

Thursday Connections with SUD at DHS

August 15, 2024

3:00-3:05: Logistics and introductions

3:05-3:15: Anti Kick Back language

3:15-3:30: Team Updates

3:30-3:40: Billable Units and Time Requirements

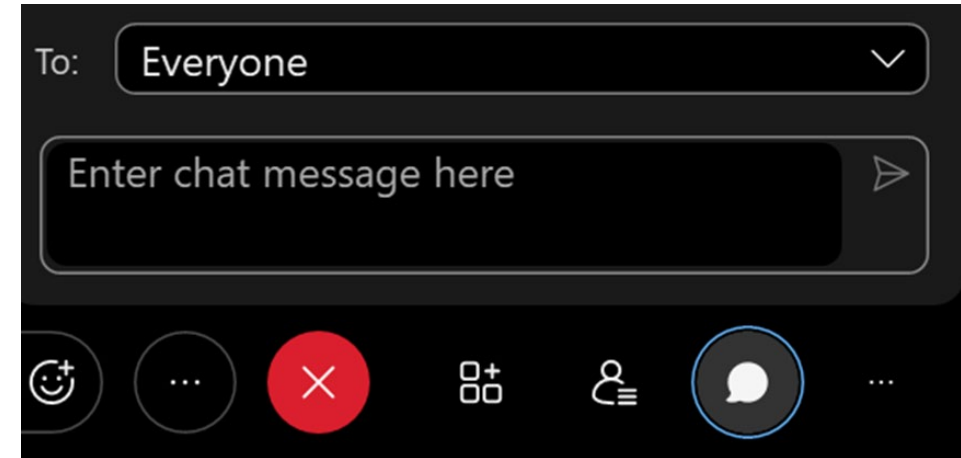
3:40-4:00: Q & A

Meeting Logistics

- All attendees, except presenters, will remain muted
- To save bandwidth, please keep cameras off
- 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 within one month of the meeting date.

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 Leadership at DHS

- **Jen Sather**, Deputy Director for Substance Use Disorder Services
- **Kim Maley**, Manager of SUD Recovery and Prevention Services
- **Andrea Abel**, Supervisor, Promotion, Prevention and Early Intervention Team
- **Nathaniel Dyess**, Supervisor, SUD Reform Team
- **Amelia Fink**, Supervisor, SUD Clinical Policy Team
- **Chris Renville**, Interim Supervisor, Behavioral Health American Indian Team
- **Jennifer Rennquist**, Supervisor, State Opioid Response Team

Behavioral Health Administration

- BHDHH Separation
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services has moved to The Aging and Disability Services Division
- The **Homelessness, Housing, and Support Services Administration**, which will be under the leadership of Assistant Commissioner Eric Grumdahl
- The **Behavioral Health Administration**, which will be led by Assistant Commissioner Teresa Steinmetz who will begin in the role on Sept. 3 and is being led in the interim by Kristine Preston, who has served as the Deputy Assistant Commissioner for the last two years

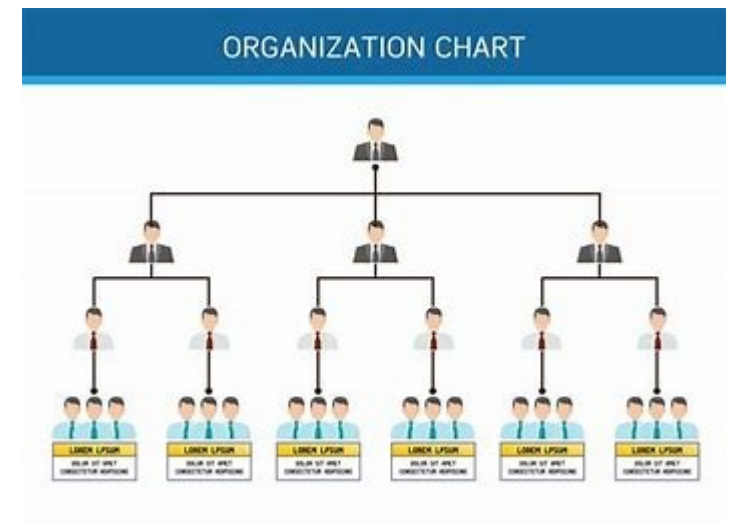


Anti-kick back legislation

Ari Didion, Legislative Director for DHS Office of the Inspector General

Opioid Response Team Growth

- Kate Toftness filling in as WOOC supervisor
- One additional grant manager position remains vacant



- RFP closed Aug. 6 with 105 applications!
- We had between 90-100 community members volunteer to be grant reviewers
- Reviewing applications Sept. 4-13 with community reviewer panels



- Application submitted end of June, expect to hear back in September
- Pending SAMHSA approval \$11 million annually for 3 years (up from 2-year projects)
- Had a successful visit from our SAMHSA officer this month



Naloxone Accessibility Initiative

- Mini grant project for naloxone storage boxes moving forward
- Scheduling mid-project check ins with grantees
- Setting up work group session for grantees to collaborate and share their best practices, get advice, discuss overcoming barriers.

