State Opioid Response (SOR)
Federal Grant

CJPAC Meeting
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State Opioid Response (SOR) Grant

- Awarded September 2018
- $11.3 million/year for two years ($22 million through September 2020)
- SOR supplement may be issued soon
Purpose of SOR Grant

- Identify system gaps and evidence based practices to address gaps
- Increase access to medication assisted treatment and recovery support services
- Reduce opioid-related deaths
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Stakeholder Input

- Governor’s Office
- Persons in Recovery/Family Members
- State Agencies (DOC, DCF, DPH, Judicial)
- Alcohol and Drug Policy Council
- Service Providers
- Regional Behavioral Health Organizations

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Implementation Strategies

Respond to SAMHSA’s Priorities
- Medication Assisted Treatment
- Overdose Prevention

Focus on Most Vulnerable and At-Risk Populations

Support other State Agencies in Their Efforts to Address Opioid Crisis

Consider Sustainability
- Minimize projects that cannot be maintained post-grant

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General Treatment and Recovery Support Initiatives

- Clinic-based Medication Assisted Treatment programs (6) statewide that include employment and recovery coaching services
- Residential treatment vouchers for people who are un-insured or under-insured
- Recovery Coaches at hospital Emergency Departments (13) and methadone clinics (8)
- “Imani Breakthrough” (faith-based support groups)
General Treatment and Recovery Support Initiatives

- Statewide Youth Coordinator to oversee statewide recovery support system for youth that includes “Smart Recovery” groups and “Alternative Peer Groups”
- Eight “How Can We Help?” initiatives to provide post-overdose support for users and family members
- Mobile Employment services for individuals living in halfway houses and sober houses
Justice-Related Treatment and Recovery Support Initiatives

• Methadone maintenance at Hartford Correctional, New Haven Correctional and Bridgeport Correctional Centers
• Methadone maintenance and inductions at Osborne and Corrigan
• Updated methadone dispensing equipment at York
• 1,500 naloxone kits for DOC for staff, as well as for inmates being released to community
Facility-based Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) - 2019
CT DOC MAT Patients--2018

MAT PROGRAM

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Justice-Related Treatment and Recovery Support Initiatives

• DOC’s “Step Forward” re-entry initiative at Community Mental Health Affiliates: extensive in-reach pre-release, followed by treatment post-release.

• Judicial Branch-CSSD “Treatment Program Pathway”: Clinician evaluates in court, then recommends treatment to judge

• Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion” (LEAD): Case managers working with police departments for arrest diversion in Hartford and New Haven
Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion

- Originated in Seattle, WA in 2011
- Adults with substance use disorders at risk of arrest
- Pre-arrest diversion referral – requires needs assessment
- Prevention referral – voluntary
- Engagement Specialists conduct a needs assessment, offer assistance as requested by the participant – housing, insurance, treatment for SU/MAT/MH/Medical, basic needs, etc.
- Hartford and New Haven PDs started Feb 2018
Prevention Initiatives

• Social media campaign: “Change the Script”
• Naloxone training and distribution
• Mini-grants to Community Coalitions
• Parenting training on communicating effectively with children on the dangers of drug use
• Opioid education and family support groups
• Provider Learning Collaboratives, training and conferences
Sampling of Outcomes from SOR, STR, and previous MAT Expansion Grant

17 Outpatient Clinics Providing MAT
- Over 1,000 new clients

Dozens Trained Recovery Coaches Deployed to Hospitals and Methadone & MAT Clinics

13 Hospital EDs supported by Recovery Coaches
- Over 4,000 individuals served to date

Nearly 10,000 CT Residents Benefitting from Community Prevention Coalitions
- Opioid education and other health promotion activities

Nearly 7,000 trained and naloxone kits distributed statewide
- Purchased an additional 12,000 naloxone kits for statewide distribution with SOR funds

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