

MEETING MINUTES

Re: CCRJC Opioid MAT Work Group

April 5, 2017

Attending: Dr. Malcom Butler, CVHC; Loretta Stover and Chris Tippet, CFADT; Curt Lutz, CCRJC; Courtney Ward, NCWBH; Steve Clem DCPA.

1. Screening Process

A. How do we identify inmates for MAT for screening?

- Inmate volunteer?
- Crime(s) charged?
- CCRJC staff referral?

B. CCRJC will look at adding question to booking medical screening regarding opioid use and inmate's interest in MAT.

C. Educate public defenders regarding program with hope that they recommend client participate.

D. Marketing through flyers posted at CCRJC.

E. Initial screening to be conducted by CFADT.

- Initial key screening factors for inmates to increase recovery sustainability: family support, stable post-release residence.
- CVCH will share its MAT screening tool with CFADT.

2. Begin MAT

A. Length of incarceration impacts when suboxone will begin prior to release.

- Inmates incarcerated for more than 60 days can start suboxone a few days prior to release.
- Inmates incarcerated for less than 60 days may need suboxone started for as long as 12-14 days prior to release.
- Upon release inmate will be provided 3-5 day supply of suboxone.

B. Sustainability of recovery requires both MAT and substance abuse treatment

- CFADT will explore providing enrolled inmates with treatment prior to release. Possible CJTA funding.
- Initially, CVCH will provide medical services without charge.
 - Issue – Will medical consultation occur at CCRJC or can inmate be seen at CVCH?

C. Who pays for suboxone?

- Funding source needs to be identified.
- Inmates are not eligible for Medicaid
- CJTA funding cannot be used for medication

D. Curt Lutz will contact other jails in Washington regarding policies and processes for MAT programs. [Clallam and Spokane]

3. Pre-Release Planning

A. Medicaid eligibility is a major issue.

- Can Medicaid eligibility be automatically triggered by release? [After application and approval while incarcerated.] Dr. Butler will discuss the eligibility issue with DSHS.
- DSHS worker at CCRJC to assist inmate

B. Social worker at CCRJC is needed to assist inmate with:

- Medicaid application
- Housing [Oxford House – 2 male, 1 female in Wenatchee area.]
- Employment/training/education

Initially, CVCH will possibly provide social worker. [Dr. Butler will consult TH.]

4. Post-Release Treatment

A. Within two days after release, patient must report to:

- CVCH for medical appointment follow-up and suboxone prescription.
- CFADT to arrange substance abuse treatment.
- DSHS to complete Medicaid application process.

B. Housing is critical. Identify agencies that may be able to assist with securing housing. Explore the possibility of existing agencies or a new agency taking on post-release housing issues.

C. Identify or explore sponsoring an NA group that welcomes MAT.

D. Explore funding sources for needed non-Medicaid intensive outpatient and residential treatment.