

Technical Assistance Collaborative Community Learning Series Webinar Highlights Treating Opioid Use Disorders in Jails | July 27, 2023

Center for Behavioral Health and Justice

Vision

- Communities using research, data, and best practices to enhance well-being of individuals with mental illness/substance use disorders in the criminal/legal system

Reach

- Operating in 28 counties in Michigan
- Collaborating with local communities, organizations, behavioral health, and law enforcement agencies

Services

- Expertise, evaluation, training, and technical assistance for diversion programs
- Assistance with implementation of best practices across the criminal/legal continuum
- Data-driven decision making
- Action plans for sustainable initiatives

Medication Assisted Treatment

Opioid Treatment Ecosystem Model

- Strengthens community-based Medication Assisted Treatment for individuals using opioids intersecting with criminal-legal systems

Medication Assisted Treatment Framework

- **Site Exploration**
 - Community Readiness Survey (pre and post-implementation)
- **Preparation**
 - Monthly Change Team meetings, involving jail staff and community providers
- **Implementation**
 - Access to medications, discharge planning, community coordination
- **Sustainability**
 - Ongoing communication, partnerships, funding, and evaluation

Impact & Facts

Drug Overdose Crisis

- 2,532 overdose deaths in Michigan (2022)
- Michigan ranks in the top third for overdose death rates
- High impact on the criminal/legal system

Substance Use Disorder in Jails

- 63% of jailed individuals meet Substance Use Disorder criteria
- 11% receive any treatment, <1% receive jail-based Medications for Opioid Use Disorder
- Individuals released from jail with untreated Opioid Use Disorder are 129 times more likely to die of an overdose within two weeks

Purpose of Jail Medicated Assisted Treatment

- Increase post-release treatment engagement
- Prevent overdoses
- Reduce recidivism and reincarceration
- Decrease community drug-related crimes

Achievements

412 individuals enrolled in Medication Assisted Treatment in 4 jails

31 naloxone vending machines placed in jails and community sites since July 2021

Positive changes in stakeholder attitudes towards in-jail Medication Assisted Treatment programs

Strengthened relationships and partnerships

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Center for Behavioral Health & Justice (CBHJ)

The Wayne State University CBHJ works with local communities, organizations, and behavioral health and law enforcement agencies across Michigan to provide **expertise, evaluation, training, and technical assistance** to optimize diversion of individuals with mental health or substance use disorders from jail or prison.

Why Medication Assisted Treatment in Jails?

63% of individuals serving sentences in US county jails **meet the criteria for substance use disorder (SUD)**

11% of people incarcerated in the U.S. who meet criteria for SUD **will receive SUD treatment**

1% of incarcerated individuals with a diagnosis of OUD **will receive MOUD jail-based treatment**

129x within the first two weeks, individuals released from jail with an untreated OUD are **129 times more likely to die of an overdose** compared to the general population

Increases probability of incarcerated individuals engaging in **treatment post release**

Can prevent **fatal and non-fatal overdoses**, reduce **reoffending/reincarceration** rates, and decreases **drug-related crimes** in communities

CBHJ Implementation Framework

Site Exploration



Community Readiness Survey administered to jail administration, jail medical staff, and community health/mental health providers (pre- and post-implementation)

Preparation



Monthly Change Team meetings, including jail command staff, jail medical, community mental health, community providers, and CBHJ staff.

Implementation



Implementation of **validated screening tool**, access to **all forms of MOUD**, access to **psychosocial services** (individual/group therapy, peer support, classes), **discharge planning**, and **community coordination**

Sustainability



Ongoing **communication, partnerships, funding, and evaluation**

Recent Achievements

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