- If your agency is not enrolled and you're interested in joining the program, please visit the Minnesota Department of Human Services – 1115 SUD System Reform Demonstration and click on the **“How to enroll”** tab.
- For questions related to the 1115 Waiver Demonstration, please contact: **1115demonstration.dhs@state.mn.us**.



## Policy & Reform Team



Amelia Fink,  
Supervisor

# ASAM 4 Implementation: Timeline Goals

\*CONTINGENT UPON LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL



**2025**

Begin collaboration between DHS and ASAM 4 Implementation Work Group



**2026**

Draft ASAM 4 implementation statute language  
Expand collaboration and engagement with providers/partners to review drafted language & develop standards



**2027\***

Goal of moving ASAM 4 Criteria into law



**2028\***

Planned phased/transition period

# ASAM 4 Implementation Workgroup Opportunity

## Vision

- 15 members
- Help guide DHS to design and inform policies as we prepare to implement the ASAM 4 into Minnesota law

## Why this matters

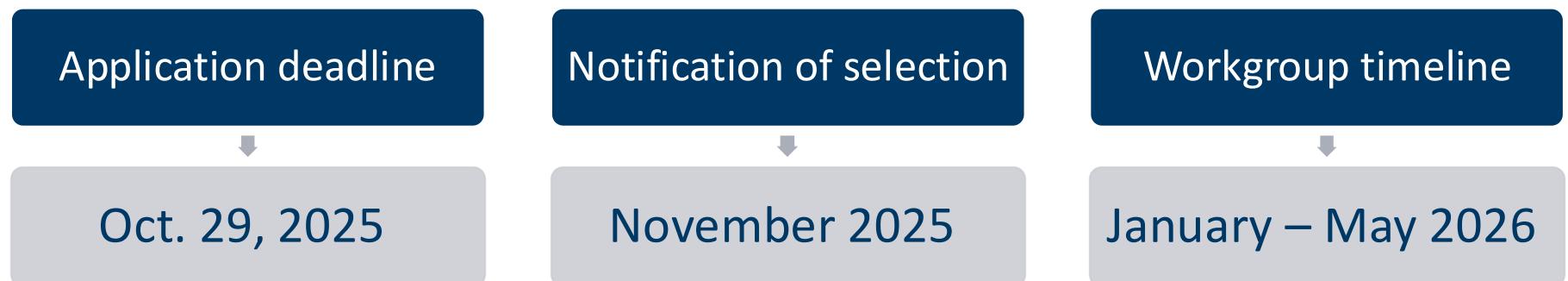
- Provider feedback is critical
- Input will shape how ASAM 4 is written into statute
- Identify what supports are needed for effective implementation

- The workgroup will

- **Design policy framework:** Contribute expertise to ensure Minnesota statutes reflect ASAM Fourth Edition standards in a practical, patient-centered way
- **Inform decision-making:** Provide insights from experiences across the SUD continuum of care
- **Assess feasibility:** Identify what can and cannot realistically be implemented in Minnesota and offer ideas for workable solutions
- **Shape system improvements:** Recommend policy changes that balance national standards with local needs



# ASAM 4 Implementation Workgroup Opportunity



- Expectations: Attend regular meetings, review materials and provide written feedback
- Stipends provided for participation
- To apply: Complete the [ASAM 4th Edition Workgroup Application](#) in Microsoft Forms via the link.
- Questions can be sent to [dhs.asam@state.mn.us](mailto:dhs.asam@state.mn.us).

