

Quarterly Progress Report

Measure Progress:

Instructions

For the measures you have identified in the data plan:

1. Identify up to two primary measures you want to impact over the next year:
 - a. Increase use of medication assisted treatment
 - b. Increase retention through use of medication assisted treatment

2. For all measures, attached line graphs or tables that:
 - Include baseline data.
 - Report the data for each measure over time to show progress made (monthly increments are suggested and targets can be included).
 - Include data only from treatment agencies participating in Advancing Recovery (in most cases the data from the treatment agencies will be combined, not reported separately).

3. Describe which strategies/system changes have had the greatest impact on the primary aim(s): Paying for medication, changing contract, agency efforts to change staff attitude/knowledge

For your first EBC:

1. To what extent are you getting new practices implemented? To what extent are you getting more people to use new practices?
New practices are being implemented at all of the agencies involved in AR. Each agency has its own issues. For example, two agencies are having an easier time implementing the use of naltrexone products because as an agonist, staff don't have ethical issues with it. Another agency has no problem with buprenorphine or methadone, but the medical director doesn't think naltrexone works, so they are having a harder time implementing use of it.

2. What systems changes are being made to make sure the practices sustainable? (For example payment codes, manuals, and regulatory changes?) We have obtained increased general fund allocation for use of medication and have continued to work with Medicaid to ensure open access to reimbursement for medications for Medicaid members.

3. Spread. When you're ready to, how can you disseminate these practices to other providers outside your initial implementation group, what spread strategy will you use? **Once access to funding for medications is more widely available, we have removed a primary barrier. Then we have to grapple with prejudice and ignorance. We believe that the change in contract will help with spread somewhat, but we think that we will also need to develop treatment protocols that require identifying the need for medication, educate patients about their right to have MAT as an option, and identify ways that agencies can address internal barriers like staff attitudes toward medication.**

Strategies/ System Changes List the strategies/system changes that appear on the AR Action Plan.	Activities Accomplished Indicate accomplishments during the reporting period. The purpose is to highlight essential activities and accomplishments of the activities specified in the Action Plan.	Outcomes of Activities Indicate program outcomes, including successes and other unexpected outcomes. Indicate how the outcomes impact the project.	Problems/Barriers Identify specific problem barriers and indicate what led to the change and what steps were taken to continue with the original aims of the project. Indicate how the identified issues affect the project.	Planned Activities for Next Reporting Period What activities will be accomplished during the next reporting period related to the strategy/system change?
- <i>Ensure reimbursement for medication</i>	- <i>Legislature approved budget request for \$600,000 over biennium to purchase medication</i> - <i>Continued support of Medicaid for MAT</i>	<i>\$100,000 in SFY 08 will be used to increase funds to four pilot agencies and add at least two other pilots</i>	- <i>This is probably not enough money so we will have to figure out how to further meet the demand</i>	- <i>Develop plan for SFY 09 use of \$500,000 – explore whether using the state buying power is a better distribution method</i>
<i>Improve documentation of MAT</i>	- <i>TDS began collecting data on MAT other than buprenorphine and</i>	- <i>Data across the system and by agency now available</i>	- <i>None yet</i>	- <i>Begin reviewing data and providing feed back to agencies</i>

	<i>methadone 6/25/07</i>			
- <i>Reduce Agency level barriers to MAT</i>	<p><i>Negotiated an agreement with ME ASAM chapter to develop MAT algorithms;</i></p> <p><i>4 potential MAT recovering people are interested in educating using their positive MAT experiences</i></p>	<i>These individuals will require MAAR support & coaching</i>	<i>All but 1 are in early recovery & may need more stable recovery time before readiness to present</i>	<i>These individuals will be offered coaching & support; additional recovering educators will be sought</i>
- <i>Increase positive attitudes of recovering community toward MAT</i>	- <i>Total of 234 participants so far in survey & focus groups – assessment of barriers nearly completed</i>	- <i>Education is being delivered to treatment consumers about diverse recovery pathways & strategies for MAT stigma reduction</i>	- <i>No stable MAT recovery leaders yet identified to assist with education; education & empowerment training are underway</i>	<p>- <i>Compile responses from all recovering participants & plan educational delivery strategies</i></p> <p>- <i>Plan delivery of empowerment training & recovery education to recovering communities with goal of developing MAT recovery educational leaders</i></p>