

## Illinois State Opioid Crisis Response Advisory Council

### MAT Committee Update

#### Refined Goal:

Everyone in Illinois who wants and needs MAT services for opiate use disorder (OUD) has access to it

#### Action Steps:

- 1) Develop a user-friendly tool that assists any professional who wants to prescribe MAT how to do it; and
- 2) Disseminate the tool.

#### Metrics

The group discussed metrics related to disseminating the tool, with the end goal of increasing access to MAT services. We need baseline data in order to establish appropriate, achievable metrics. For example, we can't recommend a specific increase in the number of buprenorphine prescribers without first knowing the current number of prescribers statewide.

- The first set of metrics targets buprenorphine prescribers. Baseline data is needed for the following:
  - # of prescribers in IL who have a waiver to prescribe buprenorphine
  - # of prescribers in IL who have a waiver to prescribe but are not prescribing buprenorphine
  - # of prescribers in IL who are prescribing buprenorphine
  - # of unduplicated patients in IL who received a prescription for buprenorphine
  - # of prescribers per geographic area who 1) are prescribing buprenorphine; and 2) those who have a waiver and are not prescribing buprenorphine
- A second set of metrics targets providers of behavioral healthcare services. Proposed metrics focus on expanding the number of MAT providers. To set these metrics, baseline data is needed for the following:
  - # of licensed DASA providers that are providing MAT – total in IL and by geographic regions
  - # of licensed DMH providers that are providing MAT – total in IL and by geographic regions
  - # of hospitals providing MAT – total in IL and by geographic regions
  - # of FQHCs and FQHC look-alikes that are providing MAT – total in IL and by geographic regions
  - # of FQHCs that are receiving federal dollars to provide MAT – total in IL and by geographic regions
  - # of jails/prisons that are providing MAT (Vivitrol) – total in IL and by geographic regions
- A third set of metrics targets distribution and expansion of MAT. Baseline data is needed on the following:
  - # of people receiving methadone in IL
  - # of hospital/ED opiate-related visits/admissions

Geographic distribution of methadone by population size  
Buprenorphine distribution  
Vivitrol distribution beyond what's publicly-funded

- Additional metrics to discuss in future meetings:

Increasing awareness of MAT; fostering champions to encourage more providers/physicians to prescribe MAT  
Reaching out to county and city health departments to advocate and promote MAT- this is an education/partnership goal the group would like to pursue.