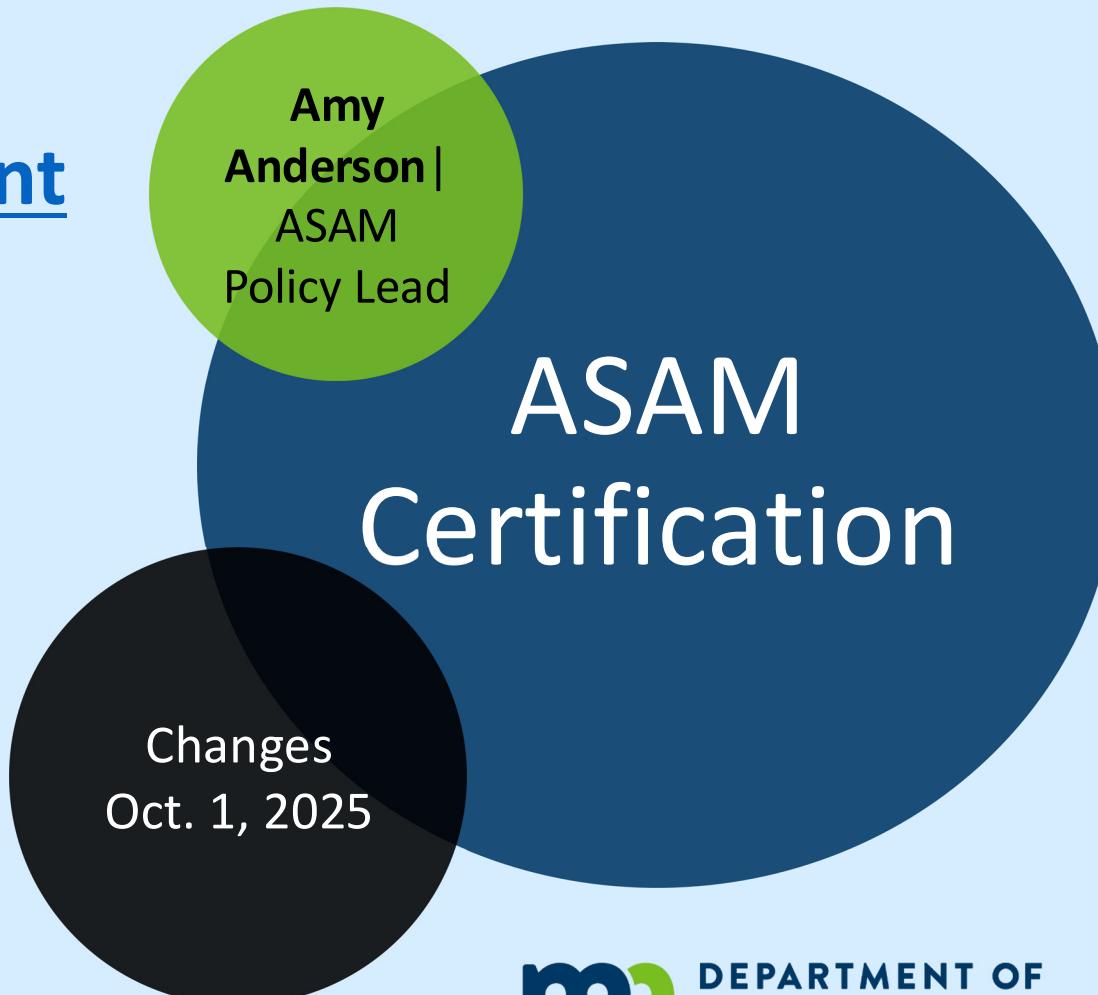
# ASAM resources for Minnesota SUD treatment providers

Who must certify

Licensing Requirements

Certification steps

Forms



Amy  
Anderson |  
ASAM  
Policy Lead

Changes  
Oct. 1, 2025

## Who Must Certify

- All 245G and 245F licensed providers
- All out of state providers
- Tribal SUD providers may elect to certify

## Licensing Requirements

- Close or already licensed
- 245G.20
- Work with DHS licensing to obtain 245G or 245F license



# ASAM Certification

Complete ASAM Certification Checklist

Complete PRAA for each level of care your program does not provide

Submit to [dhs.asam@state.mn.us](mailto:dhs.asam@state.mn.us)

Review/approval

Submit approval letter and SUD Services and Level of Care Assurance Statement to MHCP Provider Enrollment

## Forms

- ASAM Certification Checklist ([DHS-7325](#))
- Patient Referral Arrangement Agreements (PRAA) ([DHS-7309](#))
- Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Services and Level of Care Assurance Statement ([DHS-6381](#))
- Additional Provider Enrollment forms

# BHA's Nicotine and Cannabis Policy Lead

## **Amy Stroman-Petersen, MSW, LICSW, LADC**

Pronouns: she/her

- Joined DHS in October 2023
- Began current role in December 2024

### **Background:**

- MH/SUD individual and SUD group services
- Supervised LGSW staff in OTP
- Proposed & assisted with creation of tobacco treatment services in Minneapolis VA Medical Center's SUD clinic and IOP
- Trained as a "Tobacco Treatment Specialist"

