

## TRACK 2: TREATMENT OPTIONS & THIRD-PARTY PAYERS – SECOND QUARTER STATUS REPORT

*Provided as a Reference to the Governor's Opioid State Action Accountability Taskforce.*

### Report Timeframe

**From:** 12/16/2017

**To:** 3/31/2018

### Highlights

Significant developments were made to help Nevadans access effective treatment services for opioid use disorders. Numerous organizations and agencies have been engaged across the state to improve treatment opportunities.

One of the cornerstones of this track is the development, implementation, and evaluation of Integrated Opioid Treatment and Recovery Centers (IOTRCs). In the last quarter, the Division of Public and Behavioral Health supported IOTRCs to advance as the regional consultants and subject matter experts on opioid use disorder treatment. The three IOTRCs--Center for Behavioral Health (4 sites Las Vegas, 1 site Reno); Life Change Center, (1 site Sparks, 1 site Carson City); Vitality Unlimited (with multiple sites) provided Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) and recovery services for adult and adolescent populations. Training and technical assistance were also provided for the IOTRCs.

Considerable progress was made to distribute naloxone to community-based organizations and to support co-prescribing of naloxone.

Initial efforts have begun to develop Nevada's Plan of Safe Care. This plan will promote and enhance care for pregnant women and substance-exposed children.

### Key Milestones Accomplished

#### Access to Treatment

- Subawards for Nevada's Integrated Opioid Treatment and Recovery Centers (IOTRCs) were executed February 2018.
- New Division Criteria (certifications) for MAT services as IOTRCs were developed and approved.
- A Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Project was established.
- Year 2 request for applications to increase "spoke" services was created.

#### Payment and Sustainability

- DHCFP met with CMS to discuss opportunities to sustain efforts funding of effort's through Medicaid (1115 waiver).
- Bundled rate for Medicaid was explored to address the long-term sustainability and affordability of opioid treatment. (Bundled payments link the multiple services that beneficiaries receive during an episode of care. Under the initiative, organizations enter into payment arrangements that include financial and performance accountability for episodes of care. These models may lead to higher quality and more coordinated care at a lower cost.)
- Completed the continuation application for Year 2 of the State Targeted Response (STR) grant.

#### Education and Outreach

- Education and outreach regarding the Good Samaritan Overdose Act and naloxone overdose education were provided at venues across the state.
- AB474 education and training events were continued with prescribers.
- Eligible community-based organizations received information and training on naloxone.

## Planning

- A needs assessment and strategic plan were developed and updated to guide the work of the STR grant.
- Prescriber Training Needs Assessment to guide training development was conducted.
- Developed Year 2 STR Budget.

## Ongoing Action Items

- Bi-weekly STR Core Team Meetings on the STR grant to coordinate partners and activities
- Training for community-based organizations (CBOs) that will distribute naloxone
- Regular communication and coordination between DHCFP and DPBH to support sustainability and accessibility.
- Collect and analyze Medicaid data to support waiver application process and reimbursement.
- Assessment of feasibility of CMS / Medicaid waiver (1115) process.
- Development and review of project plans of IOTRCs to align with newly created Division Criteria.
- Implementation of Mobile Recovery Outreach Teams through IOTRCs.
- Support and promotion of pain management and Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) clinics through Project ECHO.
- Improvements to data collection processes needed for evaluation.
- Evaluation to answer and understand effectiveness Nevada's model (IOTRCs).
- Development of the STR Continuation Application.

## Milestones Anticipated in the Next Quarter

Description of Action Item	Target
1) Increase the number of community-based organizations that will be naloxone distribution sites	6/30/2018
2) Develop an implementation plan for Naloxone Virtual Dispensary	6/30/2018
3) Release Year 2 RFA and select recipients	6/30/2018
5) Submit data for Year 1 to SAHMSA	6/30/2018
6) Establish foundation for submission of 1115 Demonstration Waiver	6/30/2018
7) Compete continuation sub-grants for Year 2 subawards	6/30/2018
8) Establish access to MAT in Tribal communities	6/30/2018

## Challenges and Recommendations

*To support ongoing improvement, challenges that were identified are shared along with suggested actions.*

*Internal fiscal deadlines and processes can be cumbersome / challenging. Suggested Action:*

- *No immediate actions noted; continue efforts and activities toward outcomes.*

Grant requirements and evaluation require considerable data collection and maintenance from funded IOTRCs. The system and practical implications for this data collection and maintenance are still being established, with some challenges in early implementation. *Suggested Action:*

- *Continue to clarify the data needed, timeline, etc. and work with both organizations and database vendors to develop the processes and tools needed.*

**Prescribe 365 Nevada (DPBH)** <http://prescribe365.nv.gov/>

**SAPTA Funded Programs** [http://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/ClinicalSAPTA/Home - SAPTA/](http://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/ClinicalSAPTA/Home_-_SAPTA/)

**Project ECHO Pain Management Resources** <https://med.unr.edu/echo/clinics/pain-management>

**Nevada State Targeted Response Grant (STR)** <https://casat.org/nevada-state-targeted-response-grant-str/>

**Nevada's IOTRCs:**

### **Center for Behavioral Health**

<http://centerforbehavioralhealth.com/treatment-center-nevada/>

- *Center for Behavioral Health will be provided funding to expand services to meet the IOTRC certification for all 5 Nevada locations in Clark County and Washoe County. Medication Assisted Treatment for rural and frontier patients will be provided using telemedicine.*

### **The Life Change Center**

<http://tlccreno.org/>

- *The Life Change Center will be provided funding to expand services to meet the IOTRC certification for the locations in Sparks and Carson City. Medication Assisted Treatment for rural and frontier patients will be provided using mobile services across Lyon, Storey, Churchill, and Douglas Counties.*

### **Vitality Unlimited**

<http://www.vitalityunlimited.org/>

- *Vitality Unlimited will be provided funding to expand services to meet the IOTRC certification at their Elko location. Elko is considered a frontier county in far Eastern Nevada. Medication Assisted Treatment is provided on-site and through telemedicine services.*