SUD Recovery and Prevention Services

- Narcan portal remains closed. We will alert everyone who uses the portal when it is open again.
- Working with AI team to get Harm Reduction Vending Machines out to interested tribes. Have three participating and are hoping to help get other tribes who are interested set up.
- Problem Gambling Team- No current updates. We will be updating the provider website as soon as all contracts are finalized.

SUD Recovery and Prevention Services

- Women's Recovery Services RFP is live for culturally specific SUD family treatment services to parenting people children.

SUD Reform & Redesign Team Updates – 1115 SUD System Reform Demonstration Waiver

- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) granted MN a temporary extension of the 1115 SUD waiver, through June 30, 2025.
- 186 nonresidential programs must certify an ASAM level of care (enroll) by Jan. 1, 2025.
- Providers seeking certification must first meet the following:
 - 245G or 245F licensed
 - have the 245G.20 co-occurring licensing designation; and
 - be enrolled as a Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) provider

SUD Reform & Redesign Team Updates - ASAM Implementation

- ASAM Criteria 4th Edition eBook distribution deadline was July 31, 2024
 - 4th Edition textbook distribution will begin fall 2024.
- Request for Proposal (RFP) for Evidence-Based Training
 - [RFP](#) was released in May. Proposal review complete.
- ASAM Criteria Assessment Interview Guide
- [Clinical Documentation Training PowerPoint](#)

SUD Reform & Redesign Team Updates - ASAM Training & Support

- [On-the-Spot: ASAM Integration and Application](#)
 - 3rd Friday at 11 am CST
- [Open Office for SUD Portal Assistance](#)
 - 2nd Friday at 11 am CST
 - September 13
 - October 11
- [ASAM Lunch & Learn Training Meeting](#) - **Now monthly!**
 - 4th Wednesday at 12 pm CST
 - August 28
 - September 25

SUD Reform & Redesign Team Updates— Paperwork Reduction & Systems Improvement

- ASAM Readiness Tool in development.
 - A tool that organizations can use to self-assess their strengths and gaps in preparedness to integrate ASAM 4th edition.
- Steering Committee Meetings continue monthly.
 - August focus: continued recommendations review related to billing.
 - September focus: (non billing related) DAANES, BHF, Counties, and MCO recommendations review.

SUD Reform & Redesign Team Updates – Community of Practice (CoP)

- Upcoming Meetings
 - [Aug. 20, 2024: 1-2:30 pm CT - Q3](#)
 - Topic: workforce
 - [Oct. 15, 2024: 1-2:30 pm CT - Q4](#)
- Request for Information (RFI) posted – to gather information on best practices in the community of practice space.
 - Responses due Aug. 23, 2024
- SUD [CoP Webpage](#) – provides overview, agendas and summaries.

SUD Reform & Redesign Team Updates – 1115 Re-entry Demonstration

- The Minnesota Reentry Feasibility study will be complete by 9/30/24.
- 2024 Legislature directed DHS to apply to CMS for an 1115 Reentry Waiver with the expected application submission date of early 2025.
- The reentry working group is awaiting tribal consultation for the tribal entity seat(s) and then will begin meeting.
- The process for the reentry waiver pilot is being finalized.
- Planning for communication about the waiver is being developed.
- DHS has a legislative placeholder for the upcoming session.

SUD Reform & Redesign Team Updates – Contingency Management MA Study

- Currently identifying the landscape in Minnesota.
- Providers & professionals with contingency management experience in Minnesota who are interested in participating as a key informant, please contact andrea.suker@state.mn.us.
- Statute reference: [MN Laws 2023, Regular Session, Chapter 61, Article 4, Section 23](#) directed DHS to complete a Medical Assistance Behavioral Health System Transformation Study to evaluate the feasibility, potential design, and federal authorities needed to cover contingency management services under the medical assistance program.

- [BHF Eligibility Form \(DHS-2780A-ENG\)](#) updated again to include client contact phone number and email
- Implementation of Counties and Tribes to be eligible vendors of peer recovery support services

Billable Units and Time Requirements

Nonresidential (Outpatient) Services

For nonresidential (outpatient) services, the codes H2035 and H2035 HQ are used for individual counseling and group treatment services, respectively. These codes are defined as "alcohol and/or drug counseling per hour" and are measured in units of time. To report these codes, more than half of the time must be spent providing the treatment service to an individual, excluding any breaks.

The significance of the past mid-point designation is if, for example, the provider plans for 60 minutes but a client leaves 50 minutes in, the provider is still able to bill for the hour. The past mid-point language is not intended to allow providers to schedule units in less than 1 hour. Additionally, billable treatment units should not cover a previously billed time. For example, a provider should not bill 2 hours/units of service when the individual attends two consecutive 31 minute groups with a short 5 minute break in between. Individuals would then receive a total of 62 minutes of service when the provide is billing for 2 hours. Scheduling in units less than 60 minutes deprives the client of the benefit of the full unit of service.

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.



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](#).