### **Initial Goals:**

- Clarifying reimbursement pathways for tobacco treatment services
- Survey providers/programs
- MHCP Provider Manual page for "Tobacco Treatment Services"
- Identify/create free provider resources or trainings
- Update providers on applicable changes to cannabis laws

### ***Contact options:***

[amy.stroman-petersen@state.mn.us](mailto:amy.stroman-petersen@state.mn.us)  
[dhs\\_nicotinepolicy@state.mn.us](mailto:dhs_nicotinepolicy@state.mn.us)  
[dhs\\_cannabispolicy@state.mn.us](mailto:dhs_cannabispolicy@state.mn.us)

## Current Projects: Nicotine/Cannabis

- Upcoming free live webinar ***“Tobacco Recovery in Opioid Use Disorder”*** by Dr. Jill Williams, in partnership with Lung Mind Alliance of MN (sponsored by DHS) - Date TBA this winter
- Staff **survey** on addressing tobacco/nicotine and cannabis use in substance use disorder treatment and recovery community organizations
  - Will create a version for Mental Health Providers, and plan to connect with Tribes about possibility of a culturally appropriate version for tribally licensed providers
- **MARRCH Conference presentation** w/Rick Moldenhauer, Oct 27 at 2 p.m.: ***“Ethics: Up in Smoke?”***
- Updating the DHS Partners and Providers **“Alcohol, drugs and addictions: Tobacco”** webpage

## DHS survey invitation:

Staff survey on addressing tobacco/nicotine and cannabis use in substance use disorder treatment and recovery community organizations

DHS is seeking survey responses to understand SUD staff attitudes, prior training, existing services and organizational policies related to tobacco/nicotine and cannabis use disorders. Responses will be used to guide ***future trainings*** and ***policies to support SUD providers*** in addressing commercial tobacco/nicotine and cannabis use disorders within Minnesota.

**Timeline:** Oct. 16 through Nov. 14

**Who Should Participate:** Direct service providers, managers and administrators working in substance use treatment services or recovery community organizations within Minnesota

**Estimated Time:** 7-9 minutes. You may skip questions or pause and resume the survey later.

**Confidentiality:** Your responses will be kept confidential. We will not collect any personally identifying information.



**Questions? Please reach out to:**  
**DHS\_NicotinePolicy@state.mn.us**



## Special Projects Team



Christy  
Mollert,  
Manager



Recovery  
Housing  
Team



Design Team



Reentry  
Team

# Join us! SUD Community of Practice

**Restarting next week  
Wednesday, Oct. 22  
11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

**RSVP** to receive the calendar invitation  
and virtual meeting link

Express interest  
in leadership  
opportunities  
by emailing  
[sud.cop@sdkstrategicsservices.com](mailto:sud.cop@sdkstrategicsservices.com)

For more  
information,  
visit the  
**SUD CoP**  
**webpage**

# 1115 Reentry Demonstration

**RFP:** Capacity building to prepare for the implementation

- DHS seeks to support local correctional facilities in building the infrastructure, policies and partnerships necessary to deliver reentry services
- Core objectives of the demonstration include:
  - **Improving access** to SUD and other health services
  - **Reducing post-release overdoses** and deaths
  - **Decreasing racial disparities** in health outcomes for justice-involved populations, particularly American Indian and Black Minnesotans, who remain disproportionately represented in Minnesota's correctional settings
- Eligible responders include county correctional facilities licensed to serve adults
- Up to \$2.5 million will be awarded through this RFP, with grants distributed to as many as five county correctional facilities.
- Proposals due **Nov. 5, 2025**

# 1115 Reentry Demonstration

Seeking  
community  
reviewers  
for the RFP

- The review period: early November 2025
- Expect to set aside 10-20 hours to read and score the proposals
- Receive a \$200 Visa gift card in appreciation for the time and expertise
- If interested, please complete this questionnaire by **Oct. 26, 2025**

# Coming soon: Recovery Residence Work Group

## Purpose:

- Address sustainable housing for those in SUD treatment
- Develop recommendations for the legislature

