

# Health and Social Services Division of Behavioral Health

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# Medication Assisted Treatment – Prescription Drug and Opioid Addiction Program (MAT-PDOA)

**SAMHSA targets three priority areas to combat opioid abuse:**

1. Opioid prescribing practices to reduce opioid use disorders and overdose
2. Expanded use and distribution of naloxone
3. *Expansion of Medication-assisted Treatment (MAT) to reduce opioid use disorders and overdose (Alaska is focusing on expansion of MAT with these funds)*

## **May 2016**

- Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS), Division of Behavioral Health (DBH) submitted application to SAMHSA for MAT-PDOA funds
- DHSS DBH proposed to target two communities where there is high prevalence of individuals with opioid use disorders (Anchorage and Juneau) and proposed to expand access to medication assisted treatment in these communities.

## **September 2016**

- DHSS DBH awarded \$3,000,000 (\$1 Million per year) for 3 years (FFY 2016 – 2019)



# Medication Assisted Treatment – Prescription Drug and Opioid Addiction Program (MAT-PDOA)

## January 2017

Funds were awarded to 2 grantees and opioid treatment services began in January 2017:

- **Narcotic Drug Treatment Center in Anchorage:** funds the increase of opioid treatment program (Methadone) capacity, with the opening of a second dosing window to serve and an additional 200 patients over next 2.5 years
- **Rainforest Recovery Center in Juneau:** funds an office-based opioid treatment (OBOT) program (Suboxone) with goal to serve 100 patients over the next 2.5 years

**The goal of funding these agencies' MAT services is to increase Alaska's overall MAT capacity by 250 individuals over the next 2.5 years**



# Opioid State Targeted Response (STR)

## Alaska's focus for the STR:

- Increase provider capacity in Alaska for medication assisted treatment (MAT)
- Increase number of clients receiving appropriate opioid use disorder / medication assisted treatment
- Decrease the negative impacts of opioid use

## Funds awarded to Alaska:

2017 \$2,000,000.00

2018 \$2,000,000.00

## To achieve these goals Alaska is utilizing a four pronged approach:

1. Fund 3 agencies in high needs communities to provide office-based opioid treatment (OBOT) using Vermont's hub and spoke model
2. Increase number of physicians, PAs, and NPs by facilitating access to education and case consultation
3. Engage Alaska's reentry coalitions to facilitate access to MAT for individuals who are returning to the community from correctional facilities
4. Purchasing and distribution of drug disposal bags and naloxone in remote areas of Alaska



# Opioid State Targeted Response

## (STR)

### 3 agencies were awarded funds in August 2017

- Fairbanks Native Association (FNA) in Fairbanks: Goal is to serve 70 new clients in FY18
- Interior Aids Association (IAA) in Fairbanks: Goal is to serve 66 new clients in FY18
- Cook Inlet Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (CICADA) in Kenai: Goal is to serve 40 new clients in FY18

Services just began this month (October 1, 2017)



# Prescription Drug Opioid Overdose-Related Deaths (PDO)

- **Collaborative initiative between DBH and the Office of Substance Misuse and Addiction Prevention (OSMAP)**
- **Implementation of Project HOPE - Harm reduction, Overdose Prevention, and Education**
  - Program focuses on opioid overdose education, prevention and community outreach
  - Community-based naloxone (NARCAN) distribution program
  - As of 9/29/17, 8,181 Narcan kits and 25,000 drug disposal bags
- **Funding awarded to the state in 2016 - \$4,058,213 for a five year period**



# The Strategic Partnership for Success

## (PFS)

- The **Strategic Prevention Framework Partnerships for Success (PFS)** initiative is part of a comprehensive approach to opioid addiction in Alaska.
- The goal of the initiative is to reduce and prevent the non-medical use of prescription opioids and heroin among 18- to 25-year-olds by focusing on three key intervening variables:
  1. The social availability of prescription opioids,
  2. The retail availability of prescription opioids
  3. The perceptions of harm for risk.
- Six prevention and early intervention coalitions in communities around the state were awarded funds through the PFS grant:

**Sitka, Juneau, Kenai, Anchorage, Mat-Su, and Fairbanks.**
- Funding: \$1,648,188 each year for 5 years (although we were notified of a \$500,000 reduction in the amount of the FY18 grant award)
- Project period 9/30/2015 through 9/29/2020



# Recidivism Reduction

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SB 91 resulted in DHSS DBH receiving  
\$1 million for FY 2017 and  
\$2 million for FY 2018  
to support recidivism reduction efforts





# Funds are being used for

- Increased Partners Reentry Center (Anchorage) funding
  - Additional deliverables, including:
    - Increased Medicaid enrollment
    - Provide a reentry center model and reentry center technical support statewide
  - Increased number of reentrants served
- Expanded existing community reentry program and coalitions
  - Anchorage, Fairbanks, Mat-Su and Juneau
    - Case Management Services are targeted to offenders who have served over 30 days and are within 90 days of release; priority is given to medium to high-risk felony offenders and high-risk misdemeanants
- Base funding for rural reentry coalitions
  - Grants to develop rural coalitions have been awarded to Kenai, Nome, and Ketchikan
  - Dillingham was awarded a grant to expand their reentry task force and case management efforts



# Funds are being used for

- 2-year study of the DOC Vivitrol Intervention Program
  - The University of Alaska will assess the effectiveness of the program
- Technology platform improvements for secure case management tracking and increased functionality in both DOC and DBH
  - Alaska Corrections Offender Management System (ACOMS)
  - Alaska Automated Information Management System (AKAIMS)

## **In addition**

- DBH treatment supports leveraged with criminal justice-specific supports
  - Linkages to treatment providers pre-release; transitional, rapid or permanent housing placements; increased enrollment in Medicaid(to facilitate greater access to treatment resources); transportation support for individuals to attend appointments



# Alcohol Safety Action Program (ASAP)

## Enhanced Adult Substance Abuse Program (ASAP) screening and monitoring

- All ASAP offices have been trained and are currently screening and assessing clients using the new tools
- If clients score high on a preliminary assessment, ASAP probation officers and grantees have been trained to use the full LSI-R assessment
- Continuing training opportunities for ASAP probation officers and grantees, including utilizing distance conferencing and learning tools (Web-Ex and Moodle)



# Increased Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services

- \$6 million for substance use disorder services over three fiscal years (2017-2019)-the funding supports 3 grant projects
  - Set Free Alaska, a 16-bed Residential Women & Children’s Substance Use Disorder Program
  - Central Peninsula General Hospital Withdrawal Management program, 6 beds expanding to 10
  - Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) Sobering Center-opening as a day program this month, expanding to 12-bed capacity



# Questions?

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