



Substance Use Disorder (SUD) System

Follow-Up Clarifications

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SUD System of Care – Follow-up response

- **What are the current SUD Treatment protocols used by the county, including length of treatment and transitions of care?**
- **What is the use of MAT, especially Vivitrol, Suboxone and Methadone in these programs?**
- **How does the Sherriff's Department and Drug Court interact with the County System?**

Treatment Authorization Protocols

- **Provider completes an ASAM-based SUD Assessment or Re-Assessment and links to different level of care and/or provider based on medical necessity**
- **The ART Team conducts assessment and authorizes residential placement and when client meets medical necessity, the client is provided an intake with the residential provider**
- **Length of stay in a program is based on medical necessity for services**

Transitioning Levels of Care

Case management is provided by the client's current program until client is successfully linked with receiving provider

SUD Peer Mentoring Program

- **The goal of the SUD Peer Mentoring program is to improve quality of life for clients in SUD treatment by providing accessible, evidence-based peer mentoring services**
- **The program offers support and linkage in the following areas:**
 - System Navigation (e.g., transition through levels of care, program attendance)
 - Ancillary Services (e.g., linkage to mental/physical health, benefits, housing)
 - Community Re-integration (e.g., educational/vocational resources, sober support)
- **The program tracks peer mentors' progress in successfully linking clients to services and contributing to an improved quality of life for clients in SUD treatment**

Overview of Use of MAT

- **MAT is the use of FDA-approved medications, in combination with counseling and behavioral therapies, to provide a "whole-patient" approach to the treatment of substance use disorders**
- **MAT can be used as a stand alone treatment, however far more effective as a part of a system of care for the patient**
- **MAT can be provided at County, contracted and other community providers. Examples include Narcotic Treatment Programs (NTPs) and Federally Qualified Health Clinics (FQHCs)**
- **Client is eligible for all levels of care while on MAT and providers can refer and coordinate services**

- **In-Custody SUD Treatment Program: New program to provide SUD services while clients are incarcerated. This program will assist in getting clients linked to appropriate treatment upon discharge from jail in hopes to improve the overall linkage and improve continuity of care.**
- **Continued education of court partners about initial assessments (including, but not limited to the ASAM criteria)**

Questions?

