

**Illinois State Opioid Crisis Response Advisory Council  
Committees' Preliminary Goals  
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**MAT Committee**

Improve access to MAT throughout Illinois; this involves the following sub-goals:

- Increasing MAT capacity.
- Increasing education about MAT: Educating providers, managed care organizations, families, users and the public about the benefits of MAT, how to access MAT, MAT treatment options, and the ancillary support services that are needed in addition to MAT to support prevention, treatment and recovery.
- Ensuring that MAT is recognized as part of the overall healthcare system in Illinois.
- Increasing linkages to the recovery support and ancillary services that are needed in addition to MAT to support individuals' treatment and recovery.
- Identifying the specific populations that need greater access to MAT, such as criminal justice populations and overdose survivors.

**Public Awareness & Education Committee**

Improve public education and awareness across the state about opioid addiction, prevention, treatment and recovery.

- Identify the key target audiences.
- Identify the information target audiences need about opiate use, prevention, addiction, treatment and recovery.
- Identify methods needed to effectively engage each target audience, tailoring methods to match how each respective target audience obtains and receives/learns information.

**Prescribing Practices Committee**

- To better understand prescribing practices in Illinois and relevant practice guidelines for the treatment of chronic pain and appropriate use of opioids and how they are (or are not) being utilized in the clinical setting.
- To vastly improve education and awareness around appropriate prescribing of opioids for the treatment of chronic pain; this includes primary care physicians as well as pain management specialists, and may also involve modifying medical school and residency curricula to ensure that the next generation of prescribers is better prepared to appropriately treat chronic pain.
- To gain a fuller understanding of how the PMP works and how it can be much more easily and efficiently utilized in clinical settings, including greater integration into EMRs.
- Explore how PMP data can be used by relevant stakeholders – including hospitals – to modify prescribing behaviors and to decrease inappropriate opioid prescribing.

**Criminal Justice Population Committee**

The Sequential Intercept Model is a good framework to guide our work. At each intercept point, we can identify and address goals and action steps related to:

- Access to treatment
- Treatment capacity
- Best practices
- Education