Seeking interested individuals

Plan for there to be monthly meetings throughout 2026

More information coming soon via E-memo

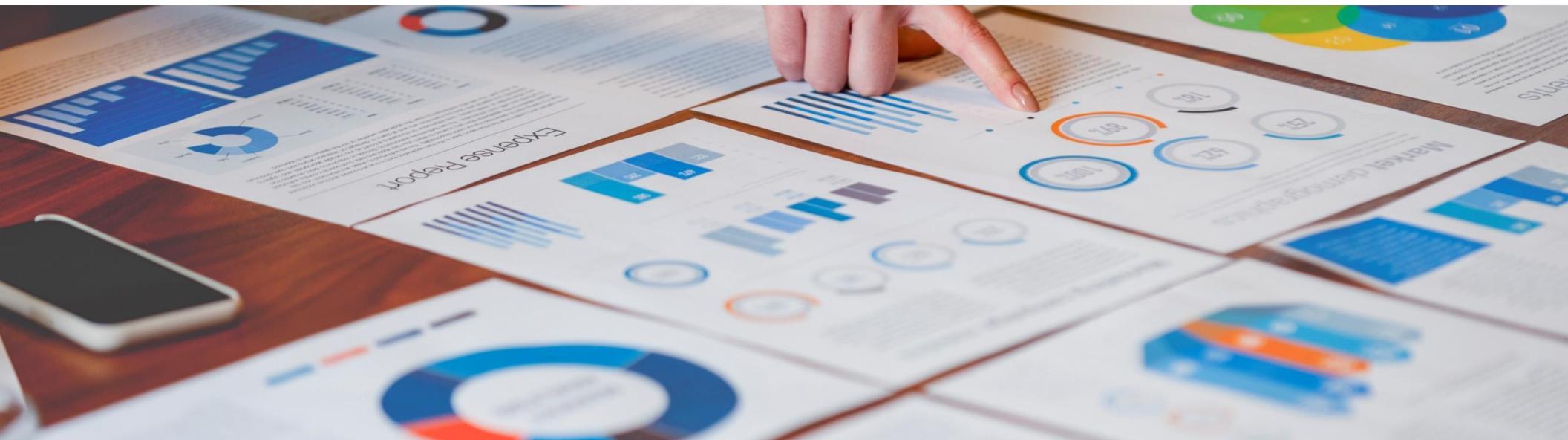
- Interested folks can reach out to Angie at [angela.dannewitz-johnson@state.mn.us](mailto:angela.dannewitz-johnson@state.mn.us).



## Opioid Epidemic Response Advisory Council (OERAC) Team



**Alicia Baker,  
Supervisor**



## Settlement Dashboard & Reporting Updates



# Questions & Answers

**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.

# Join us! at the MARRCH Conference for DHS Presentations

## Ten Minutes isn't Enough: Unlocking the Power of Data in SUD Treatment

Mark Berven

Monday, Oct. 27, 12:30  
p.m.



## Ethics: Up in Smoke?

Rick Moldenhauer & Amy Stroman-Petersen

Monday, Oct. 27  
2 p.m.

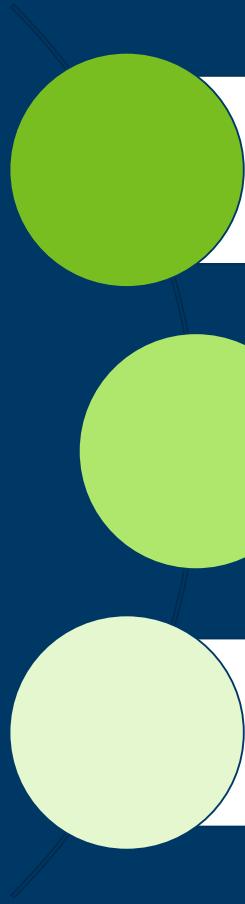


## Eating Hot Dish at the ASAM Table: A Recipe for Success in Addiction Treatment

Amy Anderson & Andrea Suker

Wed, Oct. 29  
8 a.m.





**November 20, 3 – 4 p.m.**

**Note: no meeting in December**

Held third Thursday of each month. No registration required, [join Webex](#) via the webpage.

**Next Thursday Connections with SUD at DHS**



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](#).