

Thursday Connections with SUD at DHS

Jan.16, 2025

3:00-3:05: Logistics and introductions

3:05-3:20: Team updates

3:20-3:40: Health Professionals Services Program (HPSP) Presentation

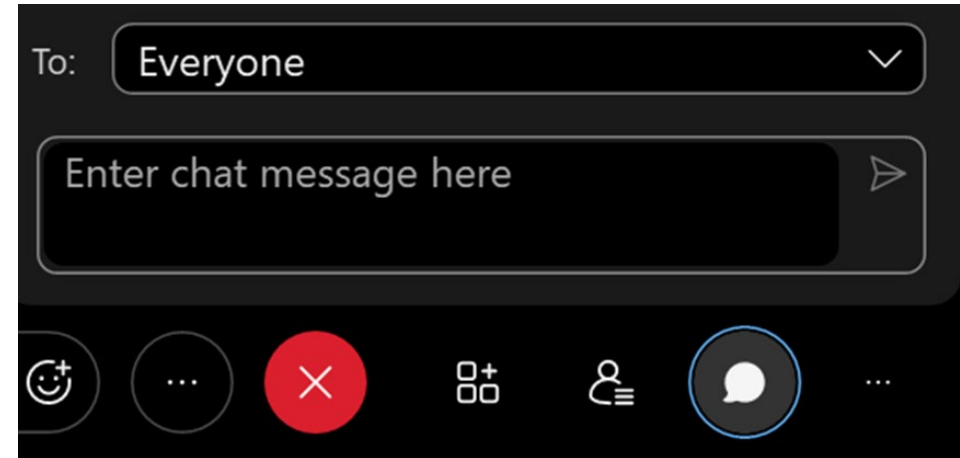
3:40-4:00: Q&A

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**, 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

Chris Renville | American Indian Team Supervisor

American Indian Team Updates

- Shirley Cain started as the AI Team manager on Jan. 15



Opioid Response Team Updates

Kate Toftness | Opioid Response Team Supervisor

2024 Contracts

- OERAC:
 - Working on executing new contracts from the 2024 RFP
 - Starting planning for OERAC 2025
- SOR 2024:
 - RFP will be posted in the coming weeks for SOR 2024





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 programs submitted documentation or otherwise qualified for a grace period to complete the ASAM Level of Care Certification process.
- Programs in the grace period are expected to submit all ASAM Certification documents by Feb. 17 to 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 a.m. CST

- [Open Office for SUD Portal Assistance](#)

2nd Friday of the month at 11 am CST

- Feb. 14, 2025
- Mar. 14, 2025

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

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

- [Jan. 22, 2025](#) Withdrawal Management – Substance Opioids
- [Feb. 26, 2025](#) Withdrawal Management – Substance TBD
- [March 26, 2025](#) Withdrawal Management – Substance TBD

SUD Paperwork Reduction & Systems Improvement

SUD Reform & Redesign Team Updates

- Final deliverables accomplished & contract concluded
 - Final report of recommendations for Paperwork Reduction & Systems Improvement
 - Currently going through DHS's internal review process, before being posted to legislative webpage
 - ASAM Readiness Tools for providers (separate versions for 3rd edition & 4th edition)
 - Currently developing a plan to disseminate to SUD Treatment Providers
- Next Steps – moving recommendations forward
 - Continue to determine which recommendations are accomplishable
 - Continue to prioritize recommendations
 - Determine & prepare recommendations that need legislative proposals

SUD Community of Practice

SUD Reform & Redesign Team Updates

- Upcoming meetings
 - Feb. 26, 2025, 1-2:30 p.m., topic - Data
 - May 5, 2024, 1-2:30 p.m., 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 due: Jan. 16, 2025
 - Final review & determination: Feb. 13, 2025

Contingency Management MA Study

SUD Reform & Redesign Team Updates

- Accomplished
 - Deliverable #2: CM Current Landscape Summary – received Oct. 9, 2024
 - Deliverable #3: Coverage, Cost, Policy, and Operations Options Summary – received Dec. 4, 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 complete with anticipated submission to CMS this month
- Reentry Working Group has begun and will meet monthly to inform design and implementation
- 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 Feb. 20, 2025



SUD Clinical Policy Team

Amelia Fink | SUD Clinical Policy Supervisor

SUD Clinical Policy Updates

- MHCP [SUD Services](#) and [Enrollment](#) page updates
 - Removal of references to 1115 waiver
 - Changes in Peer Recovery Support billing limits
 - [ASAM 2.5 Level of Care Implementation](#)
- ASAM Trainings: Notices going out quarterly with upcoming trainings, limited spots
- System should be running smoothly related to providers billing more than six hours a day or 30 hours a week.



SUD Recovery and Prevention Services

Kim Maley | Manager of SUD Recovery and Prevention Services

Harm Reduction Team Updates

- Welcome Tina Monje, who started on Dec. 18, 2024, as our Harm Reduction Grant Manager

Problem Gambling Team Updates

- The Problem Gambling Team has finished its recruiting for the Advisory Task Force on Problem Gambling and the review process
 - All applicants have been forwarded to The Assistant Commissioner and Commissioner for final selection and approval
 - We hope to notify applicants in February if they were selected or not selected. There is no current exact timeline
- Currently there is an [RFP](#) open for public responses for a grantee to develop and implement a statewide campaign that includes culturally relevant, community-based outreach and engagement strategies focused on increasing awareness and education on problem gambling
 - This RFP closes on 2/28/25



SUD Primary Prevention and Recovery Team

Andrea Abel | SUD Primary Prevention and Recovery Supervisor

SUD Primary Prevention and Recovery Team

- No updates at this time



Health Professionals Services Program (HPSP)

Kimberly Navarre & Nichole Williams

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](#).