

Thursday Connections with SUD at DHS

Feb.20, 2025

3:00-3:05: Logistics and introductions

3:05-3:10: Team updates

3:10-3:30: Reba Mathern-Jacobson from Lung Mind Alliance

3:30-3:45: Legislative update

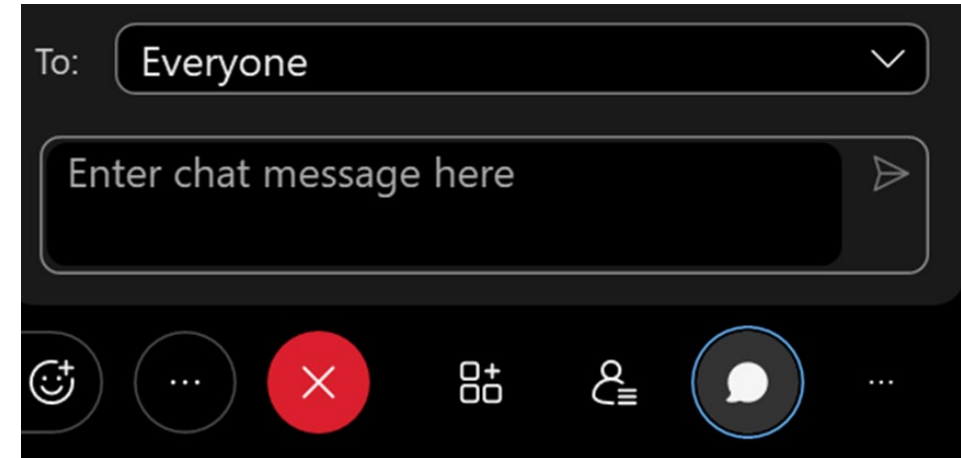
3:45-4:00: Q&A

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, Behavioral Health American Indian Team
- **Kate Toftness**, Interim Supervisor, Opioid Response Team



American Indian Team Updates

Shirley M. Cain, Human Services Manager

Christine Renville, Supervisor

American Indian Team Updates

- Shirley Cain started as the AI Team manager on Jan.15 and has been assessing and evaluating the American Indian team, who work on grants along with policy work. She has also been learning the complex processes and meeting the leaders at DHS
- The American Indian team is conducting a retreat involving team building and assessing & discussing the Behavioral Health Division: American Indian Unit, Strategic Plan, that was developed in 2020
- The American Indian Team worked on the Equity Toolkit analysis dealing with the Traditional Healing 1115 Waiver project



Reform and Redesign Team Updates

Nathaniel Dyess | Reform and Redesign Team Supervisor

1115 SUD System Reform Demonstration Waiver

SUD Reform & Redesign Team Updates

- CMS granted MN a temporary extension of the 1115 SUD waiver, through June 30, 2025
- All but two outpatient providers have submitted documentation to complete the ASAM Level of Care Certification process
- Those two providers have until April 4, 2025, to submit ASAM Certification documents and avoid MHCP termination

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

- March 14, 2025
- April 11, 2025

- [ASAM Lunch & Learn Training Meeting](#) - **Now monthly!**

4th Wednesday of the month at 12 p.m.

- [Feb. 26, 2025](#): Withdrawal Management – Substance TBD
- [March 26, 2025](#): Withdrawal Management – Substance TBD
- [April 23, 2025](#): Substance TBD

SUD Paperwork Reduction & Systems Improvement

SUD Reform & Redesign Team Updates

- ASAM Readiness Tools for providers available soon
 - Separate versions for 3rd edition & 4th edition
 - Developing an ASAM Resources webpage to house these resources
- Report of recommendations currently going through DHS's internal review process before being posted publicly

- Upcoming meetings
 - Feb. 26, 2025, 1-2:30pm; topic - Data
 - May 5, 2025, 1-2:30pm; topic - 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
 - Proposals have been received and reviewed
 - Beginning contract negotiations soon

Contingency Management MA Study

SUD Reform & Redesign Team Updates

- **Accomplished**

- Deliverable #3: Coverage, Cost, Policy, and Operations Options Summary - Dec. 4, 2024
- Deliverable #2: CM Current Landscape Summary – Oct. 9, 2024
- Deliverable #1: Description of Deliverables Package Deliverable – May 28, 2024

- **Next focus**

- Deliverable #4: 1115 Waiver Application Components Report – due March 27, 2025
- 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
 - The Application is posted for Federal Public Comment through March 2, 2025.
- The Reentry Working Group is meeting 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
 - More information will be coming in future meetings
- RFP to develop and implement the monitoring protocol and evaluation efforts related to 1115 Reentry Demonstration Waiver posted Jan. 10, 2025
 - Proposals due by 4 p.m. on Feb.20, 2025



SUD Clinical Policy Team

Amelia Fink | SUD Clinical Policy Supervisor

SUD Clinical Policy Updates

- Upcoming ASAM training for SUD treatment providers through June 2025
 - Openings in the Virtual 2-day training on Feb. 27-29
 - Openings in both of the in-person 2-day trainings
- On-Demand Fidelity Training platform for ASAM is now available
 - Authorized agents of each licensed SUD program have been emailed details
 - Each licensed SUD program is eligible for one complimentary training license
 - To request a training license, email asam.dhs@state.mn.us

SUD Clinical Policy Updates

- ASAM website coming soon!
- Reminder: currently in “ASAM Criteria, 3rd Edition” standards
 - [254B.19](#) is aligned with the “ASAM Criteria, 3rd Edition” levels of care available in MN
 - [254B.04](#) Subdivision 4 aligns the six dimensions as identified in the “ASAM Criteria, 3rd Edition”



Lung Mind Alliance

Reba Mathern-Jacobson

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](#).