

HEALTH CARE: SUBSTANCE USE

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CONTINUUM OF CARE

OVERVIEW

THE HEALTH CARE: SUBSTANCE USE SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE ADDRESSES THE INTERSECTION OF SUBSTANCE USE AND JUSTICE INVOLVEMENT. THIS SUBCOMMITTEE FURTHER PROMOTES THE HEALTH AND WELLNESS OF INDIVIDUALS THROUGH COORDINATED SYSTEMS TO SUPPORT VARIED LEVELS OF CARE AND INTERVENTION.

THE SUBSTANCE USE CONTINUUM OF CARE UTILIZES THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ADDICTION MEDICINE (ASAM) ASSESSMENT AND DRUG MEDICAL ORGANIZED DELIVERY SYSTEM (DMC-ODS) TO APPROPRIATELY CONNECT INDIVIDUALS TO SERVICES. PEER SPECIALISTS ARE INTEGRAL IN ADVANCING CLIENT ACCESS, EQUITY, AND COMMUNITY WELLNESS.

ABBREVIATED STRATEGIES

- S1 - SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER (SUD) SCREENING FOR ALL INDIVIDUALS ENTERING SANTA RITA JAIL (SRJ)
- S2 - COMPREHENSIVE ASAM SCREENING AS NEEDED
- S3 - ASAM LEVEL OF CARE TREATMENT AT SRJ
- S4 - MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT (MAT) SERVICES AT SRJ
- S5 - CONNECTION WITH APPROPRIATE DMC-ODS PROVIDER BASED ON ASAM
- S6 - ASAM LEVEL OF CARE DISCHARGE PLANNING FOR THOSE NOT ALREADY RECEIVING TREATMENT
- S7 - CONNECTED TO TRANSPORTATION TO REACH A DMC-ODS
- S8 - JAIL DISCHARGE CARE COORDINATION WITH COMMUNITY DMC-ODS PROVIDER
- S9 - NALOZONE (NARCAN) AT DISCHARGE AS NEEDED
- S10 - APPROPRIATE REFERRAL TO COMMUNITY PROVIDER
- S11 - REENTRY PEER SPECIALIST TRAINING
- S12 - INCORPORATE CERTIFIED REENTRY PEER SPECIALIST
- S13 - PERFORM NEEDS ASSESSMENT OF BARRIERS



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021

Santa Rita Jail Coverage and Assessment (S1 and S2):

Alameda County Behavioral Health (ACBH) established 24-hour coverage in booking at SRJ. All booked individuals receive brief substance use screening and clients who screened positive for SUD received a comprehensive ASAM screening.

Service Delivery in SRJ (S3):

Due to COVID-19, from March 2020 through February 2021, all on-site SUD services halted at SRJ to reduce transmission by order of Public Health and the Alameda County Sheriff's Office (ACSO). Clients received substance use counseling via telephone function on SRJ-issued tablets. Co-occurring Substance Abuse and Mental Illness (CSAMI) services focused on African American males at SRJ diagnosed with co-occurring substance abuse and mental health diagnoses. The CSAMI services, in addition to limited in-person counseling and assessment services, were conducted by Options Recovery Services beginning in February 2021.

Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) in SRJ (S4):

Methadone and Buprenorphine were continued for those already taking these medications prior to SRJ intake. Fewer clients were inducted on Buprenorphine over the last year. The MAT learning collaborative continues; stakeholder participants include Wellpath, ACBH, Options Recovery Services, Office of Collaborative Court, and ACSO. There is potential for a one-year grant to pilot a MAT case manager on weekends at SRJ.

SUBCOMMITTEE PRIORITIES

FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022

- Establish comprehensive ASAM SUD screenings within county jails and state prisons (S1 and S2)
- Provide SUD services in jail, including expansion of MAT in jail and state prison (S3, S4, and S5)
- Provide discharge planning for all people in custody with known SUD needs in SRJ, including Naloxone distributions to prevent opioid overdose (S6, S7, S8, and S9)
- Use individualized ASAM assessment to connect those re-entering the community to the most effective level and type of SUD treatment (S8 and S10)
- Increase training and hiring of reentry peer specialists to provide recovery coaching in SUD programs (S11 and S12)

