

Thursday Connections with SUD at DHS

April 17, 2025

3:00-3:05: Logistics and introductions

3:05-3:20: Team Updates

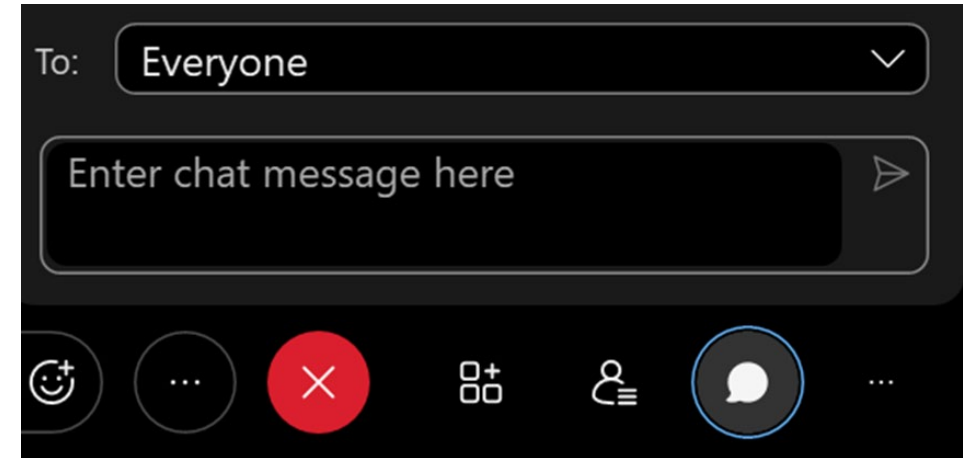
3:20-4:00: Q&A

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.

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**, Director of Substance Use Disorder Services
- **Shirley Cain**, Manager of American Indian Team
- **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**, Supervisor, SUD American Indian Team
- **Kate Toftness**, Interim Supervisor, Opioid Response Team



Team Updates



SUD Recovery and Prevention Services Team Updates

Kim Maley | SUD Recovery and Prevention Services Manager

Problem Gambling

- Problem Gambling Prevention and Awareness Campaign RFP has closed
- All submissions have been reviewed by grant review team
- Once contracts are finalized, grant awardees will be announced
- There was a very successful and robust RFP response, and the team is excited to begin work with grantees this summer!

- Safe Recovery Site RFP released on Friday, April 11, 2025
 - RFP will close on May 12, 2025
- Please see [Grants and RFPs / Minnesota Department of Human Services](#) for more details
- Questions about the RFP can be sent to harmreductionteam.dhs@state.mn.us



SUD Clinical Policy Team Updates

Amelia Fink | SUD Clinical Policy Team Supervisor

SUD Clinical Policy Team

- [New ASAM Webpage!](#)
 - Include ASAM Readiness Tools for ASAM 3rd and 4th edition.
- Culturally Specific Recovery Community Organization RFP coming soon!
- [Upcoming Trainings](#): E-memos are sent out regularly
 - Questions- asam.dhs@state.mn.us

Upcoming Trainings

In-person Training:

- Two-Day ASAM Criteria, Third Edition, Skill-Building Training [August 13 and 14, 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.](#) Elmer L. Andersen Building – 540 Cedar St. St. Paul, MN 55101.

Virtual Trainings:

- Two-Day ASAM Criteria, Third Edition, Skill-Building Training- [May 13 and 14, 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.](#)
- Two-Day ASAM Criteria, Fourth Edition, Skill-Building Training [June 3 and 4, 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.](#)
- One-Day ASAM Criteria, Third Edition, Overview [June 20, 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. or July 9, 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.](#)
- One-Day ASAM Criteria Treatment Planning [May 15, 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. or May 20, 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.](#)
- The Evolution of the ASAM Criteria: What's new in the Fourth Edition [May 29, 10:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.](#)
- One-Day Harm Reduction Approach within ASAM Criteria Framework [July 10, 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.](#)



Reform and Redesign Team Updates

Nathaniel Dyess | Reform and Redesign Team Supervisor

1115 SUD System Reform Demonstration Waiver

SUD Reform & Redesign Team Updates

- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) granted MN a temporary extension of the 1115 SUD waiver, through June 30, 2025.
- All outpatient providers have submitted documentation to complete the ASAM Level of Care Certification process.
- Interim Evaluation Report approved by CMS March 11, 2025

ASAM Training & Support

SUD Reform & Redesign Team Updates

On-the-Spot: ASAM Integration and Application

- **3rd Friday of the month at 11 am CST**

Open Office for SUD Portal Assistance

- **2nd Friday of the month at 11 am CST**
 - May 9, 2025
 - June 13, 2025

Monthly ASAM Lunch & Learn Training

- **4th Wednesday of the month at 12 pm CST**
 - April 23, 2025 - Substance TBD
 - May 28, 2025 - Substance TBD

SUD Paperwork Reduction & Systems Improvement

SUD Reform & Redesign Team Updates

- ASAM Readiness Tools for providers available
 - New [ASAM Resources webpage](#) is live
 - Separate versions for [3rd edition](#) & [4th edition](#)
- Report of recommendations currently going through DHS's internal review process before being posted publicly

SUD Community of Practice

SUD Reform & Redesign Team Updates

- Upcoming meetings
 - May 5, 2025, 1-2:30pm: ASAM
 - To register/get more information: [SUD CoP webpage](#)
- RFP in progress – for a contract starting July 1, 2025, to focus the CoP on peer-to-peer and person-to-provider sharing
 - Contract negotiations in final stages

Contingency Management MA Study

SUD Reform & Redesign Team Updates

- Accomplished
 - Deliverable #3: Coverage, Cost, Policy, and Operations Options Summary: Received Dec. 4. 2024
 - Deliverable #2: CM Current Landscape Summary: Received Oct. 9, 2024
 - Deliverable #1: Description of Deliverables Package Deliverable: Received May 28, 2024
- Next focus
 - Deliverable #4: 1115 Waiver Application Components Report: TBD
 - Deliverable #5: Recommendations for a Monitoring Plan: Due May 9, 2025

1115 Re-entry Demonstration

SUD Reform & Redesign Team Updates

- Application submitted to CMS on Jan. 16, 2025. DHS is awaiting on CMS for next steps.
- The Reentry Working Group continues to meet monthly to help design and implement services for individuals transitioning from incarceration to community living.
- The county jail pilot sites will be determined using a competitive selection process. As part of that process a readiness assessment tool will be required. DHS intends to widely share that tool shortly.
- RFP to develop and implement the monitoring protocol and evaluation efforts related to 1115 Reentry Demonstration Waiver have been received, scored and an intent to negotiate has been sent out.

Culturally Specific Grants - Community Meeting

SUD Reform & Redesign Team Updates

- Community meeting on culturally specific grant funding: April 30, 4-6 p.m.
- The meeting will help DHS better understand challenges and barriers to our Request for Proposal (RFP) process. Providers and programs are invited to attend and provide input on the process and trainings that would support their organizations.
- This meeting is a hybrid event. [RSVP to attend.](#)
 - In-person location: Elmer L Anderson Conference Room 2370.
 - Light snacks will be provided for in-person attendees.

Independent Peer Review

SUD Reform & Redesign Team Updates

- Independent Peer Review coordination (per [45 CFR § 96.136](#)) is underway
- Peer Reviewer roster expanded from 10 to 15 reviewers
- Onboarding and meet & greet held on April 10, 2025
- Twelve of 26 peer reviews scheduled to date
- Reviews begin April 23, 2025; to be completed by June 30, 2025

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](#).